

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate  
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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday – 7:00 p.m.

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed His mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith.

This Gospel begins with Jesus' shout of joy, not on account of the so-called "wise and learned" who do not recognize His true identity, but for the "little ones" with humble and open hearts who 'get it.' A 'know-it-all' attitude is a huge block hindering us from receiving God's self-revelation. Jesus speaks about the special and unique relationship that exists between Him and His Father. It is really a statement about the divinity of Christ. In Jesus we find the Wisdom of God. He reveals the mind and heart of God to us.

The reading ends with Jesus' beautiful invitation to the "heavy burdened" to come to Him. The Pharisees and scribes have made the Law of Moses a heavy burden by adding to it a multitude of legalisms. On another level, faith in Christ helps all of us to deal with the burdens of life.

### Family Connection

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches an important lesson for families: from the youngest and simplest among us we can learn the most profound insights about God. Parents who are attentive to this reality can learn much from their children even as their children are learning from them. Families who create time and space for encounters with God will enrich the faith of all who share in family life.

Gather as a family and read together today's Gospel, Matthew 11:25-30. Allow time for each person to reflect on what Jesus reveals to us about God. Invite each person to show these things in a creative way, perhaps through a picture, poem, or some other means. Share these with one another. Conclude in prayer together, thanking Jesus for making God known to us. Pray together the Lord's Prayer...

### 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.

**This is the last weekly bulletin until September.  
We will publish a bulletin every 2 weeks for the Summer.**

**Have a blessed week!**

## Office Closure

The Parish Office will open, July 6, 2020, at 9 a.m. Please see further details included in today's bulletin, for guidelines to office operations.

You can continue to reach us at [st.teresa@stteresakit.ca](mailto:st.teresa@stteresakit.ca) or 519-743-4525.

## Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2020

July 6 – Rev. Venil D'Souza, O.C.D.  
July 7 – Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.  
July 8 – Sisters of Social Service (S.S.S.)  
July 9 – Rev. Naveed Arif, O.P.  
July 10 – Rev. Lawrence Parent  
July 11 – Rev. Francisco Cruz  
July 12 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

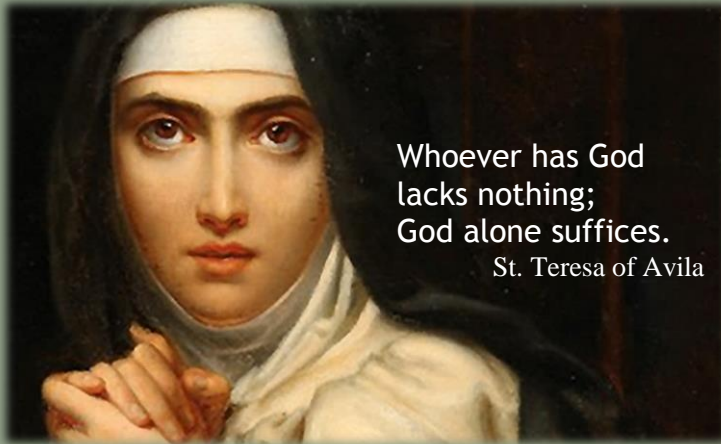
## Vocations

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 5, 2020**

"You are in the spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you." Is the Spirit leading you or someone you know to ministerial service? 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 6 – July 12, 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

### Mass Intentions for July 6– July 12, 2020

Tuesday, July 7 – **7 p.m.** – +**Anna & Ivan Tomljanovic** – *Franciska Tomljanovic & Family*

Wednesday, July 8 – **8:30 a.m.** – +**Ed Forwell** – *Betty Jane Forwell*

Thursday, July 9 – **8:30 a.m.** – **Special Intentions of Pat & Gerry Grundy for their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**– *Mary Helen & Hugh Stroeder*

Friday, July 10 – **8:30 a.m.** – **Special Intentions of John & Maureen Devine for their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary** – *Mary Helen & Hugh Stroeder*

Saturday, July 11 – **9 a.m.** – **Tom Hennebry** – *Sandra Naklusi*  
**5 p.m.** – +**Larry Wismer** – *Joan Wismer*

Sunday, July 12 – **10 a.m.** – **Fifteenth 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!

