

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 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

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.

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.

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In the Gospel Reading, Jesus commands His disciples not to be afraid. Jesus is well aware of the many challenges that will face all who choose to follow Him in faith and preach in His name. A little earlier He says: **“I am sending you like sheep among wolves”** (Mt.10:16). Jesus gives an exhortation that will be recalled in the future when the Church will face persecution: **“And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”** The “body” is a perishable shell, and the “soul” that is immortal is one’s real self. Other human beings can destroy one’s impermanent body, but only God has power over life and death eternally. Do not fear other men and don’t even fear Satan, but have the reverent fear of God that leads to a righteous life and the fear of offending Him. **“Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.”**

Jesus’ warning is that salvation is only through the Redeemer-Messiah, who is God the Son. For us to acknowledge Jesus as Savior and Lord to others, is a condition of discipleship. If we proclaim Him before others, it is Jesus’ solemn promise that He will stand as our divine Advocate before the judgment throne of God the Father.

Family Connection – evangelization through media The Power of witnessing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJ5weMNAHK0>

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

Happy Father’s Day

This Sunday, we not only honor our fathers, but we also show our gratitude and love towards them, in a special manner. As a parish community, we pray for you, so that you may know that you are not alone in this mission. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the fathers, a Happy Father’s Day. May God continue to bless you with wisdom, courage, patience and love, so that you can be the best fathers.

Office Closure

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

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

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2020

June 22 – Rev. Arthur Scidmore
June 23 – Rev. Adam Voisin
June 24 – Married Couples
June 25 – Rev. Donald Wilhelm
June 26 – Rev. Gary Schlack
June 27 – Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
June 28 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

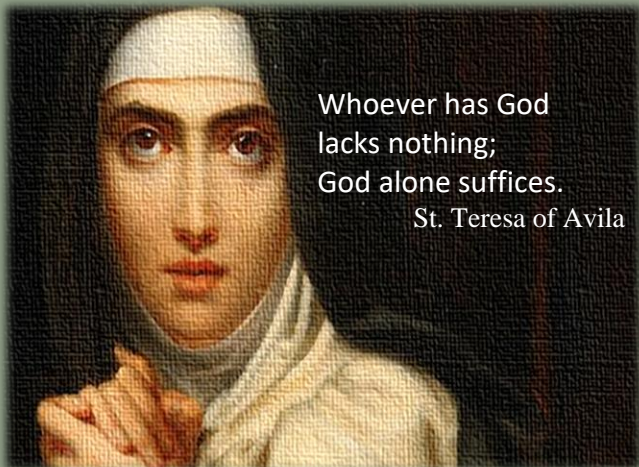
Vocations Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 21, 2020

“Have no Fear.” Considering a ministerial vocation is not popular, but it may be what God is calling you to. 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 22 – June 28, 2020 will be celebrated **publicly**, by Father Gil, **in the church**, Tuesday at 7 p.m.; Wednesday to Friday at 8:30 a.m.; Saturday at 9:00 a.m.; Saturday Vigil in anticipation of Sunday at 5 p.m.; and on Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

The **Sunday Mass**, at **10 a.m.** will be **live-streamed** on Zoom. If you are not attending this Mass, and you wish to join Father online, please click on the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/5887658626>

Password: 274733

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** will also continue to be **live-streamed**, Tuesday to Friday at 3 p.m., on the same link.

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*
Michael Onn - *Ann 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*
Albert Grubb - *Helen Bastian & Family*
Jerome Bastian - *Helen Bastian & Family*

Mass Intentions for June 22– June 28, 2020

Tuesday, June 23 – **7 p.m.** – **Palliative Care** - *CWL*

Wednesday, June 24 – **8:30 a.m.** – **Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

Thursday, June 25 – **8:30 a.m.** – **+John Novak** – *Helene Meier*

Friday, June 26 – **8:30 a.m.** –

Saturday, June 27 – **9 a.m.** –

5 p.m. – **+Leona Grobe** –

Peter Grobe

Sunday, June 28 – **10 a.m.** – **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** – **Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**



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



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 17, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 2405.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 75.00
Insurance Offering	\$ 150.00
Cedar Sponsorship	\$ 175.00
Mass Offerings	\$ 20.00
Government of Canada	\$ 3726.75
Diocese On-Line Giving Donations - (May 2 – May 26, 2020)	\$ 1684.63

Stewardship Report

As the churches, now open and we return to Sunday worship, as a parish community, in the church, I would ask you to continue to keep our parish in your prayers and prayerfully consider continuing your donations. For those attending Mass, in person, a box will be provided for you to drop off your donation, on your way out of the church, in keeping with the Diocesan Guidelines for the safety and well-being of all. For those, at this time, who will be continuing to live-stream Mass, the following options will still be available.

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.

