

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 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

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.

Healing Mass: First Friday of each month – 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday – 7:00 p.m.

St. Teresa School

Principal: Mr. Brian Goodyear

Secretary: Mary Lavigne

519-743-2131

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel reading (Matthew 18:21-35) Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

READ: In life and death, we belong to the Lord. Hence, grudge and wrath towards others shall not have a place in us. If God shows mercy to us, we are bound to show mercy to others, as the parable of the unforgiving servant says.

PRAY: Pray for the grace of humility to accept God's mercy and share the same with others. Remember those who have hurt us and need our forgiveness. Let us ask for the grace to be reconciled.

REFLECT: Why does the servant who was forgiven a huge debt get wrathful and unforgiving towards his servant who owed him very little? The truth is, being a recipient of mercy does not always evoke gratitude and humility, but sometimes results in shame and anger, especially when one is egoistic and feels lesser before the forgiving one. We can accept mercy only when we love and respect the one who shows mercy and feel a kinship with him. Then we are ready to share mercy with others and feel kinship with them as well.

ACT: Time heals but oftentimes we let opportunities pass us by. Reach out with love and compassion in heart, forgive someone who has wronged you.

God forgives sins so that joy, not sadness, can flourish once again in one's heart.

Pope Francis

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2020

September 14 – Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
September 15 – Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.
September 16 – Ursuline Sisters (o.s.u.)
September 17 – Rev. Michael Vanderbeek, L.C.
September 18 – Rev. Todd Arsenault, L.C.
September 19 – Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.Sp.
September 20 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations

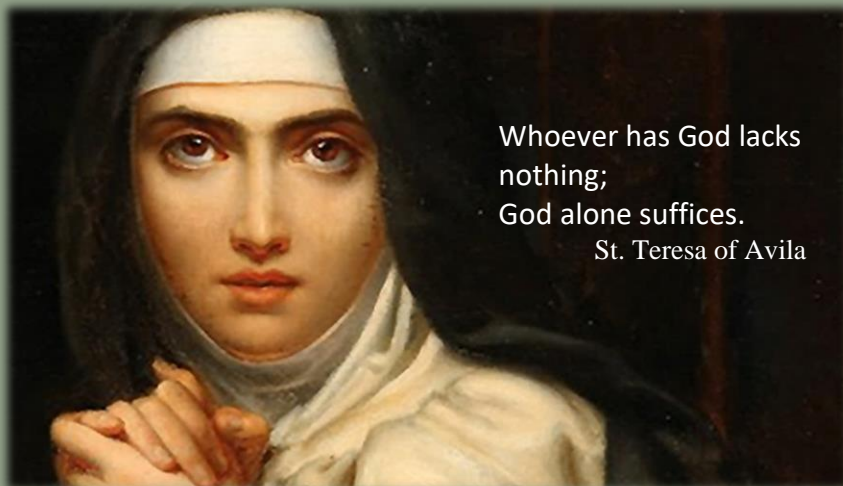
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"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Consider service as a priest.

If God is calling you, 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.



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

Liturgical Calendar:

Monday, September 14, 2020 – Feast of
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 –
Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 –
Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Mass Intentions for September 14 – September 20, 2020 will be celebrated according to 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

Live-Streaming Notice: The live-streaming of the Sunday Mass, at 10 a.m., will end on the last weekend of September.

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.

Group Mass Intentions – In order to assist in the availability of offering Masses, multiple Mass intentions will be offered on the following dates to the end of 2020: **September 22nd; October 13th & 27th; November 10th & 24th; December 8th & 22nd**. Beginning in 2021, the Mass at 7 p.m., on the First and Third Tuesday, will be available for multiple Mass intentions. Please call our Parish Office.

Mass For All Those Who Died During The COVID-19 Shutdown – On **Saturday, October 10, 2020, at 11 a.m.**, Bishop Crosby has asked that a Mass be celebrated in every parish in the Diocese, for all who died throughout the Diocese of Hamilton, during the shutdown – whether from the COVID-19 virus or any other cause. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., on October 10, 2020, here at St. Teresa of Avila Parish – there will be no 9 a.m. Mass. As a parish community, let us continue to remember and pray for those who died during this time and those who mourn.

Mass Intentions for September 14 – September 20, 2020

Tuesday, September 15 – **7 p.m.** – **Special Intentions of Fr. Marian Gil** – *Ann & Michael Onn*

Wednesday, September 16 – **8:30 a.m.** – **+Larry Wismer** – *Joan Wismer*

Thursday, September 17 – **8:30 a.m.** – **+Laura Dekker** – *Sue's Calorie Club*

Friday, September 18 – **8:30 a.m.** – **+Fred Gillard** – *Sue's Calorie Club*

Saturday, September 19 – **9 a.m.** – **Special Intention of Carl Kroeplin** – *Sandra Nakluski & Family*

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

Sunday, September 20 – **10 a.m.** – **Twenty-Fifth 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!

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.

