

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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Solemnity of All Saints

November 1, 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:

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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

Solemnity of All Saints

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints.

In the Orthodox temples the saints who are in heaven are painted along the walls at eye level, standing, as the resurrected ones mentioned by the seer of the Revelation (Rev 7:9). It is the way in which one wants to remind all participants in the celebration that the saints in heaven, although they may be contemplated only with the eyes of faith, they continue to live alongside the saints of the earth. They are part of the community called to give thanks to the Lord.

Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness. What does Jesus mean when He uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favoured." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

All Saints' Day origin and purpose

All Saints' Day — also known as All Hallows' Day, Halloween, or Feast of All Saints — commemorates all the saints of the Church. It is celebrated on November 1st in the Western churches, and on the first Sunday after Pentecost in the Eastern churches. **In Roman Catholicism, November 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation, in many countries: in those countries, all Catholics are required to attend Mass, on that day. Last, but not the least, All Saints' Day is a feast of hope.** The origin of All Saints' Day cannot be traced exactly, and it has been observed on various days in different places over the centuries. However, the event has been officially established in 835 by Pope Gregory IV, the one who ordered its general observance on November 1st.

"Saints have fought to take away the stains and darkness of sin, so as to let the gentle light of God pass through [...], this is the purpose of life, even for us."

Pope Francis

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2020

November 2 – The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

November 3 – Rev. David Mowat, C.R.

November 4 – Chaplains

November 5 – Rev. Jim Valk, C.R.

November 6 – Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.

November 7 – Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.

November 8 – Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations

Solemnity of All Saints November 1, 2020

"The greatest among you will be your servant." Have you ever considered a life of 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

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: **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.

November 1, 2019 All Saints Day – please join us for Mass at 10:00 a.m. During this Mass we will have a presentation called: **“Saints by Our Side”**. We will also pray for the grace of healing and the sanctification of our daily life. **Bring your children and/or grandchildren** and join our parish family to learn about the saints and

celebrate them as models of love and faith. Grow in your understanding of the Communion of Saints— those in heaven and those on their way to heaven. Learn about your patron saint and memorize your favorite quote.

The Saints Are Models of Holiness - The Church honors people like Mary and the saints because they responded to God’s grace working within them, so they were able to do amazing things and inspire people to know and to serve God more deeply. Why do you think the Church wants us to know about the saints? (The saints can inspire us and provide good examples of how to follow Jesus.). The Church gives them the official title of “saint” to let us know that these are people who show us how to live as Christians. Saints are people whom you and I can turn to for inspiration, advice, and help in our everyday lives.

All Souls’ Day

Prayers for the Faithful Departed - Mass at 7:00 p.m. There will be envelopes available at the back of the church to take home and return by **Saturday, October 31st**. Please write the names of your loved ones to be prayed for and place your envelope into the basket, in front of the altar. **There will be Masses celebrated from November 2 – 6, in their intention.** You are also invited to light a candle in their intention and place it into the special light container in front of the altar. During this week, we will pray the Rosary for all our Faithful Departed at Mass. Please join us.

This year, we have prepared a list of the names of our Faithful Departed, who have played an essential role in building the Parish Community. We wish to include them in a special way, in prayer, as we remember all our Faithful Departed.

Mass Intentions – November 2 – November 8, 2020

Monday, November 2, 2020 – **7 p.m.**

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day)

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 – **7 p.m.**

All Souls’ Day Intentions

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 – **8:30 a.m.**

Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

All Souls’ Day Intentions

Thursday, November 5, 2020 – **8:30 a.m.**

All Souls’ Day Intentions

Friday, November 6, 2020 – **8:30 a.m.**

All Souls’ Day Intentions

Saturday, November 7, 2020

9 a.m. – +Donald, David & William Lamka - *Family*

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

Sunday, November 8, 2020 – **10 a.m.** – **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A - Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

Turn Clocks Back

Don’t forget to turn your clocks **back 1 hour** before bedtime, Saturday. Standard Time begins November 2, 2020 at 2 a.m.

FLORAL DONATION

A very special thank you to
LeeAnn and Henry Walser & Staff
 of
Henry Walser Funeral Home
 for their generous donation!

This generous gift allowed us to beautify the Sanctuary this weekend as we celebrate First Holy Communion and All Saints' Day, and as we remember our Faithful Departed in the coming days.

