

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

St. Teresa of Avila

“Truth suffers,
but never dies.”



Parish Staff & Organizations

Pastor: Fr. Marian Gil, OMI
Parish Secretary: Mary Steffler
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Volunteer Gardeners:
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Principal: Mr. Brian Goodyear
Secretary: Mary Lavigne
519-743-2131

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday – Office Closed

Saturday Liturgy:

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Weekday Schedule

Please check inside for
weekly schedule

Sunday Liturgy:

10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

Third Sunday of Easter

One of the great passages of the New Testament. It encapsulates in a little over 20 verses, the whole Christian life. It is Easter Sunday, as the passage opens. In Luke, all the resurrection appearances take place in the vicinity of Jerusalem and on Easter Sunday. It begins with two disciples on the road leaving Jerusalem. They are on their way to a place called Emmaus, about 11 km from Jerusalem, whose exact location is not now known. It does not really matter, and that is the point. **They were on the “road” – they are pilgrims on the road of life. Jesus is the Way, the Road. The problem is that at this moment, they are going in the wrong direction.** The Risen Jesus joins them as a fellow-traveller. “Something” prevents them from recognising Him. What was that “something”? Was it their presumption that He was dead? Was it their pre-conceived idea of what Jesus should look like?

As they reach their destination, Jesus makes as if to continue His journey. They however, say to him, “It is nearly evening and the day is almost over.” They extend their hospitality to the stranger – “I was a stranger and you took me in”. Jesus accepts their hospitality and goes in with them, but what transpires next, would not have happened, had they not opened their home to him. **As they sat down to the meal, Jesus, the visitor, unexpectedly acts as the host. He took the bread, said the blessing over it, broke it and gave it to them. And in that very act, they recognized Him.** This is the Eucharist, where we recognize the presence of Jesus among us in the breaking of the bread - not only in the bread, but in the breaking and sharing of the bread, and in those who share the broken bread.

Mass Intentions: April 27 – May 3, 2020

Mass will be celebrated privately for the following intentions:

Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. -

+Don Soehner & Judy David – Dan & Pat Weiler

Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. -

+Josefa Stachura

Thursday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. -

+Marta Melnik – Grace Gajkowski

Friday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. -

+Edward Gromek – Grace and Roman Gajkowski

Saturday, May 2 –

9 a.m. – Intentions of Bernadette Livingston for her 90th Birthday –

Ann and Michael Onn

7 p.m. - +Ludwig Ceh – Theresa Ceh & Family

Sunday, May 3 at 10:00 a.m. -

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

All Parish Events suspended until further notice!

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 27 - Rev. Piotr Jurzyk

April 28 – Rev. Juan Carlos Saenz

April 29 – Jesuit Fathers (S.J.)

April 30 – Rev. Lajos Angyal

May 1 – Very Rev. Michael King

May 2 – Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.

May 3 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Vocations -Third Sunday of Easter April 26 2020

Do you recognize Christ in your life?
Does your heart burn in his presence?
How are you being called? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988; email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com www.hamiltondiocese.com

Mass Intentions for April 28 – May 3, 2020 will be celebrated by Fr. Marian Gil OMI each day, privately. 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. Join Father by clicking on the following link provided in each weekly message. **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

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 Fund: COVID-19** page at the Diocese of Hamilton:

[COVID-19 Parish Fund - Diocese of Hamilton](#)

Once you are on the Parish Offertory Fund: COVID-19 page, there are 4 sections on the form to complete. They are as follows:

- DONATION DETAILS
- DONOR & TAX RECEIPT INFORMATION
- PAYMENT INFORMATION
- IF YOU HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOUR PARISH, PLEASE SHARE IT HERE:

To ensure the funds get directed to our parish, it is imperative that you select **St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Kitchener** in the drop box in the **FUND** box of the Donation Details section.

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 April 22, 2020

Envelopes.....	\$1960.00
Easter	\$690.00
Building and Maintenance	\$25.00
Needs of the Church in Holy Land.....	\$40.00

Student Senior Isolation Prevention Partnership - A group of students at McMaster and the University of Waterloo have started the Mac-Waterloo-Niagara Student Senior Isolation Prevention Partnership (SSIPP) to assist socially isolated seniors during the COVID outbreak. Our program pairs student volunteers with socially isolated older adults to check-in via weekly phone calls in order to provide social comfort and standard patient education about COVID-19.

Older adults living in the Hamilton, Waterloo, or Niagara regions can be referred through a member of their **healthcare team or community organizations** to the program. At the moment, we have over 100 healthcare professional students signed up to help us (many of whom speak different languages). Many older adults are looking to have someone to speak to and are interested in this type of program, **however we need help identifying them.**

If you or your colleagues have any patients that you feel would benefit from this program, please

contact: MacSeniorIsolationPrevention@gmail.com for more information on the simple referral process. We will call all referred patients to determine interest and explain the program, assign them to volunteers, and provide you with updates on our program!

For more information on the impacts of social isolation and our program, check out our website: <https://www.ssipp.info/> Please note this program is not affiliated with McMaster University or University of Waterloo.

