

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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6th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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

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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 – 4:45p.m.

St. Teresa School

Principal: Mr. Brian Goodyear

Secretary: Mary Lavigne

519-743-2131

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

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Gospel this Sunday is from St. John 14:15-21. Jesus said to His disciples: **"If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you forever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows Him, but you know Him, because He is with you, He is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you."** In today's reading, Jesus offers encouragement to His disciples, who will soon see Him crucified. He reassures them that even though He will leave them, He will not abandon them. Instead He will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

During these two thousand years, great empires have risen and fallen. They had large armies, vast wealth and earthly resources at their disposal, yet they disintegrated, like all things human. In the midst of all these upheavals, the Church of Christ, has continued to flourish, because it has been directed and sustained by the Holy Spirit, who abides within it. As we continue our journey through Easter, we will be blessed, with the gifts of Christ's Peace and encouraged by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Family Connection

Gather your family and invite each family member to say what he or she knows about the Holy Spirit. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 14:15-21. What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do for the disciples? Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we come to share in the love of God made known to us in Jesus. Pray together, thanking God for this gift of the Holy Spirit.

Mass Intentions for May 18 - May 24, 2020

Tuesday, May 19 – 7 p.m. –

Special Intentions of Norma Jeanne & Ron King – Jason & Kathryn Fedy & Family

Wednesday, May 20 - 7 p.m. –

Intentions of Dabrowska-Miciula Family – Ewa

Thursday, May 21 - 7 p.m. -

+Souls in Purgatory – Ewa

Friday, May 22 – 7 p.m. –

+Mr. & Mrs. Schade & Sons – Ann Snyder

Saturday, May 23 – 9 a.m. -

7 p.m. - +Frances & Carl Hergott – Barb Hergott

Sunday, May 24 – 10 a.m. – The Ascension of the Lord –

Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Mass Intentions – For 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!

Office Closure

On Tuesday afternoon, the Ontario government announced an extension to the emergency orders, until **June 2, 2020**, and therefore, the Parish Office, will remain closed, until that time.

You can continue to reach us at st.teresa@stteresakit.ca or 519-743-4525.

**Diocese of Hamilton
Prayer Calendar 2020**

May 18 – Rev. David Wilhelm

May 19 – Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk

May 20 – Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate (S.S.M.I.)

May 21 – Rev. George Nowak, C.R.

May 22 – Rev. Msgr. Edward Sheridan

May 23 – Very Rev. David Wynen

May 24 – The Ascension of the Lord

Vocations – 6th Sunday of Easter

The Lord said, "I will not leave you orphaned." Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood. 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 May 18 – May 24, 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.

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 – May 14, 2020

Envelopes	\$2795.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 10.00
Easter	\$ 220.00
Share Lent	\$ 20.00
Diocese On-Line Giving Donations -- (March 28 – April 26, 2020)	\$1169.80



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

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 normal, 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](#)

**Baby Bottle
Campaign
2020**

Your donation will
bring **BIG CHANGES**
to the lives of the women
and children of Marillac
Place

The spring Baby Bottle Campaign serves as the foundation from which Marillac Place relies on to operate.

This year, because of the pandemic, and due to an urgent need for support, the Baby Bottle Campaign, which launched on Mother's Day, will be a virtual campaign.

Any amount of support you can provide will make a difference in the lives of the vulnerable young mothers and families we serve.

No one should face motherhood alone. Make a difference today and donate now.

Donate on-line at www.marillacplace.ca/donate/ or send cheques directly to 109 Young Street, Kitchener, ON, N2H 4Z2

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. 1 P.C. - \$14.00; 2 P.C. - \$16.00 Best in Town

WHY@Breakfast Presentations -

You are invited to a webinar by **WHY@Breakfast!** As a Catholic, do you find it difficult to navigate discussions with friends and family on Gender and Sexuality? Join us on **May 23rd** with **Teresa Hartnett**, Director of Family Ministry of the Hamilton Diocese, for the presentation **“Gender, Sexuality and the Catholic Church.”** Webinar begins at **9:30 A.M. EST.** Please register at whyatbreakfast@gmail.com. Attendance is free. Space is limited. Please see <https://whyatbreakfast.com> for more information. Follow us on Twitter @WhyAtBreakfast!