Special Collection – Several Special Collections were missed during the COVID-19 Shutdown. In order to assist the beneficiaries of these collections, a Special Collection will be permitted throughout the Diocese of Hamilton. At our parish, this will occur on the weekend of **November 28-29, 2020**. A Special Collection Envelope will be distributed on the weekend of November 21-22, 2020. This Collection will include: Share Lent, Pope's Pastoral Works, Holy Land (Good Friday), Cura Pastorum Association, Needs of the Church in Canada and World Mission Sunday. The funds received from this Special Collection will be divided according to percentages established by the results of last year's Special Collections. We encourage you to be as generous as possible, to this collection, which will benefit so many important causes.

Stewardship Report

As a parish community, we are celebrating Mass in the church, with reduced capacity. At this time, 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.

Pre-Authorized Giving is now available for our parishioners. A digital copy of the form may be found on our website or contact the Parish Office. Last week, the Pre-Authorized Giving brochure was distributed at the Masses. For those who did not attend Mass, please take advantage of the digitalized copy included with the bulletin and message for last week, and print the form; or check with the ushers, after this weekend's Masses. This brochure will hopefully answer any questions you may have about this exciting new option for Stewardship, here at St. Teresa Parish. Completed forms can be returned to the Parish Office via the slot in the Parish Office door or can be left in the Collection Basket after the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses

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 – September 6, 2020	
Envelopes	\$ 3036.00
Loose	\$ 201.00
Initial Offering	\$ 15.00
Building and Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Sue's Calorie Club – Hall Rental ..	\$ 100.00

Pizza Fundraiser - Help support our parish during this difficult time by purchasing a **Domino's Savings Book** for \$10 and receive over \$200 in savings. To purchase yours and show your support, please call Ann Onn at 226-218-0232.

"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**.

Canada Needs Our Lady – A special campaign of the Canadian Society for the Defence of Christian Civilization. We are invited to pray the Rosary on Saturday, October 10, 2020, at 12 noon, the Saturday closest to the great miracle of the sun, at Fatima, with hundreds of thousands of Catholics throughout the world. The need for reparation grows, as in Canada, we observe all kinds of acts of terrorism. We invite you to pray for the grace of conversion for each one of us and for those who promote the culture of violence. More details will be provided as we receive them from the organizers.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

As many of you may have noticed, much work has continued to take place, to beautify our parish grounds and church, and we are very grateful to our volunteers and donors! We would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill Zister, who repainted the Sacristy wall after the roof repairs; the ladies who cleaned up the Sacristy and Sanctuary; Mr. Peter Tillich for donating the Silver Spruce, planted in the front of the church and the Hydrangeas, planted in the garden, in front of the Parish Office; and our planting crew – Jim, Isaac and Sam Weber and Don Monastyrski.

Thank you to all of you for your kindness and generosity!



Newly Ordained – Father Pawel Stankiewicz Coming to our Parish

Father Pawel Stankiewicz, a newly ordained priest, in the Diocese of Hamilton, will visit our Parish, and celebrate Mass, next weekend, **Saturday and Sunday, September 19 & 20, 2020.**

Father Pawel Stankiewicz was born to Polish immigrants, in Toronto, on January 23 1991. He is the second of four sons. The family moved to Guelph when Pawel was 7 years old. His parents kept a home that shined with faith in Christ. Evening prayers and Sunday Mass were always done together, as a family. In grade 11, Pawel felt called to join the Carthusian monks, in Vermont. During his years of undergrad, at the University of Toronto, Pawel discerned that God wanted him to be a diocesan priest. After completing a Bachelor of Science in 2013, he joined the Diocese of Hamilton as a seminarian. After seven years of priestly formation, Pawel was ordained a priest with three others on August 15, 2020. He looks forward to serving the People of God by nurturing faith, hope, and love that come to us from our Lord.

Following Mass, Father Pawel will give individual blessings, to those who would like to be blessed by a newly ordained priest.

We are very happy to welcome Father to our parish, and are grateful for his vocation and vocations in the Diocese of Hamilton. Father's visit, helps to be ever mindful of the need to pray for vocations and the grace necessary for those being called, to respond – "Here I am, Lord".



Thank you to our campaign volunteers

St. Teresa of Avila Parish is so grateful for parishioners who are working on preparations for the *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign, which kicks off here in two weeks. With their help and yours, we believe the campaign will strengthen our parish in important ways and help build a culture of stewardship.

Q. What changes are being made to the campaign process because of the current situation?

A. The options for parish projects that utilize campaign funds are even wider now and can include efforts to stabilize operating budgets. Pastors and parish leaders are encouraged to further review request amounts and their use to be sensitive to parishioners' changing situations. Also, options have been expanded on how and whether personal visits are conducted. Face-to-face meetings have been an important piece of the campaign, but safety is paramount, and a number of alternatives, such as phone calls, will be utilized so that every parishioner's situation is handled safely, sensitively and appropriately.

Q. Won't giving now make it harder for a lot of parishioners?

A. The campaign is founded on stewardship, our belief that we give back in gratitude a portion of what we've been given by God. Stewardship isn't just for the good times in life, when we can give easily; it's for all times, including the bad. We may adjust how much we give, or to whom we give, but we continue to give – in gratitude for and in proportion to what we've been given. A truly sacrificial gift demonstrates our trust that God will provide what we need, though not necessarily what we want. Stewardship isn't what KEEPS us from getting through the tough parts of life; it's what HELPS us get through them.