

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 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: Mary Alice Zister

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.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel includes a beautiful dialogue between Jesus and the Canaanite woman who, indifferent of what others might think or say, insistently cried out for Our Lord's mercy to cure her daughter who is severely possessed by a demon. At first Jesus ignores her; He says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that He was sent to minister to the Jews alone. The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith: *"Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."* Then Jesus answered her, *"O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire."* The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy.

READ: Healing and feeding seem to go together. Jesus does both, and people of faith see the meaning of His actions. **PRAY:** Avoid looking down on others who are different. Make this an intention in your prayer, especially when you are tempted to be prejudiced against some group or individual. **REFLECT:** Why do people refer to others they do not like as dogs? Are Jesus' words to the Canaanite woman out of character for Him? **ACT:** Do not just tolerate different people but accept them and acknowledge their gifts. When the opportunity occurs, celebrate life with people who differ from you.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

One day, near the city of Philippi, founded by one of the sons of Herod the Great, in the extreme north of the country, Jesus addresses two questions to the apostles. The first is simple enough: **"Who do people say the Son of Man is?"** The second is more challenging: **"Who do you say I am?"** It is at this point that Peter intervenes with the surprising answer. He speaks in the name of all and shows to have understood everything. He says to Him: **"You are the Christ,"** you are Messiah, the Savior of which the prophets spoke about and all our people are waiting for (v. 16). You are the one for whom we are willing to wager our life. Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

READ: At Caesarea Philippi, Peter makes the profession of faith and Christ deposits the keys of the Kingdom with Peter. You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church. **PRAY:** Let us pray for a humble and willing heart to accept the grace to be a faithful disciple of Jesus. **REFLECT:** God chooses not according to human merits, but by God's own wisdom that is beyond human understanding. If God has called us to do some task, let us humbly realize that it is not out of our merit, but of His own, that He has chosen us. **ACT:** It is easy to criticize our leaders, but have we appreciated them for the good they have done?

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2020

August 17 – Rev. Joe Selvanayagam
August 18 – Rev. Gerald Mulhall
August 19 – Institute of Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus
August 20 – Rev. Msgr. Raymond Modeski
August 21 – Rev. Stephen Gilbert
August 22 – Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M.
August 23 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24 – Rev. Mussie Keflezghi, M.C.C.J.
August 25 – Rev. Jerzy Tomon
August 26 – Catholic Teachers
August 27 – Rev. Issac Tharayil, C.M.I.
August 28 – Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.
August 29 – Rev. Ilija Petkovic
August 30 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2020

It takes faith to hear God's call in our lives and sometimes it may not be what we expect.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 2020

"For who has known the mind of the Lord?" Sometimes our mind is not necessarily the mind of the Lord.

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 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.



Mass Intentions for August 17 – August 30, 2020 will be celebrated according our regular schedule.

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 – 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.

Mass Intentions for August 17 – August 23, 2020

Tuesday, August 18 – **7 p.m.** – +**Robert Gatchene** – *Shirley Gatchene*

Wednesday, August 19 – **8:30 a.m.** – +**Jerzy Ozimina** – *Elizabeth Heydel-Quintanilla*

Thursday, August 20 – **8:30 a.m.** – +**Joe Zister** – *Mary Alice & Bill Zister*

Friday, August 21 – **8:30 a.m.** – **Special Intentions of Katherine, Anna, Elizabeth** – *Elizabeth Heydel-Quintanilla*

Saturday, August 22 – **9 a.m.** – +**Krzysztof & Helena Rey** – *Elizabeth Heydel-Quintanilla*

5 p.m. – +**Avis Onn** – *Ann & Michael Onn*

Sunday, August 23 – **10 a.m.** – **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

Mass Intentions for August 24– August 30, 2020

Tuesday, August 25 – **7 p.m.** – +**Daniel Gatchene** – *Shirley Gatchene*

Wednesday, August 26– **8:30 a.m.** – **Special Intention of Mary**

Thursday, August 27 – **8:30 a.m.** – +**Jan & Janina Heydel** – *Elizabeth Heydel-Quintanilla*

Friday, August 28 – **8:30 a.m.** – **Intentions of Heather & Cindy** – *Ken Skinner*

Saturday, August 29 – **9 a.m.** – +**Tom Hennebry** – *Mary Alice & Bill Zister*

5 p.m. – +**Leona Grobe** – *Peter Grobe*

Sunday, August 30 – **10 a.m.** – **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

Announcements

Welcome Home!

If you haven't already come to Mass, you will notice there are 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. Please see previous bulletins or visit the parish website at www.stteresakit.ca for more information.

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.

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!

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.

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.

"40 Days for Life" – The campaign runs from Wed., Sept. 23rd thru to Sun., Nov.1, 2020. All are invited to consider signing up for one hour per week at: www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or call 519-589-2919.

