

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 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.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

On the last two Sundays, our gospel readings have brought us the instructions of the Saviour for those He calls to share in the mission He has received from His Father. Today's reading is the conclusion of the passage we have been reading. Not surprisingly, it takes us to the heart of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Our life as disciples has its beginning in our personal call to follow Jesus.

Now He speaks to us of the nature of the relationship He has called us to. It is a unique relationship – the absolute allegiance to which only God has a right. In presenting these words of Jesus, Matthew removes the danger of misunderstanding. A right relationship with the Saviour will not destroy our human relationships, but deepen them and make them more wholesome. **“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; (...) and whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.”** Mt 10:39-40. The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth - choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective.

St. Ignatius of Antioch in his letter to the Romans, written in captivity and while he was being led to his execution, wrote, **“Our task is not one of producing persuasive propaganda; Christianity shows its greatness when it is hated by the world.”**

The last part of His discourse today is about welcome. **“Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.”** Some people have a mat at their door that says ‘Welcome’. What does it mean to welcome someone? Have you ever felt welcomed, or unwelcomed? Jesus always had time for other people, even when He was feeling tired. In the reading today, Jesus tells us that when we welcome others and are kind to them, it is just as if we are welcoming Jesus.

FAMILY CONNECTION EVANGELIZATION THROUGH MEDIA

Simple acts of kindness:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdYJr03eJjE>

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

Mass Intentions

There are weekday Mass intentions available for the deceased, sick or any special intention for family and friends. Please call our parish office if you would like to request a Mass.

July 1st – **Happy Canada Day!**

Office Closure

Due to the Ontario government's further extension, to their emergency orders, the Parish Office will remain closed until July 6, 2020.

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

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2020

June 29 – Rev. Thomas Manninezath, C.M.I.
June 30 – Rev. Robert Bulbrook
July 1 – Parish Staff
July 2 – Rev. Jungheon (Francisco) Kwak
July 3 – +Rev. James Malone
July 4 – Rev. Timothy Theriault
July 5 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 28, 2020

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.” Accept the invitation that is being extended, an invitation by the one who sent Him. If you feel you are being called 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 29 – July 5, 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.

Mass Intentions for June 29– July 5, 2020

Tuesday, June 30 – **7 p.m.** –

Wednesday, July 1 – **8:30 a.m.** –

Thursday, July 2 – **8:30 a.m.** – **+Joey Kaminski – Huberte & Sigmund Kaminski**

Friday, July 3 – **8:30 a.m.** – **Intentions of Laverne & Theresa O'Donnell for their 65th Wedding Anniversary - Family**

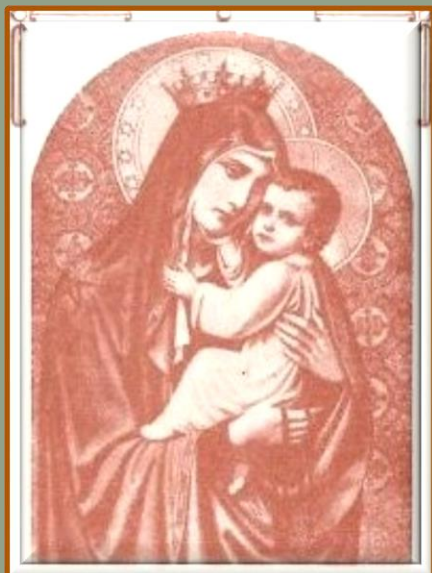
Saturday, July 4 – **9 a.m.** –

5 p.m. – **+Ludwig Ceh – Theresa Ceh**

Sunday, July 5 – **10 a.m.** – **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

Saint Teresa Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul - As things begin to open up again, Saint Vincent de Paul is still in preparation mode. We are still not able to deliver hampers nor distribute food, but we have received information from the Food Bank about the process of re-opening. We also must receive permission from the Diocese of Hamilton about the use of Church property. We will keep our community advised about any changes and we thank those of you who continue to support us with monetary donations. Please remember the people we serve in your prayers, as we remember our benefactors, both living and deceased, in our prayers! God bless!

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. -



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

Stewardship Report – June 21, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 1482.00
Building and Maintenance	\$ 300.00
Mass Offering	\$ 10.00

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.

Congratulations! Grade 8 Students of St. Teresa School



Our Grade 8 Students at St. Teresa School recently celebrated their Graduation in a very unique way. As we all know, school was suspended, earlier this year, due to COVID-19 and the students were no longer able to come to school. None-the-less, they have worked hard and it is an occasion to be celebrated!

As the students were not able to gather together, as usual, for a Graduation, an alternative solution was conceived. The students had a “Drive-Thru” celebration! Mr. Brian Goodyear was present, along with teachers and some students, who came by to congratulate them.

We as a parish community, do not say good-bye to them, rather we congratulate them as they complete

one important step in their lives. We trust that they will be a part of our community, nourishing their faith, as they continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus. We also look forward to them bringing youthfulness and new energy to our parish family.

Congratulations, Graduates, on all your accomplishments! May you cherish your years at St. Teresa School and build upon these memories in High School. We look forward to seeing you here, in the Parish, and wish you God’s blessings in your future endeavours!



Come! The doors are open! Welcome Home!



Last weekend was our first opportunity to gather together, as a parish community, in the church, for the Sunday Liturgies, in over 90 days. It was such a joy to welcome you home!

Probably, you all had various emotions and undoubtedly noticed, there were a few changes from the usual way in which we celebrate the Eucharist. As mentioned earlier, 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.





For your convenience, we are including the guidelines, once again. When you come to Mass or at any time you may 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-metre (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.