Bread of Life Video –

Novalis Publishing is presenting a video featuring Anne Jamieson, Director of the Catechesis Office for the Diocese of Hamilton.

In the words of Bishop Crosby, “This is a very pertinent message about this “great pause” and our longing for the Bread of Life!” Click here to view: <https://youtu.be/mUF4YwY0KG8>.

Mother’s Day Colouring Activity



Michaela was excited to colour the Mother’s Day activity, in last week’s bulletin, for her Mom. Great job, Michaela!

We encourage all children to take advantage of all the material we send out with the bulletin, and thank all the children who coloured the drawing for Mother’s Day!

100th anniversary of Saint John Paul II's birth.

Pope Francis will honor one of his predecessors during a live-streamed Mass on Monday, May 18th.

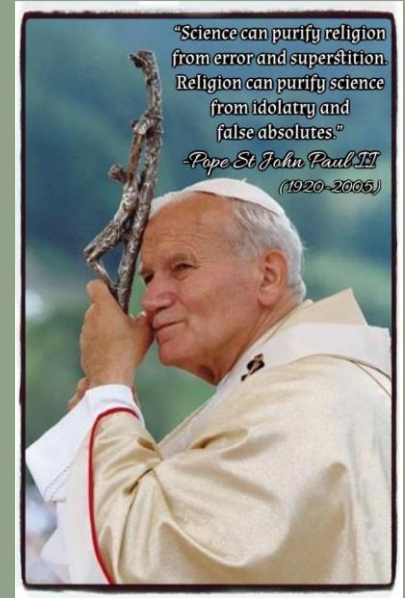
The ceremony will be held at Pope John II's tomb in honor of what would have been his 100th birthday.

"In memory of the centenary of the birth of St. John Paul II, the Holy Father will celebrate the morning Mass live at 7:00 a.m. in the chapel of the saint's tomb in the Vatican Basilica."

Karol Wojtyła, known as John Paul II, since his October 1978 election to the papacy, was born in Wadowice, a small city 50 kilometres from Cracow, on May 18, 1920. He was the second of two sons born to Karol Wojtyła and Emilia Kaczorowska. His early life was marked by great loss. His mother died in 1929. His eldest brother Edmund, a doctor, died when he was 12 and his father, a non-commissioned army officer died in 1941. He made his First Holy Communion at age 9 and was confirmed at 18. Growing up, John Paul was athletic and enjoyed skiing and swimming. He went to Kraków's Jagiellonian University in 1938 where he showed an interest in theater and poetry. The school was closed the next year by Nazi troops, during the German occupation of Poland and young Karol had to work in a quarry (1940-1944) and then in the Solvay chemical factory to earn his living and to avoid being deported to Germany. In 1942, aware of his call to the priesthood, he began courses in the clandestine seminary of Cracow, run by Cardinal Adam Stefan Sapieha, Archbishop of Cracow. At the same time, Karol Wojtyła was one of the pioneers of the "Rhapsodic Theatre", also clandestine.

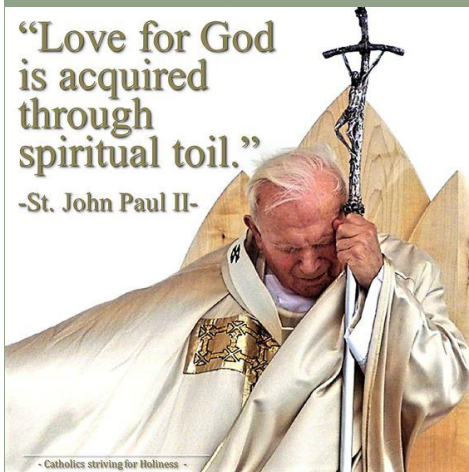
After the Second World War, he continued his studies in the major seminary of Cracow, once it had re-opened, and in the faculty of theology of the Jagiellonian University, until his priestly ordination in Cracow on November 1, 1946.