**Catholic Community Foundation Grant** – We applied for a grant earlier this year with the Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region to upgrade our sound system. We received the wonderful news recently that the Foundation has recognized our need and granted us \$6000 toward this project. We would like to thank the Foundation for their generous support and will recognize their support further, as more people gather in the church and we begin the project.





**The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph**  
will pray for you during the  
**Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel,**  
**July 8<sup>th</sup> to July 16<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.thecarmel.ca)

**Church is Open for Prayer** – You are invited to visit Jesus,  
in the Most Blessed Sacrament, Monday to Friday, 9 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!

**Capital Campaign** – This past Tuesday, there was an online  
meeting regarding the Capital Campaign with members of the  
Leadership Team and Bob McDonald of Steier Group. We  
will be sharing with you, more information about the progress  
and timeline of the Campaign, in the near future.

### Stewardship Report – June 28, 2020

Envelopes .....	\$ 2523.62
Building and Maintenance .....	\$ 5.00
Easter .....	\$ 15.00
Pope's Pastoral Works .....	\$ 5.00
Needs of Church in Holy Land ...	\$ 5.00

## 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](https://www.dioceسهofhamilton.ca/covid-19-parish-fund)

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.

## 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.
- ❖ 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 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.



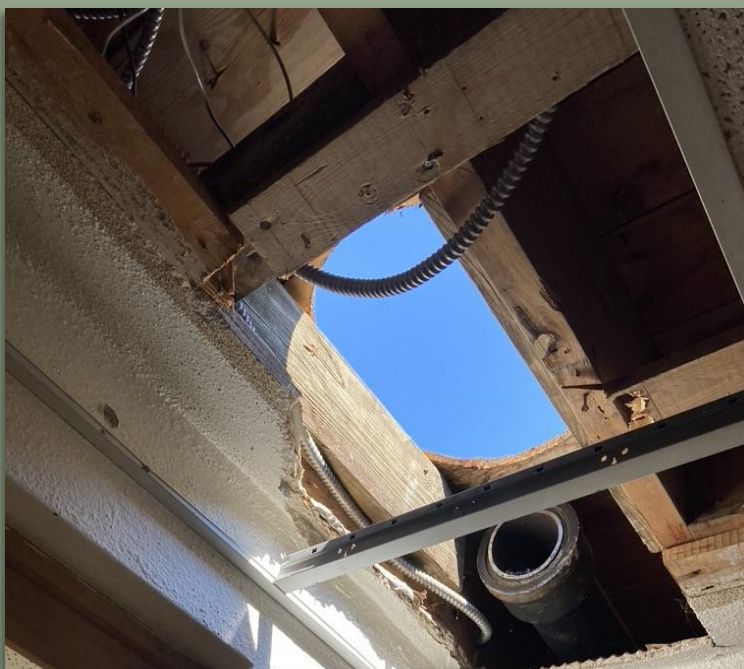
❖ You will be directed by the ushers to come to Communion row by row, while maintaining physical distancing. Particular directions will be given before Communion.

❖ 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.

### Renovation & Repairs Projects

The necessary projects which we had to undertake, last week, included the repairs of our two roofs and putting in new drains: one over the sacristy and the other over the entrance to our parish hall. We were very blessed to complete these projects within a short period of time. Thanks to God for good weather, the volunteers for their dedication and preliminary work and to the excellent co-operation of 3 different trades (roofers, plumbers and carpenters).





**Roof over the entrance to the Parish Hall**





## **PARISH OFFICE OPENING!**

**We are all so happy that the Parish Office is opening July 6, 2020!**

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!

**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.