

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 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**

### Weekday Schedule

Please check inside for  
weekly schedule

### Saturday Liturgy:

9:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

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

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent. As a final attempt, he sends his son, but the workers in the vineyard hunt him out and kill him. They are convinced of being able to be masters of the field that has been entrusted to them.

All the details of the Gospel story have a symbolic meaning. The master is the Lord who has lavished so much care and expressed an immense love for His people (v. 33). The hedge is the Torah, the law that God has revealed to His people, to protect it from enemies, that is, from the proposals of senseless life that would lead it to ruin. The tenants are the chiefs, religious and political leaders, whose task is to place the people in ideal conditions to produce the fruits that the owner expects. The fruits are the works of love for the neighbor and social justice. The two groups of envoys are the prophets who, before and after the exile, were sent, always more numerous, to warn Israel to be faithful to the covenant. The time of harvest is the time of God's judgment that—this must be kept in mind—should not be understood as the “day of reckoning,” but as an intervention of salvation.

The end result of the intervention of the master is the delivery of the vineyard to other workers who will make it produce fruits. This is not about the master's annoyed reaction, but his gesture of love and salvation. Not even the rejection and murder of his son can make him an enemy of humanity. The happy news which concludes the Gospel (v. 43) is that, despite all the refusals of people, in the end, God always finds the way to achieve His purpose and to obtain the good fruit He wants.

**In Jesus' parable, He is addressing the chief priests and the elders of the people, in other words the “experts”, the managers. To them in a particular way God entrusted His “dream”, His people, for them to nurture, tend and protect from the animals of the field.**

**This is the job of leaders: to nurture the vineyard with freedom, creativity and hard work.**

**Pope Francis**

**Diocese of Hamilton  
Prayer Calendar 2020**

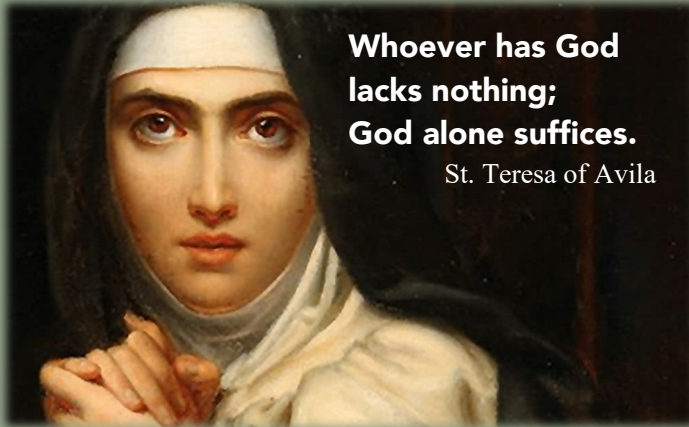
October 5 – Rev. Claude Perera, O.M.I.  
October 6 – Rev. David Reitzel  
October 7 – Salesians of St. Don Bosco (S.D.B.)  
October 8 – Rev. Patras Samuel Masih  
October 9 – Rev. David Reilander  
October 10 – Rev. Tom Moisan  
October 11 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Vocations**
**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time – October 4, 2020**

Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest? If God is calling you, 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:**

**Wednesday, October 7, 2020** – Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

**Saturday, October 10, 2020** – Diocese of Hamilton – Parish Masses for those who died during COVID-19 Shutdown (see below)

**Mass Intentions for October 5 – October 11, 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 continue for the time being. We would like to invite those who are unable to join us physically, to continue to join us online.

**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 October 5 – October 11, 2020**

Tuesday, October 6 – **7 p.m.** – +**Maria Kaminski** – *Huberte & Sigmund Kaminski*

Wednesday, October 7 – **8:30 a.m.** – +**John Forthuber** – *Helene Meier*

Thursday, October 8 – **8:30 a.m.** – +**Virginia Estrada** – *Corazon Reyes*

Friday, October 9 – **8:30 a.m.** – +**Stephen Altman** – *Family*

Saturday, October 10 – **11 a.m.** – +**For all who died in the Diocese of Hamilton during the COVID-19 Shutdown**

**5 p.m.** – +**Philip Onn, Sr.** – *Ann & Michael Onn*

Sunday, October 11 – **10 a.m.** – **Twenty-Eighth 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 20-035) 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 27, 2020

Envelopes .....	\$ 1750.00
Loose .....	\$ 109.80
Building and Maintenance .....	\$ 45.00
Needs of the Canadian Church ...	\$ 198.00

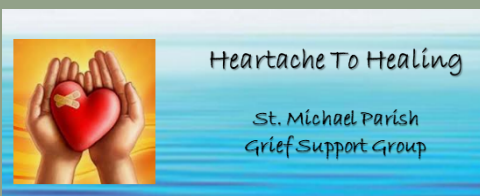


**ROSARY – Month of October** – During the month of October, we have a wonderful tradition in the Catholic Church, here and around the world, of praying the Rosary. We invite families to pray one decade of the Rosary, at home, each day, and if you are available, to join us in praying the Rosary, 30 minutes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

**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)

**"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.



**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).

**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 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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](mailto:jmoss@hamiltondiocese.com). More information to follow.

