

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 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**

**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.

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

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 13:24-43. Today's parable is Christ's answer to the question so frequently asked: "Why does God permit evil to triumph so often in this world, why are the wicked allowed to prosper?" The triumph of the wicked is short-lived, the reward of the Christian who suffers from their wickedness is everlasting. The very wickedness and injustices of evil-doers are one of the ways that God uses to perfect His elect. It is only on a battlefield that a true soldier can be proved.

In the parable, the weed does not destroy the wheat. It only makes it more difficult for the wheat to grow to maturity. So it is with the Christian. No one can take his faith from him, but living up to it is made more difficult by the evil influence and bad example of sinners. If some succumb to this evil influence and give up the practice of their faith, the fault is theirs. God can force no man to serve Him.

The patience of the farmer in letting the weed grow on until harvest time, exemplifies the infinite mercy of God toward sinners. The weed could not change its nature, but the sinner can change his ways and God gives him every chance and every help to do this, up to his last moment of life. No sinner will be excluded from heaven because of the sins he committed but because he did not repent of these sins while he had the opportunity.

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of His teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2020

July 20 – Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.  
July 21 – Rev. Daniel Lobsinger, C.R.  
July 22 – Holy Ghost Congregation (Spiritans) (C.S.Sp.)  
July 23 – Rev. Lech Wycichowski, C.R.  
July 24 – Rev. Stanley Zaryczny, C.R.  
July 25 – Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.  
July 26 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27 – Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M.  
July 28 – Rev. David Perrin  
July 29 – Our Parish Community  
July 30 – Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R.  
July 31 – Rev. Tim Uniac, C.R.  
August 1 – Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos  
August 2 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vocations

#### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 19, 2020 -

"The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought..." For five minutes today rest with Jesus and ask Him what He requires of you.

#### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 26, 2020 -

"Give your servant therefore an understanding mind..." Perhaps the priesthood life awaits you.

If God is calling you to the priesthood, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

[vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
[www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

#### Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations

O God, You have constituted Your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of Your majesty and the salvation of mankind: grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Amen.



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

### Mass Intentions for July 20– July 26, 2020

Tuesday, July 21 – 7 p.m. – +Tom Hennebry – *CWL*

Wednesday, July 22 – 8:30 a.m. –

Thursday, July 23 – 8:30 a.m. –

Friday, July 24 – 8:30 a.m. –

Saturday, July 25 – 9 a.m. –

5 p.m. – +Leona Grobe – *Peter Grobe*

Sunday, July 26 – 10 a.m. – **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

### Mass Intentions for July 27– August 2, 2020

Tuesday, July 28 – 7 p.m. – +Alfred Novak – *Ann & Michael Onn*

Wednesday, July 29 – 8:30 a.m. – + Genowefa & Leon Ziolkowski – *Betty & Ken*

Thursday, July 30 – 8:30 a.m. –

Friday, July 31 – 8:30 a.m. – +Gil Lemieux – *Stella Lemieux*

Saturday, August 1 – 9 a.m. – Tom Hennebry – *Sandra Nakluski*

5 p.m. – +Larry Wismer – *Joan Wismer*

Sunday, August 2 – 10 a.m. – **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**



**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.

**Lectors, Ushers, Counters** – We are in need of volunteers to assist at the weekday and weekend Masses. If you are available, please call the Parish Office. Thank you.

**Church is Open for Prayer** – You are invited to visit Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Adoration Chapel remains closed, but the church is open. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to come and spend some time with the Lord! Jesus is waiting for you!

**Parish Records** - During this time of pandemic, in hopes of communicating effectively with everyone, we have been reviewing our Parish Database and have discovered that our Parish Records could benefit from some up-dating. We would be most grateful if you could notify the office of any changes you have experienced, most especially any changes to your address, phone number and email. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

## 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](mailto: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.

### Stewardship Report – July 5, 2020

Envelopes .....	\$ 2660.00
Building and Maintenance .....	\$ 160.00
Loose .....	\$ 85.00

### Stewardship Report – July 12, 2020

Envelopes .....	\$ 2025.00
Building and Maintenance .....	\$ 91.00
Loose .....	\$ 55.00
Insurance Offering .....	\$ 5.00
Easter .....	\$ 5.00
Needs of Church in Holy Land ...	\$ 5.00
Pope’s Pastoral Works .....	\$ 5.00

## Come! The doors are open! Welcome Home!



If you haven't already come to Mass, you will notice there a few changes from the usual way in which we celebrate the Eucharist. 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.
- ❖ **Effective July 13, 2020**, the Regional Municipality of Waterloo passed By-Law (Number 20-036) requiring the wearing of face masks or protective shields in all public places in the region, including places of worship. As such, you will be required to wear a mask when coming to Mass or to 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 recommendations 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.

## PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN

Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. The Office is closed on Wednesdays.

**Please help us keep everyone safe by adhering to the following guidelines:**

1. Admittance to the Parish Office is by appointment only.

Please call: 519-743-4525 or email: [st.teresa@stteresakit.ca](mailto:st.teresa@stteresakit.ca) to book an appointment.

2. If you feel unwell or your temperature is elevated, please do not enter the office.

3. All visitors must provide contact information and attest that they are not exhibiting any signs of COVID-19 and have not been in contact with a COVID-19 patient over the last fourteen days.

4. Be sure to use hand sanitizer upon entering the office.

5. Be sure to maintain a physical distance of 2 metres (6 feet) at all times.

6. Please wear a protective mask when you come, if you forget we will have a complementary one for you.



The above guidelines are for those who have appointments. If you are dropping off something for the Parish, please place item through the mail slot in the wooden door behind the white storm/screen door (please feel free to wave – it will be great to see you!). If you are requesting a Mass or for any other inquiries, please call the Parish Office. Any requests for Mass Cards, will be placed in the outside mailbox for pick up, as we have been doing during this time of pandemic.

At this time, we are not able to provide the social distancing required within the Office itself and consequently to ensure the safety of all, should you arrive at the Parish Office, and wish to speak with us, we will need to communicate through the outside storm/screen door. We apologize for any inconvenience, but trust you will understand that our priority is to keep everyone safe!

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation!