

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 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.

## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week's Gospel (Mt 25:14-30) speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return. **Jesus did not intend to give a moral lesson on honesty and how to invest the money, but rather on the commitment in putting to good use the treasures that belong to everyone.**

The master entrusts his possessions to the most trusted servants. He knows their abilities, attitudes, competences, and according to these, he establishes how much to assign to each. **This gentleman is clearly Christ who, before leaving the world, handed over all His goods to His disciples.** The master gives no indication on how to manage the talents, giving a sign of full confidence in the intelligence, insight, prudence of his servants and respect for their freedom. We define what these goods are. **This is what Jesus has given to His Church: the Gospel, the message of salvation intended to transform the world and create a new humanity; His Spirit "who renews the face of the earth" (Ps 104:30), even Himself in the sacraments; and then His power to heal, to comfort, to forgive, and to reconcile with God.**

This parable teaches that God's judgement will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. **Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others.** If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgement on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities. The central message of the parable is in the master's rebuke of the slothful servant: **the only unacceptable attitude is the disengagement; it is the fear of risk.** Even to the first two, perhaps not all the economic transactions went well. However, he is condemned because he let himself be blocked by fear.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

**READ:** The parable of the talents reveals how a right attitude of the heart gets rewarded by the Lord. Those with the soundness of soul do not need to fear the advent of the Day of the Lord and His judgement. **PRAY:** Pray for the right attitude of the heart that makes us pleasing to the Lord. **ACT:** List out three talents God has given you. Plan out how well you can double them at the service of God and His people. **REFLECT:** One might wonder about the justice of unequal distribution of the talent among the servants. However, it is not what one receives that counts, but what one does with what he/she has received. The Master's delight and offer of reward are the same towards His servants who doubled their talents. **God looks not at the quantity of our offerings, but at their quality as well as the attitude with which we offer.**

## Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2020

November 16 – Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.  
November 17 – Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.  
November 18 – Consecrated Men and Women  
November 19 – Rev. David Lewis  
November 20 – +Rev. Ernest Varosi, C.R.  
November 21 – Rev. Robert Hetu  
November 22 – Feast of Christ the King

## Vocations

### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 15, 2020

What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you to the priesthood, 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

website: [www.stteresakit.ca](http://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 updated letter to Parishioners, on our parish website.**

**Sunday Missals – 2020/2021** – The Sunday Missal for the 2020/2021 Liturgical Year is now available. We encourage parishioners to purchase a copy of the 2020/2021 Sunday Missal, as we begin the new Liturgical Year on November 29, 2020. The missals will be available on the table at the back of the church. The charge is \$5 and we ask that you bring the exact change and deposit it in the box provided on the table.

**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.

### *First Holy Communion 2020*

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

**November 15, 2020** –  
William Wiens, Oliver Zenger

**November 22, 2020** –  
Keian Malley, Mikayla Onn,  
Philip Trznadel, Olivia Yamoah

**November 29, 2020** –  
Kaitlyn Evans, Eileen Nuhn,  
Jacob Schippling

### **Mass Intentions – November 16 – November 22, 2020**

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 – **7 p.m.** –  
**Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**  
+**Connie Dietrich & Camilla Paleczny** – *Helen Deckert*

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 – **8:30 a.m.**  
+**John Diebold** – *St. Teresa's Quilting Group*

Thursday, November 19, 2020 – **8:30 a.m.**  
**For special graces for Joanna Sadowska & Family** – *Ewa*

Friday, November 20, 2020 – **8:30 a.m.**  
+**Lillian Zister** – *Mary Alice & Bill Zister*

Saturday, November 21, 2020  
**Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**9 a.m.** – +**Maria Forthuber** – *Helene Meier*  
**5 p.m.** – +**Maria Kaminski** – *Huberte & Sigmund Kaminski*

Sunday, November 22, 2020 – **10 a.m.** – **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year A - Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**





## Commitment Weekend November 14/15, 2020

This weekend will mark another important step in our *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign in the Diocese of Hamilton and in our parish. We began with several months of preparation: recruiting volunteers, determining projects and preparing materials, and then held our kickoff in September. This is Commitment Weekend, and it amounts to the formal close of the public phase of the campaign. We know you've been waiting to hear that! After this, our main focus will turn to working on our projects.

Today is an opportunity for each family to invest – or invest further – in our parish's future and in our diocese's important shared ministries. We ask that each individual or family participate to whatever level possible. If you haven't made a commitment, you can do it this weekend. If you've made a pledge but would like to increase it, you can today. Of course, everyone can pray for the success of our efforts to give glory to God.

Whatever you can do, we are grateful. Regardless of the amount, every gift is important. Every gift makes a difference. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your discernment. Ask yourself how God has bestowed His blessings upon you and how you can respond in gratitude. Every family's situation is different. And again, every pledge is welcomed and appreciated. Thank you!



**Annual CWL Membership Drive** – A reminder it is time to renew your membership or join our parish CWL Council. Special blue CWL envelopes are included in your box of Sunday envelopes. Please put your \$25.00 fee in the envelope and mark your name on the outside. Cash or cheque made payable to St Teresa CWL are accepted. Because of the Pandemic restrictions this year, we **WILL NOT** collect memberships at church. Please place your envelope in the Sunday collection OR in the mail slot at the Rectory. We have always had a lucky draw for Early Membership renewals. This year we will choose the lucky winner on Sunday, January 17, 2021. If you have any questions please call Mary Helen Stroeder, Membership Convenor, at 519-570-4375.