**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.**

**Experiencing Stress in Your Marriage? Thinking about Separation or Divorce?** – Is your marriage not what you hoped it would be? Are you, or a relative or friend, heading for a possible divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help marriages regain their health. The Retrouvaille program is highly successful in saving marriages and in helping them to thrive. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **Oct. 23, 2020**. Please call 905-664-5212 or email: [Teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:Teamrecine@gmail.com) or visit the website at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**Volunteers!** *A sincere thank you to those who will be helping to clean and sanitize the pews, etc. after every Mass during COVID. If you would be willing to help, please call the parish office. Thank you!!*

**Parish Feast Celebrations** – As we approach our parish Feast of St. Teresa of Avila, which falls on October 15<sup>th</sup>, we would encourage all our parishioners to take advantage of the Novena through the intercession of our Patroness, beginning October 6, 2020 following morning Mass.

This parish feast coincides with the 65<sup>th</sup> 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.

In next week's bulletin, we'll include additional materials on St. Teresa of Avila to assist us in deepening our knowledge of the Patroness of our parish.

For those of you who cannot join us for Mass, we have attached the Novena with today's message and bulletin, to allow you to pray at home.

## St. Teresa Parish Photo Contest

**Voting is now open!**

Please use the following link to vote for  
your favourite photo:

[https://pollunit.com/polls/f4mmy3gdbbhvh42sb\\_sfnpa](https://pollunit.com/polls/f4mmy3gdbbhvh42sb_sfnpa)

**Deadline to vote:** October 11, 2020



**QUALITY • INCLUSIVE • FAITH-BASED • EDUCATION**

We are currently accepting applications  
for the following opportunities:

- Lunch Hour Supervisors

Please visit our website for job details  
and application criteria: [www.wcdsb.ca](http://www.wcdsb.ca)



**C.Y.O. Camp Brébeuf**  
Adventure. Faith. Unplugged.

### HAVE YOU OR YOUR FAMILY BEEN TO CAMP BRÉBEUF?

*Like so many people we have been effected by the pandemic and need your help.*

#### Ways to help:

- Come camp out in one of our cabins with your family
- Plan a family day at camp
- Follow and share our posts on social media
- Join us for outdoor events
- Visit our website for more information

Website: [www.campbrebeuf.ca](http://www.campbrebeuf.ca)  
Twitter: @CampBrébeuf  
Facebook & Instagram: @c.y.o.campbrebeuf

Since 1941 Camp Brébeuf has been making memories  
for children, youth, and adults. We need your help so  
we can be here for our 80th summer.

**God bless our campaign, and our parish**

If you haven't already, you should be receiving your *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign packet in the mail soon. If you have any questions once you've read the material, feel free to contact the Parish Office at 519-7743-4525. We ask you to continue to pray for the success of the campaign, and we will be grateful for any gift you can make!

**Q. How do you determine the pledge amounts that families are asked to consider?**

A. Ask amounts are based on a number of factors: planning study results, families' history of parish support, input from church leadership, and the understanding that for this to be successful it will require sacrificial gifts. In other words, if the amount you are asked for is more than you anticipated, it generally means that you have been a generous supporter of your parish and/or the Diocese and is an indication of the challenge we face in reaching our goal. Through this campaign, we are asking everyone to consider supporting their parish and the Diocese in a meaningful and sacrificial way and in a manner that works well for each family. It is not our intention to offend or embarrass anyone. The amount requested is NOT an expectation. It is an invitation to participate in this project at whatever level that is sacrificial and meaningful to you and your family. We will be grateful for any support you offer.

**Q. Does a campaign commitment result in tax benefits?**

A. Gifts to the campaign are eligible for charitable tax credits that can significantly reduce the amount of tax you pay. The specific tax credit received is based on the amount of your gift and your taxable income. Donors with specific questions regarding tax benefits should contact their attorney or financial adviser.

**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>

**One Heart One Soul Kickoff Celebration Video -**

[https://zoom.us/rec/share/EDlBhtzpGDqlBIGbpoAIF0un2GxO8\\_YdFIY\\_OfBixByzXPILukR7aFap99boHQYF.pykjrOFI8B5me7\\_i](https://zoom.us/rec/share/EDlBhtzpGDqlBIGbpoAIF0un2GxO8_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>



We hope that at this point, you have received your One Heart One Soul Campaign packet, from the Diocese.

**Thank you to all of our Capital Campaign team members and volunteers!** As a reminder, our volunteers will be making calls this week and next, to most of our parishioners, assisting them with our campaign.

During the month of October, we will be praying for the success of our campaign and the spiritual renewal of our parish community. We want to assure you of our prayers and ask each one of you to pray for a spiritual rebirth of our parish, as we enter this very special time, for our community.

**Thanksgiving weekend** - We hope you will join us for Mass on the Thanksgiving weekend, as we will hear testimonials from our parishioners.

### 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!



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



During this special year we have an opportunity to deepen our knowledge about St. John Paul II and his teaching. More resources will be available in our next publication.

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.

May 18, 2020 marked the 100th anniversary of the birth of St. John Paul II. His life and ministry inspired millions of people. We remember him as a man of deep faith and a tireless advocate for justice and dignity of every human being, he has been often described as "the conscience of the world."

