

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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

October 11, 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.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Today's Gospel (Mt 22:1-14) Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast. The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again, to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. **God invites us to His feast, giving us His salvation.** Yet He asks us to repent for our sins. **All are invited, but few have the courage to take the decisive step.** The majority hesitates, dithers, and slackens. They are uncertain, not entirely convinced, that inside they will find a laden table. It's faltering to give up the security that comes from what they already have. Jesus warns against the risk of losing valuable time.

Thanksgiving Day is a perfect day to share the love and companionship of family and friends at the Thanksgiving table. Many of us experience renewed hope and faith during the Thanksgiving holiday because we turn our eyes onto what is most important. What if we spent time each day in giving thanks and prayer? How could God grow in us through faith and trust if we lived a life of thanks through all seasons and not just Thanksgiving time? You are invited to say this thanksgiving prayer with your entire family as you have your meal:

O Heavenly Father:

We thank You for food and remember the hungry.

We thank You for health and remember the sick.

We thank You for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank You for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service.

That Your gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate this special time, I would like to thank you for your prayers, kindness and support! May your blessings be multiplied this year and throughout all your life. May the best things in life be yours, not only this Thanksgiving but throughout the years. Happy Thanksgiving wishes to All of you!

**Diocese of Hamilton
Prayer Calendar 2020**

October 12 – Rev. Leszek Szczygiel
October 13 – Rev. David Weise
October 14 – Chancery Staff
October 15 – +Rev. Tim Hingston
October 16 – Rev. Pablito Labado
October 17– Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.
October 18 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time – October 11, 2020**

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him 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

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 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.

ROSARY – Month of October – We invite families to pray at least 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.

Minister of the Word Workshop: In light of COVID-19, the Liturgy Office will replace the one-day workshop with a virtual (on-line) workshop in a series of three Monday evenings, to be held October 19th, 26th and November 2nd, from 7 to 9 pm with a thirty-minute break. Participants are asked to attend all three workshops. For more information and to register, please ask interested Ministers of the Word to contact Deacon John Moss at the Liturgy Office. jmoss@hamiltondiocese.com More information to follow.

Thank you to Brenda and Don Monastyrski for preparing the beautiful Thanksgiving decor in the church!

Parish Feast Celebrations – As we approach our parish Feast of St. Teresa of Avila, which falls on October 15th, we would encourage all our parishioners to continue to pray the Novena through the intercession of our Patroness, which began October 6, 2020 following morning Mass. This parish feast coincides with the 65th Anniversary of the establishment of our parish community by Bishop Joseph F. Ryan. Our major celebration will take place on **Sunday, October 17, 2020 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.**

*St. Teresa of Jesus,
wholehearted servant of love,
teach us to walk with determined fidelity along
the path of interior prayer, attentive to the presence of the Blessed Trinity, God dwelling deep within us.
Share with us your intense apostolic love for the Church. May Jesus be our joy,
our hope and our energy, an unquenchable Fountain and our most intimate Friend. Teach us to make
your prayer our own: “I am Yours; I was born for You; What is Your will for me?” Amen.*

Mass Intentions – October 13 - 18, 2020

Tuesday, October 13 – 7 p.m.

Group Mass Intentions:

Sick & Shut-Ins of CWL – CWL

+Avis & Phil Onn – Ann & Michael Onn

+Wilma Tenbult – Ann & Michael Onn

Special Intention of Teresa Greco – Ann & Michael Onn

Wednesday, October 14 – 8:30 a.m.

+Larry Wismer – Joan Wismer

Thursday, October 15 – 8:30 a.m.

Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

+Ed Forwell – Betty Jane Forwell

Friday, October 16 – 8:30 a.m.

+Krystyna Orowski - Elizabeth

Saturday, October 17

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

9 a.m. – +Teodulo Estrada – Corazon Reyes

5 p.m. – +Carl Hergott – Barb Hergott

Sunday, October 18 – 10 a.m. – 29th Sunday, Year A

Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

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.**

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.

Facilities Manager - St. Teresa of Avila Parish, in Kitchener requires a part-time Facilities Manager (20-25 hours per week). Reporting to the Parish Pastor, this position offers a competitive rate of pay and requires a commitment to work flexible hours. Please go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/job-opportunities.php> for more details. We thank all candidates for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

St. Teresa Parish Photo Contest - Voting is open! Please use the following link to vote for your favourite photo. Deadline to vote: Oct. 11, 2020
<https://pollunit.com/polls/f4mmy3gdbbhvh42sbsfnpa>

ROSARY RALLY - Canada Needs Our Lady – Come and pray with us during the 103rd Anniversary of Our Blessed Mother's apparitions in Fatima. 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. You **must register** by sending an e-mail to kwrosaryrally@gmail.com

"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.

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.

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 4, 2020	
Envelopes	\$ 1,802.00
Loose	\$ 60.00
Building and Maintenance	\$ 170.00
Needs of the Canadian Church ...	\$ 50.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 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:

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>

One Heart One Soul Kickoff Celebration Video -

https://zoom.us/rec/share/EDIBhtzpGDqlBIGbpoAIF0un2GxO8_YdFIY_OfBixByzXPILukR7aFap99boHQYF.pykjrOFI8B5me7_i Please watch our Kickoff weekend Celebration Video, which allows all of us, especially those who did not have the chance to join us, to view it.

For updates and all the latest information, please be sure to check out our website and Facebook pages:

<http://stteresakit.ca/>

<https://www.facebook.com/stteresakit>

Thank you, again, to all of our Capital Campaign team members and volunteers



**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!