

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

June 14, 2020

St. Teresa of Avila

“To have courage for whatever comes in life - everything lies in that.”



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

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Kim Voelzing

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Mila Navaleza - 519-579-8276

Finance Council Chair:

Don Pickett, Jr.

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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 – 4:45p.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.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called Corpus Christi, which is Latin for “Body of Christ.” In a way we have already celebrated this feast. We did so on Holy Thursday, in Holy Week. On that occasion, the emphasis was on the institution, the gift of the Eucharist, to us, as one of Jesus’ last acts before His suffering and death. Now the emphasis is on practical implementation of this gift. In many parts of the world, there will be a solemn and joyful procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the parish grounds or even through the public streets. **“Going to communion” is not a private “receiving” but a sharing, an eating together of the one Bread and the shared drinking of the one Cup.**

This one Bread and one Cup represent Jesus in His Risen Body; it includes not only Jesus, but the whole community present. We recognize in the sharing, not just the individual Jesus coming to me, but Jesus in His Body, of which we are all part. Some people ask why they have to come to Mass and why they cannot pray at home. Of course, they can pray at home and sometimes that is a better place to pray - but, Mass is not just a time for praying; it is a time for celebrating community. That cannot be done at home; we can only do that together. **A good Eucharist is the sign of a living community.** A boring Eucharist is the sign of a dead one. The more we become aware of Christ living and acting in and through us as His Body, the more meaningful will be our gathering around His table.

Today’s Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John (J6:51-58). The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. **Jesus tells the crowd that He is the bread of life.** He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now, God has sent new manna, that will give eternal life.

Family Connection – evangelization through media

The Power of the Eucharist: Michael Kelly

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=slT0wtXJzcA>

Please watch this video with your children or any family members and share your own experience: what have I heard in this message?

The Sacred Heart of Jesus

On the Friday after the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Church was born from the pierced heart of Jesus on the cross. In the first creation, Eve was born from the side of Adam. In the new creation, the Church was born from the side of Jesus. The Bride from the Heart of the Bridegroom! When the soldier thrust his lance into Jesus’ side, immediately blood and water flowed out. Every Year, on this Solemnity, the Church celebrates the Sanctification Day for the Clergy. **Please pray for your parish priests and make some spiritual sacrifices on that day, in their intention.**

Office Closure

Due to the Ontario government’s further extension, to their emergency orders, the Parish Office will remain closed until **June 30, 2020.**

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

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2020

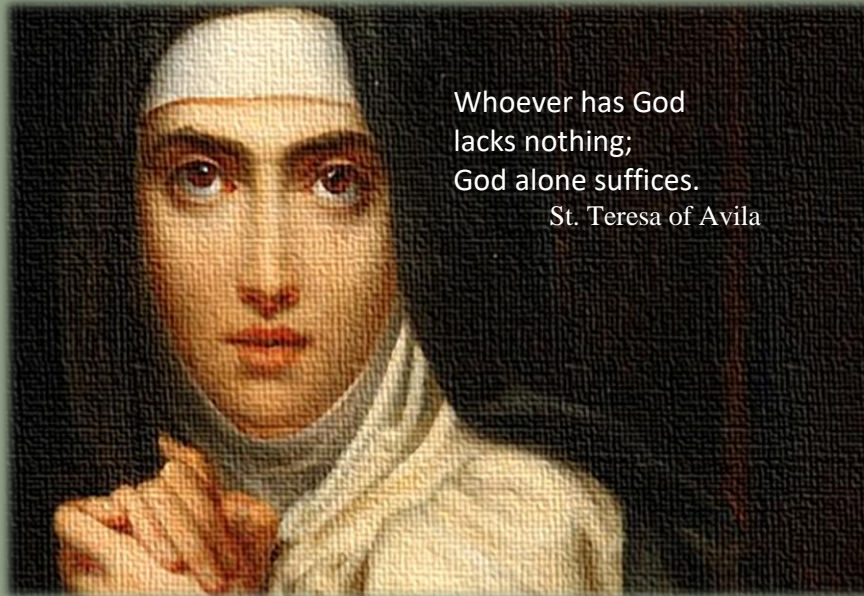
June 15 – Rev. Pawel Jamroz
June 16 – Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis
June 17 – Barnabite Fathers (C.R.S.P.)
June 18 – Rev. Mark Gatto
June 19 – Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre
June 20 – Rev. Charles Jordan
June 21 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations Body and Blood of Christ June 14, 2020

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to Him on our journey. If God is calling you to the priesthood, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
www.hamiltondiocese.com

Prayer for Vocations

God, the source of creation and love,
You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.