Waterloo Knights of Columbus Fish Fry – Available every Friday. Pick up only: 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

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. 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. We are very grateful for any contributions you may be able to make at this time.

Stewardship Report – August 2, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 2752.00
Loose	\$ 128.50
Building and Maintenance	\$ 165.00
Needs of Canadian Church	\$ 5.00

Stewardship Report – August 9, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 2140.00
Loose.....	\$ 228.00
Building and Maintenance	\$ 170.00

Ordination to the Priesthood – Diocese of Hamilton:

This Saturday, August 15, 2020, the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady, four men will be ordained to the Priesthood, for the Diocese of Hamilton, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Please pray for the soon to be Reverend Fathers – Deacon Paul Edmondstone, Deacon Pawel Stankiewicz, Deacon Hayden Starczala, and Deacon Francisco Sordo, May God bless each of them and their priestly ministry.

Vocations - Pray the Rosary with Cardinal Collins:

The last Saturday of every month, Serra International hosts a virtual global Rosary for Vocations. In this way, Serrans from all over the world come together to prayerfully support our mission. You can join too.

This month's Rosary will be led by Serra International Episcopal Adviser, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, on **August 29, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.** To join our Rosary from your computer, tablet or smartphone, go to: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/314315981> or call **1 (647) 497-9380 Access Code: 314-315-981.**

Don't miss this opportunity to pray with Serra International's wonderful and dedicated Episcopal Adviser, Cardinal Collins.

For those of you who may not be too familiar with Serra, there is a Serra Club, right here in the area, and a number in the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information about Serra, please contact Mary Helen Stroeder, President, The Serra Club of Kitchener-Waterloo at (519) 570-4375 or mhstr@rogers.com We welcome you, to join us in fostering and promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, through prayer and our work in the Church.



**Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is Your name in all the earth! Ps 8: 1**

Attention all Photographers, Wannabe Photographers and Everyone!

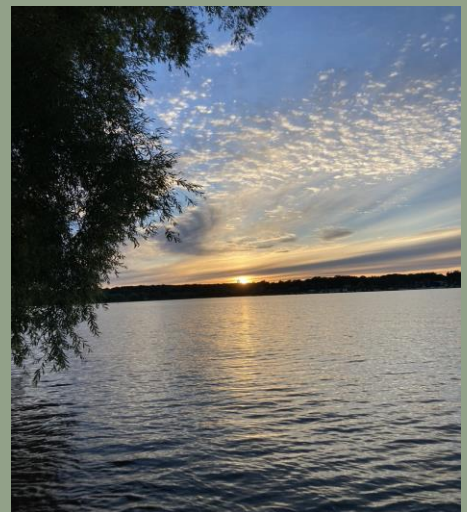
We would like to invite all of you, to submit photos (maximum of 2) you have taken during this time of isolation, due to the COVID-19 pandemic or photos you have taken on your recent vacation trips.

We will publish all the photos on the website and ask Parishioners to vote for their favourite.

The submitter of the best picture, will be awarded with a \$50 Gift Certificate. So dust off your cameras (or use your Smartphone) and start snapping! Please submit photos by: August 31, 2020.



Little Cove, Bruce Peninsula, July 2020



Owen Sound, July 2020



Stokes Bay, Northern Bruce Peninsula, July 2020

Pictures submitted by Fr. Marian Gil OMI

The Other Side of the Virus, An Opportunity to Awaken...

Yes there is panic buying.
Yes there is sickness.
Yes there is even death.

But,
They say that in Wuhan after so many years of
noise

You can hear the birds again.

They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear.

They say that in the streets of Assisi
People are singing to each other
across the empty squares,
keeping their windows open
so that those who are alone
may hear the sounds of family around them.

They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
is offering free meals and delivery to the
housebound.

Today a young woman I know
is busy spreading fliers with her number
through the neighborhood
so that the elders may have someone to call on.

Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and
Temples
are preparing to welcome
and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary.

All over the world people are slowing down and
reflecting.
All over the world people are looking at their
neighbors in a new way.

All over the world people are waking up to a new
reality

To how big we really are.
To how little control we really have.
To what really matters.
To Love.

So we pray and we remember that
Yes there is fear.

But there does not have to be hate.
Yes there is isolation.
But there does not have to be loneliness.
Yes there is panic buying.

But there does not have to be meanness.
Yes there is sickness.
But there does not have to be disease of the soul
Yes there is even death.
But there can always be a rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live
now.

Today, breathe.

Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic-
The birds are singing again
The sky is clearing,
Spring is coming,

And we are always encompassed by Love.

Open the windows of your soul
And though you may not be able
to touch across the empty square,

Sing.

Written by Fr. Richard Hendrick, OFM, March 13th 2020