

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel reading (Mt 20:1-16) there is the parable of the day labourers in the vineyard, which Jesus recounts in order to explain two aspects of the Kingdom of God: the first is that God wants to call everyone to work for His Kingdom; the second is that, in the end, He wants to give everyone the same reward, that is, salvation, eternal life. The owner of the vineyard who represents God, goes out at dawn and hires a group of workers, agreeing with them on the day's wages. It was a fair wage. Then he goes out again later in the day — he goes out five times on that day — until the late afternoon to hire other unemployed labourers whom he sees. At the end of the day, the landowner orders that a denarius be paid to everyone, even to those who had only worked for a few hours. Naturally, the labourers who were hired first complain because they see that they are paid as much as those who worked for fewer hours.

In reality, this “injustice” of the owner serves to provoke deeper reflection in those listening to the parable. Jesus does not want to speak here about the issue of work or of a fair wage, but about the Kingdom of God! And this is the message: **there are no unemployed people in the Kingdom of God.** Everyone is called to do their part; and there will be a reward from divine justice for everyone in the end — not from human justice, luckily! —, but the salvation that **Jesus Christ acquired for us with His death and Resurrection, a salvation which is not deserved, but donated** — salvation is free — thus, “the last will be the first and the first last”.

(Excerpts from Pope Francis, Wednesday Audience 2017)

READ: This parable is not a popular one. Notice that it has several endings, as if the author did not know how to deal with this teaching of Jesus. Pay attention to all the characters and their reactions.

REFLECT: Why is it difficult to rejoice in the great fortune of another? People get jealous when they think someone has something that belongs to them—or even when they simply want what another has. What is your reaction to this parable?

PRAY: You can always find someone who has more than you and others who have less. In your prayer, ask to avoid envy. Jealousy destroys relationships. Pray to avoid it at all costs; and remember that life can be unfair. Pray for a heart that delights in the well-being of the other.

ACT: When something good happens to another, join in the celebration and try to move beyond self-centeredness. Make an act of genuine appreciation and delight in the blessings received by someone in your circle of friends.

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2020

September 21 – Rev. Francis Hubilla
September 22 – Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma
September 23 – Diaconate Formation Candidates
September 24 – Rev. James McSharry
September 25 – Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei.
September 26 – Rev. Christopher Tracey
September 27 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations

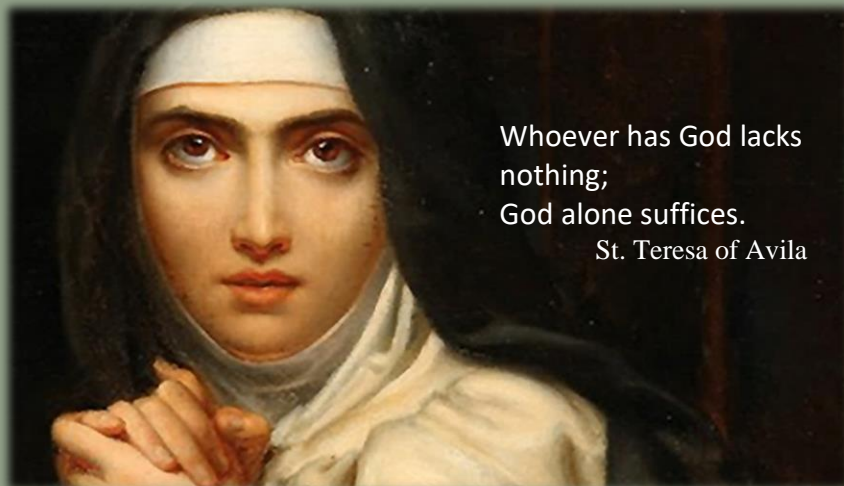
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“Seek the Lord while He may be found...” While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest?

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 21, 2020 – Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Wednesday, September 23, 2020 – Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padre Pio)

Saturday, September 26, 2020 – Feast of Saint John de Brébeuf and Saint Isaac Joques and Companions

Mass Intentions for September 21 – September 27, 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.

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Tuesday, September 22 – **7 p.m.** – +**Stephen Altman** – *Sandra Nakluski*

Wednesday, September 23 – **8:30 a.m.** – +**John Daly** – *Bill & Leah Zister*

Thursday, September 24 – **8:30 a.m.** – +**Jim Musselman** – *Sue's Calorie Club*

Friday, September 25 – **8:30 a.m.** – +**Charlie & Lennie Hoffarth** – *Ann Snyder & Family*

Saturday, September 26 – **9 a.m.** –

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

Sunday, September 27 – **10 a.m.** – **Twenty-Sixth 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 under Bulletins for 2020 (August). Simply print the form and complete it. For those unable to print the digital copy, please contact the Parish Office. 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 13, 2020

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 4064.24
Building and Maintenance	\$ 20.00

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 – Come and pray with us during the 103rd Anniversary of Our Blessed Mother's apparitions in Fatima, asking her to intervene on our behalf, to Her Son, so that He may help Canada and the rest of the world in these times of great trial. Over 700 Public Square Rallies in Canada are planned for that day. In Kitchener, the Public Square Rosary Rally will take place on **Saturday, October 10, 2020, 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., at Victoria Park Clock Tower field** (near Joseph Street). Social distancing rules will be observed. Limit of 100 participants. You **must register** by sending an e-mail to kwrosaryrally@gmail.com. For more information regarding Canada Needs Our Lady: www.canadaneedsourlady.org



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We are currently accepting applications for the following opportunities:

- Lunch Hour Supervisors

Please visit our website for job details and application criteria: www.wcdsb.ca



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HAVE YOU OR YOUR FAMILY BEEN TO CAMP BRÉBEUF?

