

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 5, 2020

St. Teresa of Avila

“Truth suffers,
but never dies.”



Parish Staff & Organizations

Pastor: Fr. Marian Gil, OMI

Parish Secretary: Mary Steffler

Business Administrator: David Agnew

Facilities Manager: Jim Weber

Volunteer Gardeners:

Baptism Preparation Team:

CWL President:

Lector Co-ordinator: Mary Alice Zister

Eucharistic Minister Co-ordinator:

Kim Voelzing

Prayer Group:

Mila Navaleza - 519-579-8276

Finance Council Chair:

Don Pickett, Jr.

Pastoral Council Chair:

Barbara Daly

St. Vincent de Paul:

Bernie & Rosemary Pickett

519-749-1501

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday – Office Closed

Weekday Schedule

Please check inside for
weekly schedule

Saturday Liturgy:

9:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Liturgy:

10:00 a.m.

Confession: 30 min. before Mass; Sat. 4:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Healing Mass: First Friday of each month – 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday – 7:00 p.m.

St. Teresa School

Principal: Mr. Brian Goodyear

Secretary: Mary Lavigne

519-743-2131

All Parish Events suspended until further notice!**Easter & Holy Week**

This year our celebration of Palm Sunday and Holy Week is going to be completely different. While conferences and meetings can be postponed for months because of the coronavirus pandemic, the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter cannot, with the exception of the Chrism Mass, said the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments. "By the mandate of the supreme pontiff for the year 2020 only," the congregation issued guidelines for celebrating the Triduum and Easter liturgies without the presence of the faithful. "Easter is at the heart of the entire liturgical year and is not simply one feast among others. The Easter Triduum is celebrated over the arc of three days, which is preceded by Lent and crowned by Pentecost and, therefore, cannot be transferred to another time," said the "Decree in the Time of COVID-19."

Physically, we still remain in "the desert", experiencing isolation and the inability to fully participate in the greatest events of the Liturgical Year. Spiritually, however, the Passion of Jesus and His resurrection, can truly be part of our journey. Let's then, continue our pilgrimage with Jesus through this Holy Week, in order to deepen our faith and rekindle in our hearts the desire to meet the Risen Lord, and bring new life to this world.

Mass Intentions: April 6 – April 12, 2020

Mass will be celebrated privately for the following intentions:

Tuesday, April 7 –

+Derek Lavigne & Scott Weiler – Dan & Pat Weiler

Wednesday, April 8 –

+Mary & Joseph Kiss – Ted & Lynne Stil

Thursday, April 9 – Holy Thursday –

Vocations and Religious Life

Friday, April 10 – Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Saturday, April 11 – Holy Saturday

Sunday, April 12 – Easter Sunday (The Resurrection of the Lord) - Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Mass Intentions – For Mother's Day, May 10th and Father's Day, June 21st, we will accept multiple Mass intentions. Call the office if you would like to make a request at 519-743-4525

Parish Office – The COVID-19 health crisis has initiated further directives issued on March 25, 2020 from the Diocese of Hamilton. All employees have been advised to work remotely and consequently, the Parish Office at 44 Leonard St. will be closed until further notice.

Mary will be working from home and therefore, you can continue to reach our Parish Office at st.teresa@stteresakit.ca or telephone 519-743-4525.

**Diocese of Hamilton
Prayer Calendar 2020**

April 6 - Rev. Bernard Carroll, S.J.

April 7 – Rev. William Clarke, S.J.

April 8 – Deceased Members of our Parish Community

April 9 – Holy Thursday

April 10 – Good Friday

April 11– Rev. Eric Jensen, S.J.

April 12 – Easter Sunday (Resurrection of the Lord)

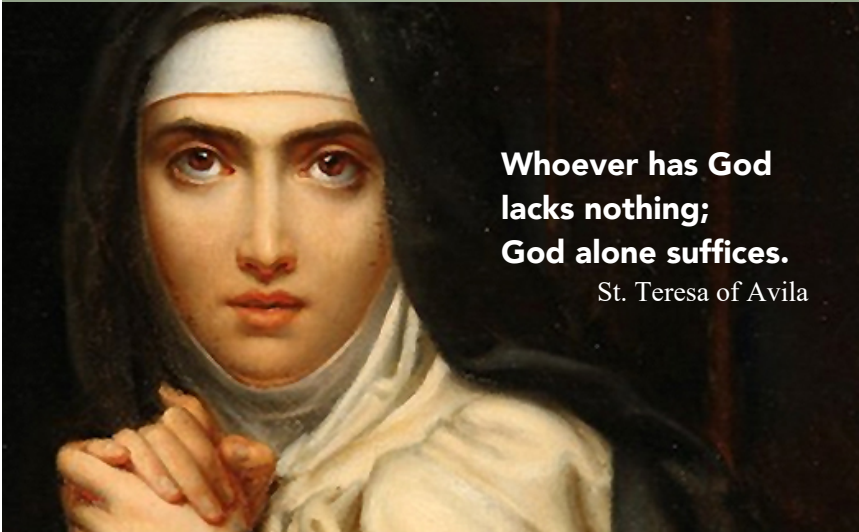
Vocations – Passion (Palm) Sunday -

April 5, 2020 - "Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988; email:

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Mass Intentions for April 6 – April 12, 2020 will be celebrated by Father Gil each day, **privately**, in accordance with the directives of His Excellency Bishop Crosby. The **Masses** will be **live-streamed**, Tuesday to Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 9:00 a.m., Saturday Vigil in anticipation of Sunday at 7 p.m., and on Sunday at 10:00 a.m., on Zoom. Please join Father by clicking on the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/5887658626>

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is also **live-streamed**, Tuesday to Friday at 3 p.m.



