

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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

September 6, 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.

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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

We must remember that God is a loving God who is willing to forgive, but He has rules and formats that are for our good. The passage tells us that God, through Jesus Christ, gave the Church the authority to forgive sins of those who repent. The outward sign of our sincerity is our "going" to Confession. The outward sign of God's forgiveness is the absolution given to us, by the priest. The last part of the gospel reading is about prayer, which brings us back to our comment about the most dangerous prayer. Do you know what that prayer is? How often do you say amidst your prayers, "... **and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**" God is always ready to forgive us, but do we really want Him to forgive us ONLY as much as we forgive someone else in our life?

READ: We are mandated to love our neighbors. Jesus talks of the need to be committed to the spiritual well-being of our brothers and sisters.

REFLECT: We are responsible for each other. We are accountable for the good and evil that everyone does.

PRAY: To be responsible for others is to take care and develop them. Let us ask for the grace to be more caring and compassionate. Let us pray for some persons who need conversion of heart.

ACT: Show real care for someone today rather than simply saying that we do. Identify a person who needs gentle correction, and do it respectfully and lovingly.

*The Lord never tires of forgiving, it is we who
tire of asking for forgiveness.*

Pope Francis

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2020

September 7 – Rev. Maria Alphonse,
C.R.S.P.

September 8 – Rev. Louis Lenssen,
C.R.S.P.

September 9 – Immaculate Heart of
Mary Mother of Christ (I.H.M.M.C.)

September 10 – Rev. Ranjan D'Sa,
O.C.D.

September 11 – Rev. Joseph Akanbi

September 12 – Rev. Allen Varlaki

September 13 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Vocations

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 6, 2020

"For where two or three are gathered in
my name, I am there among them."
The community that gathers needs
leadership; consider the priesthood.

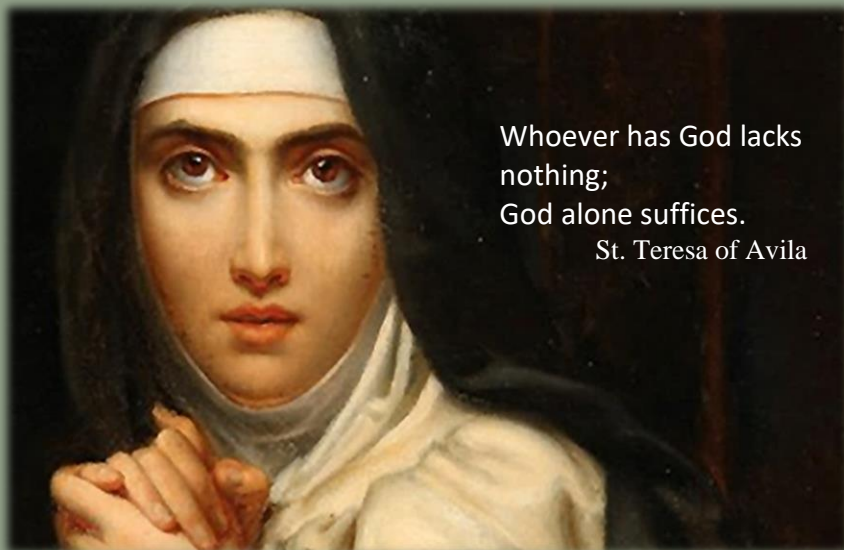
Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation
Director, Diocese of Hamilton at
905-528-7988.

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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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 8, 2020 – Feast of
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, September 12, 2020 –
Optional Memorial of The Most Holy
Name of Mary

Mass Intentions for September 7 – September 13, 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. 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 8th & 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 if you would like to request a Mass.

Mass Intentions for September 7 – September 13, 2020

Tuesday, September 8 – **7 p.m.** – **Living and Deceased of CWL** – *CWL*

Wednesday, September 9 – **8:30 a.m.** – **+David Tschirhart** – *Joan Wismer*

Thursday, September 10 – **8:30 a.m.** – **+Nick Migaszewski** – *Elizabeth Heydel-Quintanilla*

Friday, September 11 – **8:30 a.m.** – **+Emilia Clark** – *Betty & Ken*

Saturday, September 12 – **9 a.m.** – **+Stephen Altman** – *Helene Meier*

5 p.m. – **+Leota Miller** – *Miller Family*

Sunday, September 13 – **10 a.m.** – **Twenty-Fourth 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.

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.

“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 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 – August 30, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 1155.00
Loose	\$ 70.00
Building and Maintenance	\$ 70.00

**HEALING MASS – FIRST FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 4, 2020
St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Kitchener**

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.
Confession will be available.
Mass at 7 p.m.

Please Note: We will adhere to all COVID-19 protocols and guidelines.

**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 on Saturday and Sunday, September 19 & 20, 2020.

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".

A New School Year -

As we head into the twilight of Summer sunshine and into colourful Fall, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all the teachers and students heading back to school (whether it be online or in a classroom) a safe and blessed year.

Parish Office Closed - Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2020 for Labour Day and reopen on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 9 a.m.

Have a safe and enjoyable Labour Day Weekend!

**One Heart, One Soul Campaign comes to St. Teresa of Avila Parish**

The Diocese of Hamilton's *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign has raised more than \$15 million so far, with most of it benefiting parishes and the projects of their choosing. Our parish will kick off its participation in the campaign on **Sept. 26-27**. For the next few weeks, we'll feature Frequently Asked Questions about the campaign, beginning with questions related to COVID-19. For the full list of FAQs and much more about the campaign, visit www.oneheartonesoul.ca.

Q. Why are we doing the campaign? With the virus, shouldn't we be focused on other priorities?

A. From the beginning, this campaign has been primarily about strengthening our parishes. Because of the pandemic, our parishes have even greater needs than when we started. Because the campaign is in place, we are in a better position than almost any diocese in North America to help our parishes recover from the blows suffered from COVID-19. The campaign offers parishes the opportunity to better fulfill their missions. There is no greater priority than that.

Q. How can we ask for money from people who lost their job or are otherwise hurting financially because of the virus?

A. We certainly are very sensitive to the struggles parishioners are facing, whether related to the virus or not. That's why we work with pastors and leaders at parishes to set and review request amounts. That process will be even more important throughout the rest of the campaign. It is not foolproof, though. Pastors do not know every parishioner's situation. But there is never an intention to be insensitive to a parishioner's suffering. Meanwhile, some parishioners are in a position to give now, and they want to help. The campaign gives them the opportunity to help and the confidence of knowing how the money will be used. Be assured that only those who are able to give are expected to do so, and ultimately the decision is between the donor and the Lord.