

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate  
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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday – 7:00 p.m.

### St. Teresa School

Principal: Mr. Brian Goodyear

Secretary: Mary Lavigne

519-743-2131

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The parable of today's Gospel (Mt 21:28-32) depicts three characters: a father and two sons.

Jesus' hearers sensed immediately that the father represents God, but they are surprised by the fact that he has two sons. The Son of God is only one, Israel; through the prophet Hosea, the Lord said: "Out of Egypt I called my son" (Hos 11:1) and to the Pharaoh, he said: "Israel is my firstborn son" (Ex 4:22). To hear about the two sons of God is disconcerting for an Israelite, but it is only the beginning, the continuation of the parable is even more provocative.

At the invitation of his father to go to work in the vineyard, the firstborn zealously and readily answered: Yes, but then he did not go. He simply changed his mind to 'no', even when he had said 'yes'; he was not at all in accord with the program of his father. He had only spoken empty words.

The provocations of the parable are not over. The father turned to the second son the request to go to work in the vineyard and the answer was: "I don't want to." But then, overcame with remorse, he went (v. 30).

The conclusion of the parable (vv. 31b-32) contains what is perhaps the most provocative statement of Jesus: "The tax collectors and the prostitutes are ahead of you in the Kingdom of God." The verb is in the present; it is a fact: the public sinners who have no religious screen to hide themselves, those who cannot pretend because their condition is obvious to everyone, even to themselves, are at an advantage compared to those who consider themselves righteous.

Lip service of God will not merit heaven. Nominal Christians are not working in the Lord's vineyard.

### Taking it Home:

How have you responded to God's invitation to work in His vineyard? Jesus died for us so we can live for Him. Do your actions reflect the life of a worker in His kingdom? Reflect on how you can better say "yes" to God's invitation. What do you need to repent of in order to better serve Him? God is merciful and is willing to forgive you and offer you a second chance. Even if you have been saying "no" to God, it's not too late to change that "no" to a "yes".

## Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2020

September 28 – Rev. Mark Morley  
September 29 – Rev. George Nowak, C.R.  
September 30 – Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate (S.O.L.I.)  
October 1 – Rev. Ireneusz Koziak, S.A.C.  
October 2 – Rev. William Trusz  
October 3 – Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo  
October 4 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Vocations

### Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 27, 2020

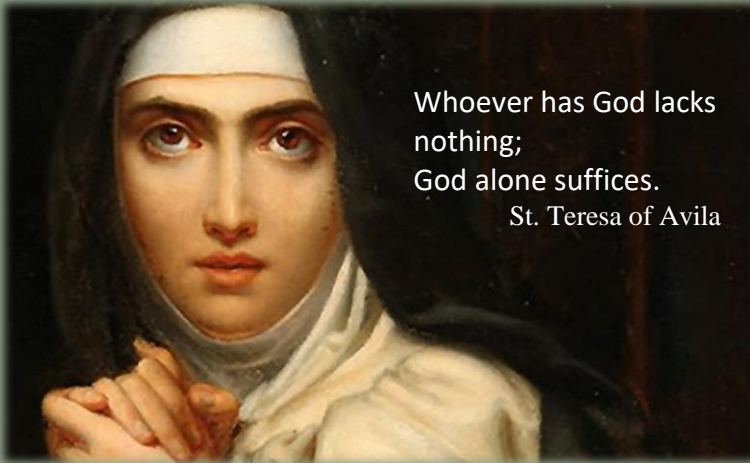
The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? Consider ministry as a priest. Are you being invited?

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

**Liturgical Calendar:**

**Tuesday, September 29, 2020** – Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

**Wednesday, September 30, 2020** – Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

**October 1, 2020** – Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

**October 2, 2020** – First Friday – Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels

**October 3, 2020** – First Saturday

**Mass Intentions for September 28 – October 4, 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: **October 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>; November 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>; December 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**. 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 28 – October 4, 2020**

Tuesday, September 29– **7 p.m.** – **+John Daly** – *Mary Helen & Hugh Stroeder*

Wednesday, September 30 – **8:30 a.m.** – **+Stephen Altman** – *Rosemary Mussar*

Thursday, October 1 – **8:30 a.m.** –

Friday, October 2 – **8:30 a.m.** –

Saturday, October 3 – **9 a.m.** – **+Charles & Pauline Nolan** – *Mary Alice & Bill Zister*

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

Sunday, October 4 – **10 a.m.** – **Twenty-Seventh 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](http://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.

We would like to thank those who have responded to this program. In order for Pre-Authorized Giving to work effectively in our parish, we will need a certain number of parishioners to sign up for this program. At the present time, we are not yet ready to activate the program and will advise parishioners of a start date as soon as this becomes available.

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 20, 2020**

Envelopes .....	\$ 2037.00
Loose .....	\$ 97.00
Building and Maintenance .....	\$ 55.00
Needs of the Canadian Church ...	\$ 5.00



**ROSARY – Month of October** – This coming week we will begin the month of October, a month in which we have a wonderful tradition in the Catholic Church, here and around the world in praying the Rosary. We invite families to pray one decade of the Rosary, at home, each day and if you are available, to join us in praying the Rosary, 30 minutes before each Mass.