Soon after, Cardinal Sapieha sent him to Rome, where he worked under the guidance of the French Dominican, Garrigou-Lagrange. He finished his doctorate in theology in 1948, with a thesis on the topic of faith in the works of St. John of the Cross. At that time, during his vacations, he exercised his pastoral ministry among the Polish immigrants of France, Belgium and Holland. John Paul II returned to his native Poland in 1948 and served in several parishes in and around Krakow. He was chaplain for the university students, as well, until 1951, when he took up again, his studies on philosophy and theology. In 1953 he defended his habilitation thesis on "evaluation of the possibility of founding a Christian ethic on the ethical system of Max Scheler" at the Faculty of Theology, of the Jagiellonian University (It was the last habilitation before the closing of the Faculty by the Communist government). Later he became a professor of moral philosophy and social ethics in the major seminary of Cracow and in the Faculty of Philosophy, at the Catholic University of Lubin (where he became the Chair of Ethics, and lectured for 25 years, until he was elected Pope, in 1978).



"Love for God is acquired through spiritual toil."

-St. John Paul II-



On October 16, 1978, John Paul made history by becoming the first non-Italian pope in more than four hundred years. As the leader of the Catholic Church, he traveled the world to spread his message of faith and peace. He completed 95 pastoral visits outside of Italy and 142 within Italy. As Bishop of Rome, he visited 301 of the 334 parishes. In 1981, an assassin shot John Paul, twice, in St. Peter's Square, in Vatican City. Fortunately, he was able to recover from his injuries and later forgave his attacker.

John Paul II died on April 2, 2005, at the age of 84, at his Vatican City residence. More than 3 million people waited in line to say good-bye to their beloved religious leader, at St. Peter's Basilica, before his funeral on April 8th.

The announcement of Pope John Paul II's canonization, came after the Vatican revealed that two miracles were attributed to the late pope. A dying French nun, Sister Marie Simon-Pierre Normand, prayed to Pope John Paul II, during her battle with Parkinson's disease—the same illness that killed the pope—she was cured. The second miracle involved a 50-year-old woman, who claimed that she was cured of a brain aneurysm.

FEAST OF POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

**"Those who sincerely say
'JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU'**

**will find comfort in all their anxieties
and fears. There is nothing more man
needs than DIVINE MERCY –
that love which is benevolent, which
is compassionate, which raises man
above his weakness to the infinite
heights to the holiness of God."**