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

Mass Intentions for June 15 – June 21, 2020

**Tuesday, June 16 – 7 p.m. – +Wilma Tenbult –
Ann & Michael Onn**

**Wednesday, June 17 – 8:30 a.m. – +Larry Wismer
– Joan Wismer**

Thursday, June 18 – 8:30 a.m. –

**Friday, June 19 – 8:30 a.m. – Solemnity of
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – +Mary Fetter
– Jim Fetter**

**Saturday, June 20 – 9 a.m. – +Josephine Panganiban
– Glen Panganiban**

**5 p.m. – +Clare Deckert &
Grace Psutka – Helen Deckert**

**Sunday, June 21 – 10 a.m. – Twelfth Sunday in
Ordinary Time – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

Father's Day Intentions

Hans Forthuber - Helene Meier

Franz Novak - Helene Meier

Carl Hergott - Barb Hergott

Berny Tenbult - Ann & Michael Onn

Phil Onn - Ann & Michael Onn

John Stark - Phyllis Krall

Edward Krall - Phyllis Krall

Gerry Krall - Phyllis Krall

Dan Hishon - Mary Helen & Hugh Stroeder

Ernest Stroeder - Mary Helen & Hugh Stroeder

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.



Baby Bottle Campaign

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, has been 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

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

Stewardship Report – June 10, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 3301.09
Building & Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Insurance Offering	\$ 45.00
Easter	\$ 10.00

Stewardship Report

As we know, this COVID-19 pandemic, has not allowed us to congregate, as a community, on Sunday. Although, we are not together, our regular expenses continue. If we were gathered together, the weekly contributions of our parishioners would normally be used to cover these expenses, and so at this time, I would ask you to continue to keep our parish in your prayers and prayerfully consider continuing your donations. **As you pay your bills, please also insert a donation to St. Teresa Parish.** Thank you to those who continue to remember the parish through financial donations - We appreciate your continued support!

We would, at this time, appeal to those who have not yet had a chance to contribute/support us, during this time. For your convenience, please find below a list of options to make a donation:

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: **St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 44 Leonard St., Kitchener, ON N2H 6C8** or you may drop off **cash or cheque**, securely, at the Parish Office, through the mail slot in the wooden door, behind the white storm door.

Please be sure to include your name, address and phone number or use your donation envelope.

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.



The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph

will pray for you during the

Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel,

July 8th to July 16th, 2020

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support?

You can participate in the Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to

Carmel of Saint Joseph

1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1

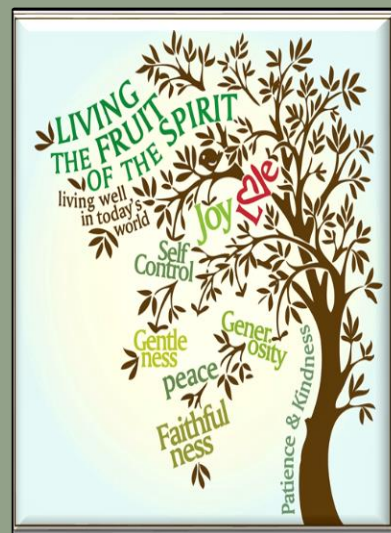
St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

For more information check the website for the Carmelite Nuns:

www.thecarmel.ca



**Sponsor
A
Cedar**



As part of our preparations for Pentecost Sunday, 9 cedars were planted along the church, to symbolize the 9 Fruits of the Holy Spirit. As mentioned in the bulletin, we will post a sign/plaque, in the near future, with a passage from scripture and the names of those who have sponsored the tree(s). The hope is to create an inspirational and educational path through the Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

There are still trees available. If you are interested, please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to sponsor an evergreen (6 ft. cedar tree). The cost is \$35, each.

Even though we continue to remain isolated, the Holy Spirit is able to renew our faith and relationship with Jesus - to make our life more meaningful and filled with a tremendous joy and new life. May these evergreens continue to remind us, that we are sent to the world to make a difference and bring new life.