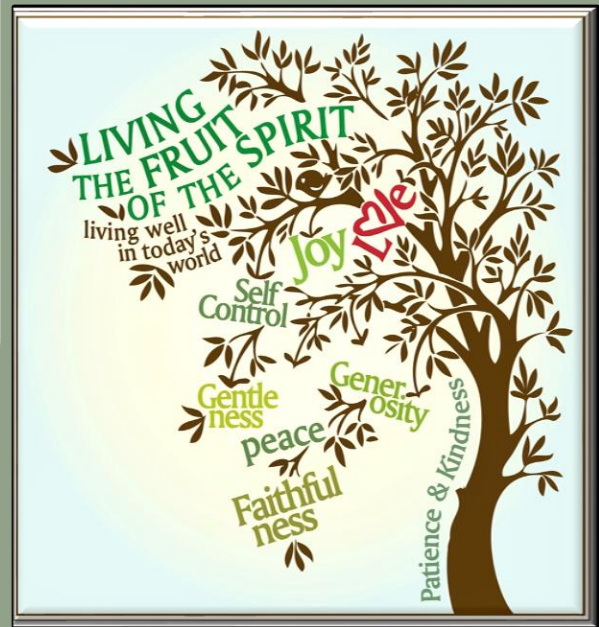
You may also **send a gift directly** to our parish through the mail: **St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 44 Leonard St., Kitchener, ON N2H 6C8** or you may drop off **cash or cheque**, securely, at the Parish Office, through the mail slot in the wooden door, behind the white storm door.

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.



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.

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.

In total, 12 cedars were planted, and we are most grateful, that all the trees have been sponsored.

Thank you to our sponsors!

Helen Deckert

Kitty & Hugh McDonald

Arthur & Rosemary Missere

Laverne & Theresa O'Donnell

Ann & Michael Onn

The Stauffer Family

Mary Helen & Hugh Stroeder

Sue Weber Bell

Mary Alice & Bill Zister

In Memory of the Deceased Members of the O'Donnell & Brown Families

What Pope Francis wants fathers to know?

By Vladimir Mauricio-Perez

The universal word “father” points to a fundamental relationship that is as old as human history. Yet, Pope Francis says we have reached a point in history in which many would claim our society is a “society without fathers,” characterized not so much by the hostile presence of the father, but by his “absence” and “inaction.”

In the hope of fighting the many negative consequences in children and society that a negligence of this responsibility causes, the pope has often preached on the importance of being holy fathers and husbands, helping men strive for the type of holiness they are called to live out.

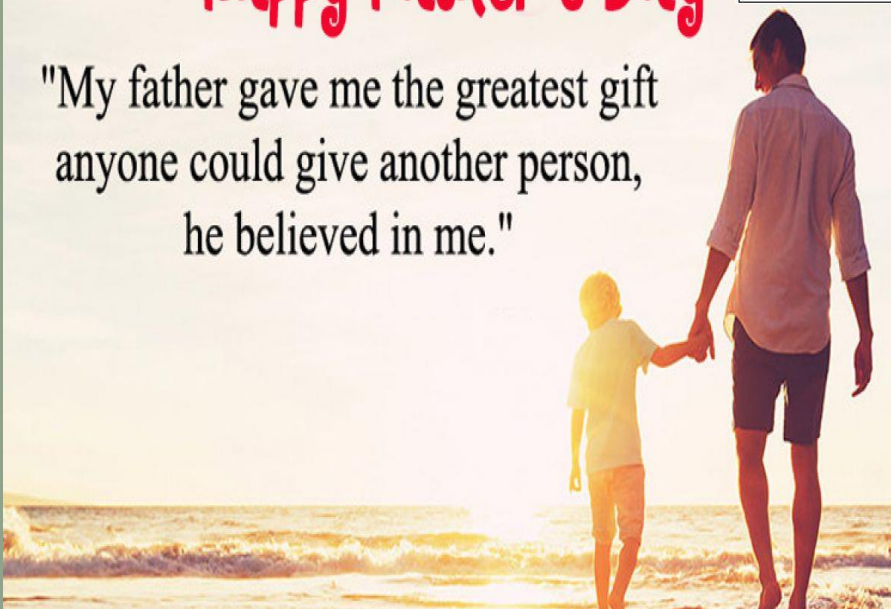
These are some of the key elements the Holy Father has highlighted:

Be present

Pope Francis insists that being present in the family doesn't simply mean being or living in the same place. Rather, it means that a father must “share everything” with his wife and children: joy and sorrow, hope and hardship. He must be close to his children in the different stages of life: “when they play and when they strive, when they are carefree and when they are distressed, when they are talkative and when they are silent, when they are daring and when they are afraid, when they take a wrong step and when they find their path again.”

Happy Father's Day

"My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me."



a godly Father is:



Faithful, to God and family.

Able, to discern God's will in trying times and good times.

Thankful, for all the joys and trials of life.

Happy, no matter what the life brings.

Enthusiastic, about a life lived with purpose.

Righteous, rock-solid in heart and mind, from a growing relationship with Jesus.

For these things and so many more we praise God for our Fathers, this Father's Day and always.