Development and Peace - As the global human family faces the COVID-19 pandemic, Development and Peace- Caritas Canada wishes its members, donors and partner organizations, the best of health and resilience. Our thoughts are especially with communities of the Global South, whose hardships are compounded by this crisis. As you know, the Development and Peace Share Lent campaign was not able to proceed as usual, but we are hoping to encourage people to give online. During this difficult time, the need to support one another is more present than ever. Click on the link below to donate and/or for more information:

[**Donate online**](#)

Message on COVID-19

Fr. David Perrin, who is very well known to our parish community, was asked by Novalis, the publisher of his book: *The 20-Minute Retreat* to prepare a brief video with a message related to COVID-19. It's kind of a "message of hope" related to the crosses in our lives. Enjoy watching this short video: <https://youtu.be/SJKmijPNonc>

Catholic Bishops Consecrate Canada and the United States to Mary, Mother of the Church

Ottawa – On Friday, May 1, 2020, the Catholic Bishops of Canada will consecrate their individual dioceses or eparchies to Mary, Mother of the Church, seeking her protection during the Coronavirus pandemic, similar to what other Episcopal Conferences throughout the world have already done. Along with the Bishops, Pastors, families, groups, individuals and other faith communities, may likewise, choose to join the consecration as part of the global effort to unite in faith and prayer, in this most difficult time.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), in fraternal communion with the leadership of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has agreed that this Marian consecration be held on the same day in both countries, making this a most meaningful and powerful intercession throughout North America, to the Blessed Mother. The Bishops of Mexico, as well as the other countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, consecrated their dioceses and eparchies to Mother Mary, this past Easter Sunday. Pope Francis has already offered up a moving Prayer to the Virgin Mary for protection in light of COVID-19, on March 11, 2020.

The first day of May holds particular significance, as it marks the beginning of an entire month to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary. "May is the month dedicated in a special way to the Mother of Christ. We believe that she is, in a spiritual but real sense, our mother too," said the Most Reverend Richard Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg and CCCC President. "We turn to her and ask for the help of her powerful and maternal prayers to God for us. To consecrate ourselves to Mary means to be united with her in entrusting our lives entirely to God."

To assist dioceses and eparchies with the consecration, the CCCC prepared a specific prayer for use during the solemn act of entrustment. It can likewise be incorporated into family or individual prayer at home and used by other groups and faith communities.

Act of Entrustment to the Blessed Virgin Mary by Pope St. John Paul II

In a moving ceremony in 2000, and with 1,500 bishops on hand, John Paul II entrusted humanity and the third millennium to the protection of the Virgin Mary. The Pope pronounced the solemn words before the original image of the Virgin of Fatima, which was brought to St. Peter's Square for the occasion. In the statue's crown was the bullet that almost ended the Pope's life on May 13, 1981.

1. "Woman, behold your Son!" (Jn 19:26).
As we near the end of this Jubilee Year,
when you, O Mother, have offered us Jesus anew,
the blessed fruit of your womb most pure,
the Word made flesh, the world's Redeemer,
we hear more clearly the sweet echo of his words
entrusting us to you, making you our Mother:
"Woman, behold your Son!"
When he entrusted to you the Apostle John,
and with him the children of the Church and all
people, Christ did not diminish but affirmed anew

the role which is his alone as the Saviour of the world.

You are the splendour which in no way dims the light of Christ, for you exist in him and through him.

Everything in you is fiat: you are the Immaculate One, through you there shines the fullness of grace. Here, then, are your children, gathered before you at the dawn of the new millennium.

The Church today, through the voice of the Successor of Peter, in union with so many Pastors assembled here from every corner of the world, seeks refuge in your motherly protection and trustingly begs your intercession as she faces the challenges which lie hidden in the future.

2. In this year of grace, countless people have known

the overflowing joy of the mercy which the Father has given us in Christ. In the particular Churches throughout the world, and still more in this centre of Christianity, the widest array of people have accepted this gift.

Here the enthusiasm of the young rang out, here the sick have lifted up their prayer.

Here have gathered priests and religious, artists and journalists, workers and people of learning, children and adults, and all have acknowledged in your beloved Son the Word of God made flesh in your womb.

O Mother, intercede for us, that the fruits of this Year will not be lost and that the seeds of grace will grow to the full measure of the holiness to which we are all called.

3. Today we wish to entrust to you the future that awaits us, and we ask you to be with us on our way.

We are the men and women of an extraordinary time, exhilarating yet full of contradictions.

Humanity now has instruments of unprecedented power: we can turn this world into a garden, or reduce it to a pile of rubble.

We have devised the astounding capacity to intervene in the very well-springs of life:

man can use this power for good, within the bounds of the moral law, or he can succumb to the short-sighted pride of a science which accepts no limits, but tramples on the respect due to every human being.

Today as never before in the past, humanity stands at a crossroads. And once again, O Virgin Most Holy, salvation lies fully and uniquely in Jesus, your Son.

4. Therefore, O Mother, like the Apostle John, we wish to take you into our home (cf. Jn 19:27), that we may learn from you to become like your Son.

"Woman, behold your son!"

Here we stand before you, to entrust to your maternal care, ourselves, the Church, the entire world.

Plead for us with your beloved Son that he may give us in abundance the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth which is the fountain of life.

Receive the Spirit for us and with us, as happened in the first community gathered round you in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (cf. Acts 1:14).

May the Spirit open our hearts to justice and love, and guide people and nations to mutual understanding and a firm desire for peace.

We entrust to you all people, beginning with the weakest:

the babies yet unborn,

and those born into poverty and suffering,

the young in search of meaning,

the unemployed,

and those suffering hunger and disease.

We entrust to you all troubled families,

the elderly with no one to help them,

and all who are alone and without hope.

5. O Mother, you know the sufferings and hopes of the Church and the world: come to the aid of your children in the daily trials which life brings to each one,

and grant that, thanks to the efforts of all, the darkness will not prevail over the light.

To you, Dawn of Salvation, we commit our journey through the new Millennium,

so that with you as guide

all people may know Christ,

the light of the world and its only Saviour,

who reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.