**Whoever has God
lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.**

St. Teresa of Avila

Readings for Palm Sunday

Today's liturgy combines both a sense of triumph and tragedy. Very importantly, we are reminded at the beginning, that we are about to commemorate the triumph of Christ our King. We do this through the blessing of palms, the procession and joyful singing, and the red vestments of the celebrant. We need to keep this in mind as we proceed in the second half to hear the long tale of the sufferings and indignities to which Jesus was subjected. A tale not relieved — yet — by the proper end of the story: the Resurrection to new life. So as we listen to the Passion story unfolding, let us keep in mind the Hosannas, as Jesus our King entered Jerusalem, His city. Very soon it will be difficult to recognise our King in the battered, scourged, crowned-with-thorns, crucified remnant of a human being.

What we see in today's readings, is God using perfectly human situations, in order to convey, in dramatic fashion, His relationship to us. And it is only with genuine faith that we are able to see the work of God in the tragic death of Jesus. As Paul says, for many of the Jews it was a stumbling block, and for many non-believers sheer nonsense, but to those who believe, He is "the power of God and the wisdom of God".

Holy Week

It is most definitely a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it. Historical documents tell us that as early as the fourth century, the Church celebrated this "Great Week" with a feeling of profound sanctity. It begins with

Palm Sunday, which marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The central feature of the service, proper to this day, as it was in the earliest times, is the procession of palms. The other notable and very ancient feature of the present Palm Sunday service, is the reading of the Gospel of the Passion by three readers.

Stewardship Report

We have received enquiries about how parishioners might support our parish without being able to be physically present. To support our parish via credit card, please visit the special **Parish Offertory Giving Page** at the Diocese of Hamilton:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/give/>

Once you are the Parish Offertory Giving Page, there are 5 sections on the form to fill out. They are as follows:

- DONATION DETAILS
- DONOR & TAX RECEIPT INFORMATION
- PAYMENT INFORMATION
- DEDICATION
- FOR GIFTS DIRECTED TO A PARISH, PLEASE LIST PARISH NAME AND CITY HERE

To ensure the funds get directed to our parish, it is imperative that you enter **St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Kitchener** in the Gifts Directed to a Parish box.

Once you have completed the form, click on **COMPLETE DONATION NOW**. This method of giving will provide you with an **electronic tax receipt** immediately upon making your gift.

If you choose the above option, it would be greatly appreciated if you could email the parish office at st.teresa@stteresakit.ca to advise us of your donation.

You may also send a gift directly to our parish through the mail. Continuing support of our parish is an act of generosity and faith. We are very grateful for any contributions you may be able to make at this time.

Stewardship Report March 29, 2020

Envelopes.....	985.00
Loose.....	4.00
Building and Maintenance.....	190.00
Share Lent.....	220.00
City of Kitchener-Reimbursement...	1000.00

Easter Triduum

Especially important for Catholics is the Easter Triduum. This is the three days just before Easter. On **Holy Thursday**, we re-enact the Lord's Last Supper, which He shared with His apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. At the Mass, the priest will wash the feet of twelve men, just as Jesus did. Also on this night, priests all over the world will renew their sacred vows. This is because, at the Last Supper, Jesus not only instituted the Mass (Eucharist) but also the ministerial priesthood.

On **Good Friday**, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have the veneration of the Cross. A service is held at three o'clock in the afternoon (the hour He is believed to have died) and another later in the evening. We go forward and kiss the Cross, in order to show honour and respect for Christ's sacrifice, for our sake. There is no consecration of the Eucharist on this day, and the Communion we receive will be from the night before, which has been reserved in the tabernacle.

Holy Saturday is a vigil. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Savior. This was the day He went down into the netherworld, in order to bring back up with Him, into heaven, those who had died before His coming. Up to this time, the gates to heaven were closed, and no one could go there, because of the original sin of Adam. Jesus changed all that. By paying the price for our sins on the Cross, He gained for us our eternal salvation, and heaven was opened once more. Also on this night, persons who have spent months of preparation will be received through Baptism and Confirmation into the Catholic Church for the first time. It is a joyous occasion.

Easter Sunday

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb, on the third day after His crucifixion. Easter is the fulfilled prophecy of the Messiah who would be persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day. (Isaiah 53). Remembering the resurrection of Jesus is a way to renew daily hope that we have victory over sin.

The Plenary Indulgence is granted to all who, with a spirit detached from any sin, unite themselves spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, or if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters, with the will to fulfill the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible.

The Prayer of the Holy Rosary is especially recommended during this time of crisis. Families and individuals are encouraged to pray the Rosary daily. Pope Francis offers us these encouraging and insightful words:

“The Rosary is the prayer of the humble and of the saints. In its mysteries, they contemplate, along with Mary, the life of Jesus, the merciful face of the Father. O, how much we all need to be truly comforted, to be wrapped in loving presence! We measure the truth of this experience through our relationship with others. At this moment, they are our closest relatives. Let us be close to one another, being the first to be charitable, understanding, patient and forgiving. Though you may be confined to your own homes, allow your hearts to expand so they may be available and welcoming to all.”

May we unite ourselves with all Canadians and Catholics throughout the world in offering this prayer, relying on the powerful intercession of Mary, our Mother, the Mother of Church.