

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 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

St. Teresa School
Principal: Mr. Brian Goodyear
Secretary: Mary Lavigne
519-743-2131

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.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel, read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick Him into saying something that might get Him arrested.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: **love God and love your neighbor**. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from His Jewish community. Indeed, these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to His questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. **Loving God means not subtracting something from any one in order to give it to God.** The pagan gods were the ones who had created people to be served by them through offerings, sacrifices, and prostrations. **The God of Jesus has never asked anything for Himself.** He puts Himself at the service of people, even to bending down to wash his feet and asks us to do the same.

READ: The religious authorities in Jesus' time took turns trying to test and trap Jesus so as to dispose of Him. This time, they ask Him a religious question regarding the law that has political implications which they might use against Him. But Jesus answered them with a principle that is equally valid, be it in the religious or civil sphere. The Law of Love is the foundation of divine and human laws.

PRAY: Love and justice should mark all our actions. Let us pray for wisdom and prudence to balance both.

REFLECT: Jesus sticks to the truth no matter what. It may offend the religious and civil authorities, but the truth can withstand any form of scrutiny. The more the opponents of Jesus waylay Him with traps, the more He unmasks their hypocrisy by the truth that He brings. No wonder they had to kill Him. In this world, the truth will always and forever be lonely.

ACT: A cowardly or an indifferent life is hardly a life worth living. Today, let us decide to make a stand for the truth and act on it accordingly. Let us commit to stop even the little injustices that are done to others

**Diocese of Hamilton
Prayer Calendar 2020**

October 26 – Rev. Frank Freitas
 October 27 – Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.
 October 28 – Felician Franciscan Sisters (C.S.S.F.)
 October 29 – Rev. Chester Chmurzynski, C.R.
 October 30 – Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R.
 October 31 – Rev. Patrick McKelvie, C.R.
 November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints

Vocations**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary
Time – October 25, 2020**

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind.” Live in that love in the priesthood. 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: **October 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.

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.

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**

Mass Intentions – October 27 – November 1, 2020

Tuesday, October 27 – **7 p.m.** – **Intention of Katrina Richackson** – *Cathy Reis & McDonald Family*

Wednesday, October 28 – **8:30 a.m.**
Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
+**Linda Charlton** – *Lee Binkle*

Thursday, October 29 – **8:30 a.m.**
+**Perpetua Corpin** – *Corazon Reyes*

Friday, October 30 – **8:30 a.m.**
+**Mr. & Mrs. William Hoffarth** – *Ann Snyder & Family*

Saturday, October 31
9 a.m. – +**Dodie Bronson** – *Helene Meier*
5 p.m. – +**Ludwig Ceh** – *Theresa Ceh & Family*

Sunday, November 1 – **10 a.m.** – **Solemnity of All Saints**

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 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.

“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. There are a number of hours still available.

Struggling After an Abortion? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, and find hope and healing. **Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.**

Friday Knight Fish Fry – Waterloo Knights of Columbus, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. Please call Derek, at 226-748-8378. Orders must be placed by 4:15 p.m. Pick-ups start at 4:30 p.m. and end at 5:55 p.m.

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 18, 2020	
Envelopes	\$ 2587.00
Loose	\$ 99.00
Building and Maintenance	\$ 120.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 190.00
Funeral – John Diebold	\$ 150.00



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>

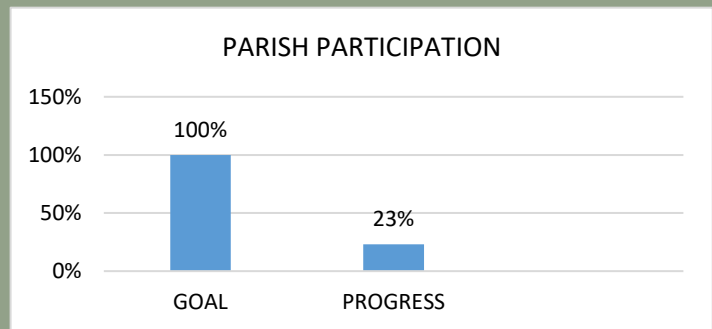
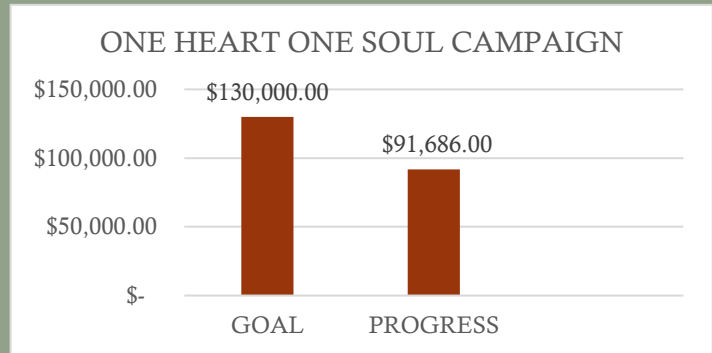
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Progress of our Campaign

- ❖ Our goal - \$130,000.00
- ❖ Up to this week, 37 families have sent their pledges in, for a total of \$91,686. 00
- ❖ This is 71 percent of your goal
- ❖ It is 23 percent participation, of our parish family.



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! 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!