Thank you!

HEALING MASS – FIRST FRIDAY

November 6, 2020

St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Kitchener

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.
 The opportunity for Reconciliation is available.
 Mass at 7 p.m.

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

First Holy Communion 2020

We would like to congratulate the following children who will receive their First Holy Communion on the following dates:

November 1, 2020 – Logan Schnarr

November 15, 2020 –

Mia Nowak

William Wiens

Oliver Zenger

November 22, 2020 –

Keian Malley

Mikayla Onn

Philip Trznadel

Olivia Yamoah

November 29, 2020 –

Kaitlyn Evans

Eileen Nuhn

Jacob Schippling

PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION - On November 8, 2020 a mandatory meeting for parents of candidates receiving their First Reconciliation and Communion will take place, following the 10:00 am Mass. **Parents and candidates are requested to attend this meeting, and to bring the completed form and Baptismal Certificate.** During the meeting, an informational packet will be handed out, and a detailed program will be presented to candidates and their parents. The meeting will last approximately 30 minutes and will take place in our Parish Centre. To assist with your advance planning, our parish celebrations will occur on the following dates:

- **First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 7:00 pm**
- **First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 9, 2021 at 10:00 am**

Welcome Home! – Guidelines to attending Mass

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. Please visit the parish website: www.stteresakit.ca for more details. You are required to wear masks/shields, while in the church. We ask that you follow these guidelines to provide for the well-being and safety of all. **Please also see Bishop Crosby's up-dated letter to Parishioners, on our parish website.**

Parish Records/New Parishioners – If you are new to the parish – Welcome! Please call the office and we would be pleased to forward a Parish Registration form to you. If you are a parishioner, it would be greatly appreciated if you could notify the office of any changes.

Parking – As of late, we have noticed a number of vehicles parking on the centre sidewalk leading up to the front centre doors of the church. We would ask that you please not leave your vehicle parked in this area. Thank you for your assistance.

Items at the back of the church – During this time of pandemic, we kindly ask Parishioners not to leave any food/items at the back of the church, in order to keep everyone safe and avoid any consequent challenges.

Message from St. Jerome's University – Are you a student looking at university or a parent wanting to help guide your student to choose a university that lives the values of the gospel? We know you belong here.

St. Jerome's University (SJU) is a small, Catholic, liberal arts university federated with the University of Waterloo (UW) and located right at its heart. Think of us as a "neighbourhood within a city" – we are just a few steps across the creek from main campus UW; truly, the best of both worlds! We are a tight-knit residence and academic community with alumni and partners around the world, and no matter how you come to be connected with us, you are a part of SJU.

And since we can't bring you to SJU because of the pandemic, we're bringing SJU to you! Explore our campus, programs, and community by connecting with us live and virtually at www.sju.ca/connect-with-us

Wednesday Knight Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner - Waterloo Knights of Columbus, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. Takeout dinner for 2 - \$18.50. Please call Martin, at 519-884-2060. Pick-ups, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

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 – October 25, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 2067.00
Loose	\$ 37.25
Building and Maintenance	\$ 180.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 45.00
Needs of Canadian Church	\$ 25.00
Christmas	\$ 10.00



GOD BLESS OUR CAMPAIGN, AND OUR PARISH

By now, you should have received your *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign packet in the mail. If you have any questions once you've read the material, or have not received the packet, feel free to contact the Parish Office at 519-743-4525. We ask you to continue to pray for the success of the campaign, and we will be grateful for any gift you can make! For more information about our Campaign, visit the following links:

<https://www.oneheartonesoul.ca/stteresakitchener>

<https://www.oneheartonesoul.ca/faq>

<http://stteresakit.ca/>

Progress of our Campaign

- ❖ Our goal - \$130,000.00
- ❖ Up to this week, 47 families have sent their pledges in, for a total of \$101,896.00
- ❖ This is 79 percent of your goal
- ❖ It is 29 percent participation, of our parish family.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” St. Paul 2 Cor 9:7

Thank you to all of you who have sent in your pledges and made your commitment to this Campaign whether it be through your financial donation or through prayer and sacrificial offerings. We are doing great! Your kind support will enable us to address not only the material but, also the spiritual needs of our community. We all want to see this parish strong and vibrant.

Let's keep the spirit alive and moving!





**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!