Thank you to those who have already sponsored a tree(s):

Kitty & Hugh McDonald

Arthur & Rosemary Missere

Ann & Michael Onn

Mary Helen & Hugh Stroeder

Sue Weber Bell

On the Feast of Corpus Christi: Celebrating the Source and Summit of Our Faith

A Commentary by Father Richard Kunst

The chalice is a very ornate and beautiful artifact that dates between the years 1814 and 1870. Unlike the chalice belonging to Pope Leo XIII, it does not have a particular pope's coat of arms. And so, we can only surmise that it was used by a pope, but we know it was used in service of the pope because of the maker's mark located on the lip of the chalice.

Every metal worker, jeweler, and medal maker or silversmith add maker's marks to the items they create. This practice also allows us to identify the time period in which the item was created.

This chalice indicates it was made between 1814-1870 because it has a maker's mark of the cross keys and tiara—a very, very tiny mark in this piece of metal. This was just to show it was made in service to the Holy Father. In the case of this chalice, it was added to the lip, the middle and the base. On the base, the name of the priest who gave this chalice to St. Charles' Church is also included.

Beginning in 1814, fine metal artists in the Papal States used this particular maker's mark. Napoleon Bonaparte had released Pius VII from custody, after nearly four years. Jubilation was so great in Rome, upon his release, that the artists started putting this maker's mark of cross keys and tiara on their works, in honor of the Holy Father's safety. That practice continued until 1870, when the Papal States were taken over by United Italy.

There is no indication that any one particular pope used this chalice, but the symbol of the cross keys and tiara maker's mark deem this totally appropriate for this Collection.



It is interesting to speculate in whose hands and on what altars this 200-year-old chalice was used. It always goes back to the central source and summit of our faith, the Eucharist. It is part of the living history of the Eucharist and the priests who are its celebrants. It helps us to recognize that the Eucharist is a part of the living history of the papacy.

Ever since I was a seminarian my personal spirituality has been focused on the Eucharist and Eucharistic



Adoration, or, as Bishop Fulton Sheen referred to it, the “daily holy hour.” As a member of the vocations’ team in our diocese, I was very happy to note that spending time with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament is something most of our seminarians and recently ordained priests, also practice. In stating that, of course, I know that Eucharistic adoration is common among our priests as a whole, and it is increasing in popularity among the laity, as well, as evidenced in the growing number of adoration chapels throughout the country, not to mention the opportunities afforded the faithful in many of our parishes.

In the month of June, we have a feast day set aside to focus on Christ’s presence in the Blessed Sacrament. The second Sunday following Pentecost is the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or simply Corpus Christi. The feast day was established, at least in part, as

a result of a Eucharistic miracle that happened in Bolsena, Italy, in 1263.

The story, which is infused with legend, has it that a priest who was on his way to Rome, on a pilgrimage stopped to rest and say Mass, at a church in the small town of Bolsena. Having for years struggled with faith in Christ’s true presence in the Eucharist, during his Mass, at the consecration, the host he held started to bleed.

After the pope at the time, Urban IV was notified of the miracle, he established the feast day, inspired in part, by the miracle. Today you can travel to Orvieto, Italy, where the bloody corporal (small altar cloth) that was used during the Mass of the miracle, is housed in a beautiful reliquary, in the town’s cathedral.

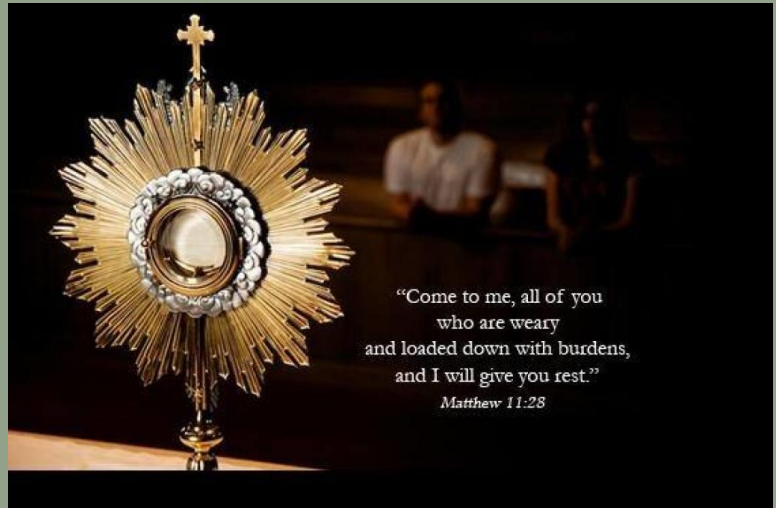
The real, true presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, something that we often take either too lightly or for granted, happens to be referred to by the Second Vatican Council

