

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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**

### 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 – 4:45 p.m.

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

**Prayer Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday – 7:00 p.m.

### St. Teresa School

Principal: Mr. Brian Goodyear

Secretary: Mary Lavigne

519-743-2131

**Fifth Sunday of Easter****Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12**

The context of the Gospel, is Jesus' long discourse with his disciples, at the Last Supper. They are aware that Jesus is about to leave them. **"Do not let your hearts be troubled,"** are the encouraging words He speaks to them. **"Trust in God still, and trust in me"** is a call to total faith in the Father and in Jesus. The disciples cannot be too happy to hear that Jesus is about to leave them. It is no wonder that their hearts are "troubled". This, in spite of the promise, that Jesus is going away, to "prepare a place" for them, that He will return to take them with Him, "so that where I am, you may be too".

Jesus, has now been with them for three years. He has taught them continuously, all during this time, and they have seen Him teaching and working among the people, so **"You know the way to the place where I am going,"** they are told.

Thomas, the man who likes to confront, and the one with the very literal mind, protests: **"Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"** He is clearly thinking in geographical terms. In fact, all of Jesus' words about going and coming, are spoken with quite a different level of meaning. However, we can be grateful to Thomas for drawing out of Jesus, one of the great sayings, in John's Gospel: **"I AM the Way — I AM Truth and Life. No one can come to the Father except through me."** To follow the Way of Jesus, is not to go anywhere. It is to become a special kind of person, a person whose whole being reflects the Truth and Life that Jesus reveals to us. It is to be a person, who has totally identified with the vision and the values of Jesus. To be such a person, is to be a person of Truth and Life.

**Mass Intentions for  
May 11- May 17, 2020**

**Tuesday, May 12 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**"Sick & Shut-Ins" – CWL**

**Wednesday, May 13 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**+David Tschirhart – Sue's Calorie Club**

**Thursday, May 14 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Intentions of Melanie & Brandon Harper – Joan Harper**

**Friday, May 15 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, May 16 –  
9:00 a.m.**  
**Intentions of Jane Lamka for her  
90<sup>th</sup> Birthday – Family**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**+Lea & Agnes Bender – Dan & Pat  
Weiler**

**Sunday, May 17 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

**Mother's Day Intentions**

**Maria Porco - Dora Vizza**  
**Jean Manser - Sandy Nakluski**  
**Maria Forthuber - Helene Meier**  
**Loretta Stroeder - Mary Helen &  
Hugh Stroeder**  
**Anna Hishon - Mary Helen & Hugh  
Stroeder**  
**Frances Hergott - Barb Hergott**  
**Edna Weber - Sue Weber Bell**  
**Monica Diebolt - Sue Weber Bell**  
**Kim Basler - Sue Weber Bell**  
**Sarah Osborn Gottfried - Sue  
Weber Bell**  
**Andrea Ferrier Gottfried - Sue  
Weber Bell**  
**Susan Weber Bell - Sue Weber Bell**  
**Wilma Tenbult – Ann & Michael  
Onn**  
**Avis Onn - Ann & Michael Onn**  
**Marie Stark - Phyllis Krall**  
**Frances Krall - Phyllis Krall**  
**Helen Markowski - Deb Henry**

**Office Closure**

Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, the Parish Office, at 44 Leonard St. will remain closed until further notice.

Mary will be working from home and therefore, you can continue to reach us at [st.teresa@stteresakit.ca](mailto:st.teresa@stteresakit.ca) or 519-743-4525.

**Diocese of Hamilton  
Prayer Calendar 2020**

May 11 – Rev. Archange Kebe  
May 12 – Rev. Ambrose Tshiaba Ntumba  
May 13 – Deceased Consecrated Brothers and Sisters  
May 14 – Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.  
May 15 – Rev. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.  
May 16 – Rev. Yvon Paquin, O.H.  
May 17 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Vocations - Fifth Sunday of Easter**

"The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these..." Are you willing to do the work of the Lord 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
[www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

**Mass Intentions for May 11 – May 17, 2020** will be celebrated by Father Gil 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. Please join Father by clicking on the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/5887658626>  
Password: 274733 **The Divine Mercy Chaplet** is also **live-streamed**, Tuesday to Friday at 3 p.m., on the same link.

**Marian Devotion** will take place during the month of May, following the Eucharist, from Tuesday to Saturday.

## Happy Mother's Day

Although we are not able to be present here in the church, we still wanted to remember our Mothers in a very special way. You will notice, on the Altar, as a sign of your presence, a vase of white roses, remembering all Mothers who have passed away; and beside the tabernacle, white roses for those Mothers still living – placing their intentions (while remembering their courage, love and dedication to family) into the hands of Jesus, so that He may accompany them, in their maternal journey. For our children, too, we wanted to be able to assist them in recognizing their Mother's contributions and her dedication and service to their family, and therefore, we have enclosed in the bulletin, a page for children to colour.