**-POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II -
CRACOW, POLAND ON JUNE 7, 1997**

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

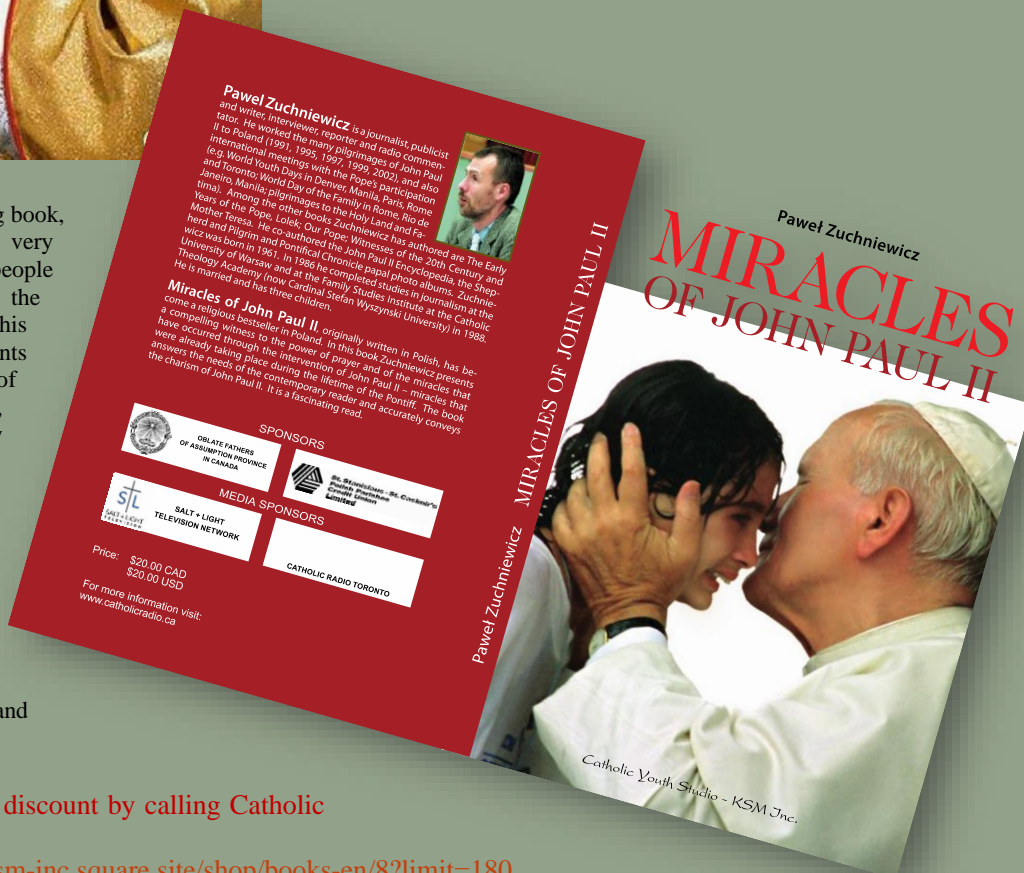
APOSTLE And POPE
DIVINE MERCY

Miracles of John Paul II is a breathtaking book, written originally in Polish, containing very powerful, moving testimonies given by people who experienced healings through the intercession of John Paul II, during his lifetime. This fascinating book also presents interesting details surrounding the life of the Pope and the Third Secret of Fatima, as well as different World Youth Day celebrations around the world, the tearing down of the Berlin Wall, the collapse of communism and many more. *Miracles of John Paul II* is a passionate read which is both educational and serves to evangelize young and adult readers. It can be used by Catholic School teachers as a discussion handbook for students; leaders of parish organizations and universities.

The official sainthood ceremony, held on April 27, 2014, brought together four popes. Pope Francis led the event to elevate Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII to sainthood, which was also attended by Francis's predecessor, Emeritus Pope Benedict.

John Paul II, himself, indicated Divine Mercy as his spiritual testament. He had prepared an allocution for the Divine Mercy Sunday of April 3, 2005, and he wanted the text to be read and published by way of a posthumous message. **"The Risen Lord offers a gift to humanity — which sometimes seems lost and dominated by the power of evil, by egoism and by fear – His love that forgives, that reconciles and opens the soul again to hope. It's love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and receive Divine Mercy!"**

On opening the new Divine Mercy Shrine of Krakow-Lagiewniki on August 17, 2002, during his trip to Poland (August 16-18), he entrusted humanity to Mercy saying: **"In God's Mercy, the world will find peace and man will find happiness! I entrust this duty, dear brothers and sisters, to the Church at Krakow and in Poland, and to all the faithful of Divine Mercy, who will come here from Poland and from the whole world. Be witnesses of Mercy!"**



You can order this book at a 50% discount by calling Catholic Family Radio at 416-588-0555 or <https://catholic-youth-studio---ksm-inc.square.site/shop/books-en/8?limit=180>

Saint Eugene de Mazenod, founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Liturgical commemoration takes place on May 21st

Saint Eugene de Mazenod was born in Aix-en-Provence, France on August 1, 1782 and baptized the following day in the Église de la Madeleine. He was beatified on October 19, 1975 by Pope Paul VI and canonized on December 3, 1995 by Pope John Paul II.