Like so many people we have been effected by the pandemic and need your help.

Ways to help:

- Come camp out in one of our cabins with your family
- Plan a family day at camp
- Follow and share our posts on social media
- Join us for outdoor events
- Visit our website for more information

Website: www.campbrebeuf.ca

Twitter: [@CampBrebeuf](https://twitter.com/CampBrebeuf)

Facebook & Instagram: [@c.y.o.campbrebeuf](https://www.facebook.com/c.y.o.campbrebeuf)

Since 1941 Camp Brébeuf has been making memories for children, youth, and adults. We need your help so we can be here for our 80th summer.

**Newly Ordained – Father Pawel Stankiewicz
at our Parish this weekend**

Father Pawel Stankiewicz, a newly ordained priest, in the Diocese of Hamilton, will be with us this weekend to celebrate Mass, **Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m.**

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 us 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".



Are you ready for kickoff?

The *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign kickoff is just a week away! At next weekend's Masses, Father will speak about the campaign, and we'll show the beautiful campaign video. You'll hear more about our projects.

Can our parish use the campaign funds to address operating budget problems?

Yes. This applies to all parishes in coming waves that designate the funds for that purpose. Parishes that have already completed the campaign can use their funds only for the projects for which the money was raised. Those parishes' challenges are not being ignored, however. The Diocese has created a separate fund to help parishes with significant operating budget needs created because of the shutdown.

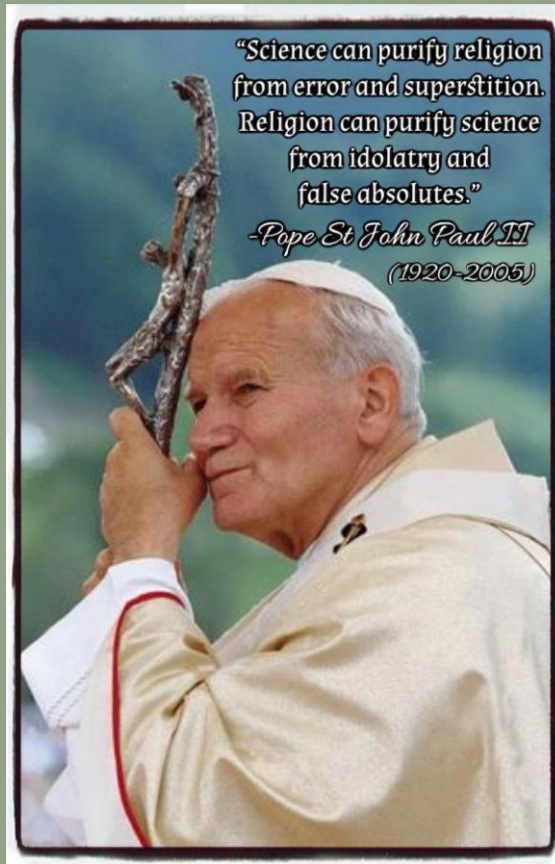
Why do you emphasize making a pledge?

Pledges allow donors to consider giving more than is possible through one-time gifts. Parishioners are able to be more generous to their parishes' campaign and the Diocese through incremental giving over time. Also, pledging is not as big a strain on household budgets. This is important in a campaign of this magnitude.

**The relics of St. John Paul II & St. Faustina Kowalska
will visit St. Teresa of Avila Parish
October 9 - 16, 2020**



May 18, 2020 marked the 100th anniversary of the birth of St. John Paul II. His life and ministry inspired millions of people. We remember him as a man of deep faith and a tireless advocate for justice and dignity of every human being, he has been often described as “the conscience of the world.”



During this special year we have an opportunity to deepen our knowledge about St. John Paul II and his teaching. More resources will be available in our next publication.

Following daily Mass, we will have a short devotion & an opportunity for veneration of the relics. The relics are accompanied by a beautiful Triptych, which contains three icons - Our Lady of Jasna Góra (Black Madonna), St. John Paul II and St. Faustina.

Through the intercession of St. John Paul II we will pray for many graces and blessings upon the Church, our country, parish, and our families. Through the peregrination of the Triptych and following the example of St. John Paul II, we would like to entrust to the Mother of God, ourselves, our families, all parishes, the Church, and the entire world, which needs God's Mercy more than ever before.