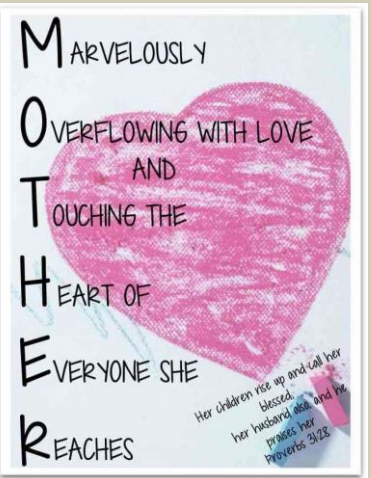
One of the best gifts anyone can give to someone they love, is to pray for them. In fact, it truly is our duty to lift up the people we know and love in prayer. The Bible teaches us to "Honor your father and mother..." I believe that praying for your parents, falls under this category! Build stronger families this Mother's Day, by teaching and leading kids, in prayer for their mothers, grandmothers and all the mothers they know.

### Mother's Day Prayer

**"Dear God,** Thank you for my Mom. She is the best Mom for me! I pray that you bless her with long life, happiness and everything she needs. Help me, God, to be obedient to her so that I may have long life, as the Bible tells me. Father, please give my Mom a hug today to show her how much you love her. Amen."

**"Dear God,** Thank you for my Grandmother. She loves you and teaches me about you. Please bless my Grandmother with a happy day and hear her prayers today. Help me, God, to remember the great heritage you have given me. Thank you, Father. Amen"

**"Dear God, I pray for all the mothers that I know. I pray that you bless them with health, long life, and peace. Bless the mothers who have sick children; bless the mothers who live alone. Please bless all the mothers with your sweet presence. Amen."**



### My Mom

Mom has a heart that is as big as me  
She loves us all so perfectly  
She sends her prayers to God above  
She tells us always of His love

Mom has a heart that is as big as me  
I heard about Jesus on her knee  
How He came to die but rose again  
How He will always be my friend

Thank you, Mom, for all you've said  
For praying with me when I go to bed  
Thank you for showing me God's love too  
I know that He is so proud of you!

### Stewardship Report



Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices. St. Teresa of Avila

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](mailto: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 May 6, 2020	
Envelopes.....	\$1221.00
Easter .....	\$ 60.00
Needs of Church in Holy Land ...	\$ 20.00
Hall Rental – Sue’s Calorie Club	.\$ 100.00

### Mother’s Day 2020

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, we will pray for all Mothers. This day gives us the awesome opportunity to thank all Mothers for their dedication and unconditional love, that they share with their children and family. May the good Lord reward you for your care and love, by showering upon you abundant blessings. **Happy Mother’s Day!**

**Mass Intentions** – For Father’s Day, **June 21<sup>st</sup>**, we will accept multiple Mass Intentions. Call the office if you would like to make a request at 519-743-4525 or email: [st.teresa@stteresakit.ca](mailto:st.teresa@stteresakit.ca)

**The Waterloo Knights of Columbus Fish Fry** – Available every Friday. **Pick up only:** From 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. Please call Derek, at 226-748-8378, to order.



Marillac Place relies heavily on the donations from our community to keep its doors open. Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, this year we are unable to deliver baby bottles. Please provide your ongoing support through our virtual campaign, by donating on-line or sending a cheque directly to Marillac Place. You can make your donation in honour of someone special on Mother’s Day, as there is an option to send an ecard when you donate on-line.

[www.marillacplace.ca/donate/](http://www.marillacplace.ca/donate/)

Thank you so much for your support. All proceeds from the campaign will go directly to the operations of Marillac Place and create an immediate impact on the residents.

### ARE THERE ANY REASONS TO PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY?



Praying the Rosary is a largely Catholic and Eastern Orthodox tradition. It is a series of prayers designed to have the praying soul ponder "the Great Mysteries" of Jesus' life. Of course, it is much more than that to believers in the power of the Rosary. But, for everyday Christians, are there any reasons to pray the Rosary daily? Is this in line with your beliefs? "To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate the face of Christ with Mary". - Pope John Paul II

The Rosary is a unique form of prayer, held dearly in the hearts of many Catholics worldwide. The Rosary is a form of vocal and mental prayer, on the Mysteries of our Redemption, divided into four groups of events with five mysteries in each group. The recitation of each decade is accompanied by meditation on one of the twenty events or "mysteries". The mysteries are divided into four groups: The Joyful Mysteries, The Sorrowful Mysteries, The Glorious Mysteries and the Luminous Mysteries.

It is an excellent method to exercise the spiritual practice of discipline. Many devoted Rosary followers will kneel during the entire Rosary. The Rosary is not interrupted by cell phones or other distractions.

Praying the Rosary alone, offers a method of spiritual isolation or solitude. Concentrating on the mysteries and the repetition of the prayers, can cause the outside world to drift away. It offers the feeling of closeness to Jesus and His Blessed Mother, Mary. Are there reasons to pray the Rosary daily? It offers a template to follow, that can enhance discipline and allow you to establish a deeper relationship with God.