as the source and summit of our faith. How often are we in the line to receive Communion, without giving it much thought? When we go to Communion, we are doing the most important thing of our entire week: receiving the fullness of God’s divinity into our very selves!



Most saints in our history have had a deep and burning devotion to Christ in the Eucharist, and some of them, in their devotion, have left us some beautiful words on which to ponder and meditate.

My favourite quote about the Eucharist and the Mass comes from the great 20th-century mystic, **Saint Padre Pio**, who said, **“It would be easier for the Earth to exist without the sun than without the sacrifice of the Mass.”** Read that a couple times to have it sink in. If only we all had that faith in the Mass!



“Come to me, all of you
who are weary
and loaded down with burdens,
and I will give you rest.”
Matthew 11:28

St. Ignatius of Antioch was likely an infant when Jesus was crucified, so we consider him one of the earliest Church Fathers. As a near contemporary with Jesus, what he says about the Eucharist gives us a good indication of the Christian faith, in the first generations of the Church. Ignatius said, **“The Eucharist is the medicine of immortality and the antidote against dying.”**

St. Alphonsus de Liguori writes extensively about the Eucharist. A couple of thoughts he brings up are not dogmatic, but good to think about, in how we prepare to receive Communion and how we pray after having received it. He said that if we did not receive our first Communion until our 100th birthday, we would not have sufficient time to properly prepare ourselves. That is something to ponder if we are repeatedly late to Mass. We should arrive in the church early enough to try and properly dispose ourselves to the important thing we are about to take part in. And for those who tend to leave Mass after going through the Communion line, Liguori said that after we receive the Eucharist, twelve angels surround us, worshipping what we just received. Needless to say, the parking lot is not the appropriate place, to give thanks to God, for the great gift He has just given us. Leaving Mass early is a bad idea.

St. Jean Vianney, the patron saint of all priests, also speaks eloquently about the Eucharist and the priesthood when he writes: **“How great is the priest! The priest will only be understood in heaven.**

Were he understood on earth, people would die, not of fear, but of love.” He also said, **“There is nothing as great as the Eucharist... If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.”** Vianney also said, **“All the good works in the world are not equal to the holy sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men, but the Mass is the work of God.”**



And although not a saint, there is a tabernacle in a church, in La Crosse, Wisconsin that sums up the Eucharist. Etched right onto the doors of the tabernacle are the words: **“What the world could not contain, love imprisons here.”**

Come! The doors are open!

Bishop Crosby has announced this week, that our churches will resume opening. This follows the announcement of the Premier of Ontario, that allows all churches in the Province of Ontario to open for prayer and worship, effective June 12, 2020.



In order to ensure that our parishes are prepared to open for prayer and Mass, following the guidelines of the government and health authorities, Bishop Crosby has announced that we will begin opening the churches for prayer and weekday Mass, in the Diocese of Hamilton, on **June 16, 2020**. The first Sunday Masses will be celebrated beginning on Saturday, **June 20, 2020**.

Please see the attached letter from His Excellency, for further information, as to how this will be implemented in the Diocese.

At this time, we are still working on all of the particulars, for our parish. We will provide these details as soon as possible. In the meantime, we look forward to the celebration of Mass, as a Parish Community.

Thank you to all Volunteers!



A big thank you to all our volunteers, who have been helping us with maintaining the grounds of the church. There has been much to do, including removing all the trees, along the church, on Leonard St., but our volunteers have been dedicated and their efforts are much appreciated!

In a very special way, we wish to thank Bill Zister and Don Monastyrski for their hard work in helping clean up the church grounds and moving trees. I would like to emphasize Don's attention to detail and impeccable work in enhancing the stencil work on the stone and cleaning of the plaque, in our prayer garden.

I am sure you will agree, that all the hard work of our volunteers, has resulted in a display of beauty - giving glory to God, and for all to see!