Hand down what really matters

What really matters is that a father hand down a wise heart to his son, the pope says. The Father should not say to his child, “I am proud of you because you are the same as me, because you repeat the things I say and do.” Instead, he should say, “I will be happy every time I see you act with wisdom, and I will be moved every time that I hear you speak with rectitude.” A father should teach his children the attitude to feel, act, speak and judge with wisdom and rectitude, the pope says.

FATHER
 KIND trust
 nurturing friend
 WISDOM
 family man LOVE
 thoughtful
 STRONG patient VE

Your example is a priority

In order to hand down what really matters, the pope assures that the father must be just that which he is trying to convey to his children. A wise and mature father should be able to say to his child: "I gave you a testimony of rigor and steadfastness that perhaps you didn't understand, when you would have liked only complicity and protection. I had first to test myself in the wisdom of my heart, be vigilant of my excesses of sentiment and resentment, in order to carry the weight of the inevitable misunderstandings, to find the right words to make myself understood." This will make it possible for his children to pass down the message to the following generation. It's a legacy that his children will honor and that will bring abundant joy and consolation to a father, Pope Francis says.

Be a companion and a father

Be both, the Holy Father says, but don't abuse. Sometimes fathers err on just being one or the other. When they want to be fathers by being present but without closeness, they run the risk of being controlling. "Fathers who are too controlling overshadow their children, they don't

let them develop," the Holy Father says. On the other hand, when fathers only treat their children as peers, they are likely to retreat and neglect their responsibilities. "It's true that you're a 'companion' to your child, but without forgetting that you are the father! If you behave only as a peer to your child, it will do him or her no good" Pope Francis says.

Correct with charity

A child needs an authoritative figure, and so it is important that the father knows how to correct with firmness: "he is not a weak father, submissive and sentimental," Pope Francis points out. Knowing how to correct, however, implies doing so without causing great damage. In other words, a father must learn to discipline with a sense of dignity. "The father who knows how to correct without humiliating is the one who knows how to protect without sparing himself... He must punish, but he does it in a just way, and moves on," the pontiff states. To do this, a father must learn how to wait and how to forgive from the depths of his heart, he adds.

You matter

Pope Francis understands fathers can feel "useless" or "unnecessary" at times. Yet, he insists that the father plays a key role simply by the "gift of his masculinity," which compliments the gift of femininity, and allows him to be present to his wife and children in a unique way. He has the capacity of leading his children to God in a special way: "If, then, there is someone who can fully explain the prayer of the 'Our Father,' taught by Jesus, it is the one who lives out paternity in the first person. [Yet] without the grace that comes from the Father who is in Heaven, fathers lose courage, and abandon camp," the pope says.

Some
 SUPER
 Heroes
 don't have
 capes...
 they are
 called DAD.

Come! The doors are open!



This week, we were able to open the doors to the church for the first time in over 90 days. Welcome home!

As you, hopefully, have read, in the bulletin and message, sent out last week, we are not returning to Mass, in the church, in the usual manner. In order for us to open the doors, we are required to follow the guidelines of the government, health authorities and the Diocese of Hamilton, established to provide for the well-being and safety of all.

Last week, we mentioned that we were working on the particulars, for our own parish. When you come to Mass, this weekend and anytime you come to the church, for the foreseeable future, you will be asked to adhere to the following guidelines:

- ❖ Entrance is not permitted to those who have an elevated temperature, or are suffering from cough, sputum production, shortness of breath, undue fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle aching, runny nose, chills involving shakes, loss of sense or taste or smell. If you are sick, you are kindly asked to stay home.
- ❖ If you have travelled outside Canada within the past 14 days, you are not to enter the church until you have completed the period of self-isolation.
- ❖ You are strongly encouraged to wear a mask upon entering the church.
- ❖ Everyone is to use the hand sanitizer provided upon entry to the church.
- ❖ Maintain a two-meter (six foot) distance at all times in the church and on church property.
- ❖ Only 30% of the seating capacity is permitted by government regulations at this time. Ushers will guide you to the available designated seats.

During the celebration of Mass, you will notice a few changes based on the recommendation of health authorities:

- ❖ The entrance procession will be simplified.
- ❖ There will be no hymnals in the pews; singing will be led by an instrumentalist and cantor only.
- ❖ Only one lector will proclaim the readings before the Gospel, and the petitions.
- ❖ There will be no collection and presentation of bread and wine at the usual time. You will be invited to deposit your offering in the basket/receptacle as you leave the church.
- ❖ Before Communion, following the prayer (*Lord, I am not worthy...*) the Priest will say once: ***The Body of Christ***. All will respond together: ***Amen***. Communion will be received in silence.
- ❖ You will be directed by the ushers to come to Communion row by row, while maintaining physical distancing. Particular directions will be given before Communion.
- ❖ Communion can be received only in the hand at this time. Carefully extend your hands, placing one upon the other to receive the Body of Christ. Communion from the chalice is not permitted.
- ❖ Following the dismissal, you will be directed to leave the church, row by row, in order to maintain physical distancing. No printed bulletins will be available.
- ❖ You are asked to refrain from socializing with others following Mass.