**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. 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](http://www.sju.ca/connect-with-us)

**Coping with Christmas - St. Michael Parish Grief Support** - Grieving the loss of a loved one at any time is difficult but it can seem all the worse as we approach the Christmas season. This time of year, often reminds us of our loved ones who are no longer with us along with feelings of loss and sadness. We may begin to worry about our sense of belonging and how we are going to cope without our loved one. Join us as we watch a video and discuss ways to reduce stress while still being able to find joy in each moment trusting that there will be brighter days ahead. **Thursday December 3 2020 at 7 pm – St. Michael Parish Centre (doors open at 6:30 p.m.).** Please register for this session by contacting our Parish office by calling 519-884-9311, or emailing [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca). **Please register by Thursday November 23rd** to reserve your spot!

**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.

**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.

### Novena of Masses for the Immaculate Conception

In its capacity as our Diocese's Shrine to the Blessed Mother the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph will be hosting a Novena of Masses leading up to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This Novena will be seeking the intercession and protection of the Mother of God, and Mother of the Church, on our Diocese in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. Novena Masses will be held at **7:00 p.m.** from **November 29 to December 7** inclusive. Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, at 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 8. All the faithful of the Diocese are welcome to take part in this Novena. Please note that all Diocesan covid protocols must be observed while at the Basilica. Even if you cannot come to the Basilica of Our Lady in person please join this Novena in prayer from your home.

#### Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, Pray for Us.

**Anniversary Mass 2021** - As the restrictions from COVID-19 continue and for the safety of all concerned, a decision has been made to cancel the annual Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021. Bishop Crosby would still love to offer congratulations to all those who will married 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years in 2021, so you will be able to register your anniversary on line and we will send you the certificate you would have received if the Mass had gone ahead. More information will be sent in January about how to register.

**Coping with the Holidays** - Christmas is an especially difficult season for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. For many, this will be complicated even further when the loss occurred during the COVID-19 shut down. Have you lost a love one and find yourself struggling with the thought of the upcoming Christmas season? Are you trying to figure out how you can cope? We can help: join us on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. for a one-hour evening session on Zoom offering reflection and practical strategies for coping at Christmas. To register: Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or register on line at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support/coping-with-the-holidays>. We will send a zoom invite by e-mail to all those who have registered the day before the session so you can join by video or phone.

### 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 – November 8, 2020

Envelopes .....	\$3085.00
Loose .....	\$ 194.00
Building and Maintenance .....	\$ 75.00
World Mission Sunday .....	\$ 5.00
Needs of Canadian Church .....	\$ 5.00
All Souls' Day .....	\$ 30.00



## GOD BLESS OUR CAMPAIGN, AND OUR PARISH

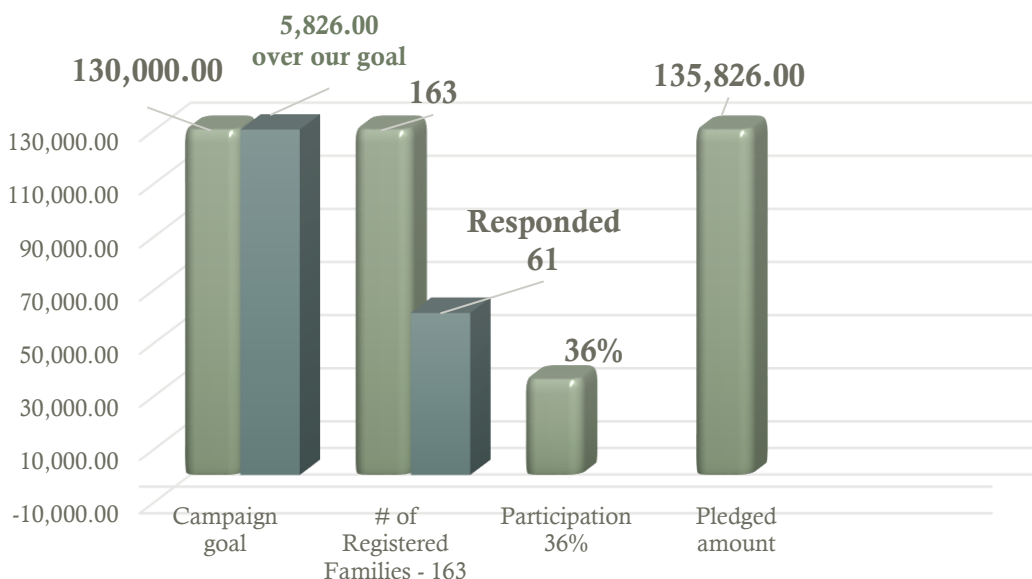
By now, you should have received your *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign packet in the mail. If you have any questions once you've read the material, or have not received the packet, feel free to contact the Parish Office at 519-743-4525. We ask you to continue to pray for the success of the campaign, and 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 One Heart One Soul Campaign



**“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. 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!



**A Big THANK YOU:** Our parish community would like to express words of thanks and gratitude to GA Masonry and Dan Alma for renovating our stairs in front of our parish office. They donated not only labour but also material in order to make our office entrance safe and beautiful. We pray for them and their families that God continue to bless them and keep them safe.

**How our steps looked before:**



**After the renovations:**