MISSIONARY OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE



**"I AM A PRIEST,
A PRIEST OF
JESUS CHRIST.
THAT SAYS IT ALL."**

*St. Eugene de Mazenod,
the Founder of
the Missionary Oblates
of Mary Immaculate*

With the approach of the French revolutionary forces, the family was forced to flee to Italy. At the age of twenty, Eugene returned to France and lived with his mother in Aix-en-Provence. Initially he enjoyed all the pleasures of Aix, as a rich young nobleman. Gradually he became aware of how empty his life was and began to search for meaning in more regular church involvement, reading and personal study, and charitable work among prisoners. His journey came to a climax one Good Friday, when he was 25 years old. Looking at the sight of the Cross he understood: "I had looked for happiness outside of God, but outside of Him I had found only affliction and disappointment."

A calling to the priesthood began to manifest itself, and Eugene answered that call. Despite opposition from his mother, he entered the Seminary of St. Sulpice, in Paris, and on December 21, 1811 he was ordained a priest in Amiens.

On January 25, 1816, "impelled by a strong impulse from outside of himself" he invited other priests to join him in his life of total oblation to God and to the most abandoned of Provence. Initially called "Missionaries of Provence," they dedicated themselves to evangelization through preaching parish missions, in the poor villages, youth and prison ministry. In 1818 a second community was established at the Marian shrine of [Notre-Dame-du-Laus](#). This became the occasion for the missionaries to become a religious congregation, united through vows and the evangelical counsels. Changing their name to Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the group received papal approbation on February 17, 1826.

PRAY FOR VOCATION

OBLATE VOCATION PRAYER

God of joyful hope
and faithful love,
you call us to share fully
in the mission of your Son.

In this time of great
promise and change
inspire us to be witnesses
to the power and
presence of Jesus.

May we love and respect
all you have created and
be disciples of the Good
News especially among
the dispossessed.

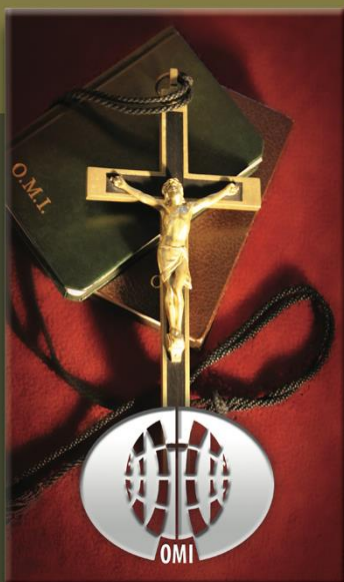
Guided by the Holy
Spirit, may others
be inspired to leave
nothing undared for
the Gospel by becoming
Oblates of Mary
Immaculate.

We ask this through
Christ our Lord.

Amen

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MISSIONARY OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE



**"COME AND LEARN
WHO YOU ARE
IN THE EYES
OF GOD."**

*St. Eugene de Mazenod,
the Founder of
the Missionary Oblates
of Mary Immaculate*

In 1841, Bishop Bourget, of Montreal, invited the Oblates to Canada. At the same time there was an outreach to the British Isles and Ireland. This was the beginning of an inspiring history of missionary outreach to the most abandoned peoples in Canada, the United States, Mexico, England and Ireland, Algeria, Southern Africa and Ceylon. In 200 years, this zeal spread and took root in the establishment of the Oblates in nearly 70 countries.

Legacy of a Saint

May 21, 1861, saw Eugene de Mazenod returning to his God, at the age of 79, after a life crowded with achievements, many of them born in suffering. For his religious family and for his diocese, he was a founding and life-giving source: for God and for the Church, he was a faithful and generous son. As he lay dying, he left his Oblates a final testament, **"Among yourselves-
charity, charity, charity: in the world-zeal for souls."**

The Church in declaring him a saint on December 3, 1995, crowns these two pivots of his living-love and zeal. His life and his deeds remain for all a window unto God Himself. And that is the greatest gift that Eugene de Mazenod, Oblate of Mary Immaculate, can offer us.