If you or your organization would like to lead the Rosary, on a particular day, please call the Parish Office. During this time of pandemic and in the challenges that we face as a society and entire world, we need this prayer now, more than ever. As we join together in prayer, we will also pray for the success of our One Heart One Soul Campaign – that we build a strong and vibrant parish community.

**“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](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or call **519-589-2919**.

**ROSARY RALLY - 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, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. (Please note this is a time change)** 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](mailto:kwrosaryrally@gmail.com). Canada Needs Our Lady: [www.canadaneedsourlady.org](http://www.canadaneedsourlady.org)



**Heartache to Healing** – St. Michael Parish Grief Support Group – Our 6 week grief support group will be offered this Fall. The program is designed to assist people after the death of a loved one, or a significant loss. This program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. The sessions will be held on **Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. (Oct. 22 to Nov. 26)**. Everyone is

welcome. There is no fee, but you must register by **October 12<sup>th</sup>**. Due to Covid-19 protocol and restrictions we have limited seats available. Visit our website for more information at [www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support](http://www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support). To register, or for more information, please contact the St. Michael parish office 519-884-9311, or email [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca).

**The Gathering** – Do you believe in the power of prayer? Does your heart ache for the unborn and those considering abortion? Join us at The Gathering as we pray over the issue of abortion and euthanasia, for the unborn, and for our Nation’s leaders. Let’s refocus on the power of prayer to change our culture.

**Date:** Saturday, October 3rd, 2020      **Time:** 9:30-10:30 am

**Location:** St. George’s 4691 Palladium Way, Burlington or participate from home via Zoom (registration required)

**Please visit us online for COVID related restrictions.**

[haltonalive.ca/thegathering](http://haltonalive.ca/thegathering) or contact Tawnya Stanus at (905) 632-3232

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



## ONE HEART, ONE SOUL - Our Parish Capital Campaign:

### KICKOFF WEEKEND (SEPT. 26-27)

- *Fr. Gil will speak* about the campaign at both Masses  
<https://www.oneheartonesoul.ca/stteresakitchener>
- The *campaign video* will be shown; if you miss it, you can view it at  
[www.oneheartonesoul.ca/watch](http://www.oneheartonesoul.ca/watch).

### AFTER KICKOFF WEEKEND

- *A campaign packet* will be mailed to all parish families and should reach your home shortly after Kickoff Weekend. The packet will contain a case statement detailing the campaign; an insert explaining the parish projects; a letter from Bishop Crosby and Fr. Gil that includes a request to make a pledge; a pledge form; and a return envelope.
- *Campaign volunteers* – our friends and neighbours – will be contacting our active parish families to set up a time to talk about the campaign. The volunteers will offer to answer questions and to help complete pledge cards (all done over the phone). *Please take them up on their offer!*

### WHAT'S THIS CAMPAIGN ALL ABOUT?

Please visit these links to learn more about this campaign:

One Heart, One Soul Our Parish Capital Campaign: <https://www.oneheartonesoul.ca/stteresakitchener>

Capital Campaign Prayer: <https://www.oneheartonesoul.ca/prayer>

One heart One Soul Capital Campaign Video: <https://www.oneheartonesoul.ca>

Do you have any questions about this campaign? Please follow this link:  
<https://www.oneheartonesoul.ca/faq>

Campaign Newsletter: <https://www.oneheartonesoul.ca>



**This weekend, we are of One Heart and One Soul!**

It's Kickoff Weekend! The *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign is being featured at the Masses, and you soon will receive a mailing that offers much more information on the parish's projects, the diocesan ministries that benefit and how each parish will be helping other parishes in the diocese. Be watching for the mailing, and if you hear from a fellow parishioner about the campaign, please welcome their call!

**Q. How can I make a gift or pledge to the campaign?**

A. There will be a number of ways to make a gift or make payments on your pledge to the campaign, including:

- Setting up a pre-authorized gift (automatic withdrawal) from a chequing account
- Setting up a recurring credit card payment
- Paying by cash or cheque through the mail
- Making a stock or securities transfer

**Q. Are cash pledges the only kind of gifts?**

A. Because many of the needs of the campaign will require immediate funding, gifts of cash and appreciated securities are generally sought. But trust and estate gifts are welcomed. Donors considering a planned gift should contact the diocesan development director, Francis Doyle, at 905-528-7988 to discuss the options available.

**Q. Will we get reminders about our pledges during the three years of the campaign?**

A. Yes, regular giving updates and reminders will be sent through the Diocese.



**ONE HEART, ONE SOUL  
CAMPAIGN PRAYER**

**ALL:** Almighty and eternal God,  
you alone are the source of every good gift.  
We thank you for the blessings you pour out on us,  
signs of your infinite goodness, given freely out of love.  
Continue to form each of us into faithful stewards  
of your abundant blessings.  
Help us to cultivate our gifts with care and love,  
to share them generously with those in need,  
and to return them with increase to you,  
our heavenly Father.

**LEADER:** As you renew all things in Christ,  
grant to our parishes and Diocese  
a fresh outpouring of your Holy Spirit.  
May this community of faith  
be of one heart and soul  
as we work together in your name.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**ALL:** Amen.

**LEADER:** Our Lady of the Annunciation,

**ALL:** Pray for us!