

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 22, 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: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday – 7:00 p.m.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Today, the last Sunday of the Church year, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. It is one of the most beautiful and meaningful feasts of the year. The concept of king and kingdom is at the very heart of Jesus' message to us. He came to inaugurate among us the Kingdom of God. Here is the wonder of our King and what it means to be part of His Kingdom. It is beautifully described in the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer in today's Mass:

**"As King He claims dominion over all creation,
that He may present to You, His almighty Father,
an eternal and universal kingdom;
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace."**

Our King has been chosen for us by God but it is for each one of us to profess our allegiance to Him. Today we are called to work together to expand the reality of His Kingdom in our families, in our society and in the world generally.

In today's Gospel (Mt 25:31-46), Jesus describes to His disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgement. We hear this description of the final judgement at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. All the nations will be assembled before Him, and He will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgements made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies Himself with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows Himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept Him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

READ: The Gospel presents the Last Judgement where Christ, the judge, bares our soul to us. Christ the King will finally deliver the Kingdom to the Father, having defeated death once and for all. Matthew offers the final criterion for eternal life: How did I treat others? Nothing matters as much.

PRAY: With the power of the Holy Spirit, pray that you may recognize those in need. Pray that good be done to the world through you without you being aware of it.

REFLECT: How funny or strange it would have been, if the people on the right answered thus: "Yeah, Lord, we knew it was You we were serving when we fed the hungry and clothed the naked." It doesn't fit the script, right? The remarkable thing is, these good souls had no idea they were serving Christ when they were engaging in these acts of mercy! Doing good was just their second (or first) nature? Goodness is never so better when done unawares. How about you?

ACT: Look for opportunities to meet Jesus' expectations in your daily life.

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2020

November 23– Rev. Robert Stainsby
November 24 – Rev. Mark Sullivan
November 25– Fraternity of the Poor
of Jesus Christ
November 26– Very Rev. Wayne
Lobsinger
November 27 – Rev. Gregory Merkley
November 28 – Rev. Piotr Golinski
November 29 – First Sunday of Advent

Vocations

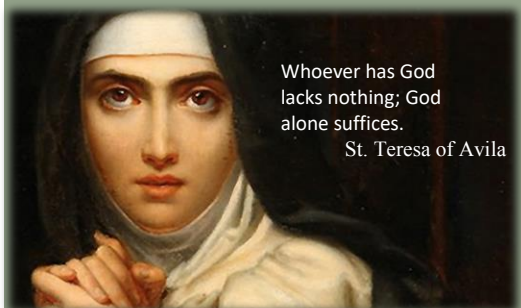
Christ the King November 22, 2020

"Lord, when was it that we saw you ...?" Have you heard the Lord as well? If God is calling you to serve as a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
www.hamiltondiocese.com

Serra Prayer for Vocations

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for Your Church, fellow labourers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.



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 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.

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.**

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 next Sunday, November 29, 2020. The missal is \$5 and may be purchased at the Parish Office.

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.

Mass Intentions – November 23 – November 29, 2020

Tuesday, November 24, 2020 – 7 p.m. –

Memorial of St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Group Mass Intentions:

For special graces for Anna Rudnicki & Family – Ewa

Wednesday, November 25, 2020 – 8:30 a.m.

+Joe & Lillian Zister – Mary Alice & Bill Zister

Thursday, November 26, 2020 – 8:30 a.m.

+John Daly – Joe & Karyn Zister

Friday, November 27, 2020 – 8:30 a.m.

Birthday Blessings for Stefanie Kalabek – Amparo & Robert Nesbit

Saturday, November 28, 2020

9 a.m. –

5 p.m. – +Ludwig Ceh – Theresa Ceh & Family

Sunday, November 29, 2020 – 10 a.m. – **First Sunday of Advent – Year B**

- Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

First Holy Communion 2020

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

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

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

We would like to congratulate William Wiens and Oliver Zenger and their families, as on November 15th, 2020 during the 10:00 a.m. Mass they received for the first time, the Eucharistic Jesus, into their hearts. Congratulations!



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, the Special Collection Envelope will be distributed on the weekend of **November 28-29, 2020**. Please pick up your envelope from the Ushers, as you leave the church, next weekend and drop it in the collection basket as you leave the church on the weekend of **December 5-6, 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.

The Immaculate Conception Novena – this Novena will take place in our parish from November 29th – December 7th following each Mass. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is an important day for us to reflect on Mary's life. It is vital to strive to imitate Mary as the ideal example of the Christian life lived for God. This Novena will give us the opportunity to ask Mary to give each of us the grace to imitate her profound love of God. Please join us for this special spiritual journey.

Advent Novena - Due to COVID-19 the ever popular ADVENT NOVENA, which has been attended by hundreds over the past 40+ years will **NOT** take place this year at **St. Agnes Parish**. God willing we will be able to resume this tradition in 2021. Blessings of peace, love and good health to all who have supported and been a part of this beautiful tradition, in preparation for Christmas, in the past years. Hope to see you next year.

Prayer Vigil - Thursday, December 3, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com
Note: We will all observe 2 meters distancing.



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.

St. Vincent de Paul - Our Saint Vincent de Paul Conference is still unable to operate due to COVID 19 restrictions. In the spirit of helping where we can, we have made a \$2000 contribution to the Waterloo Region Christmas Bureau Program. This donation will be used by the Food Bank and the House of Friendship to buy gift cards for people in need in the Waterloo Region. If you would like to contribute something to this campaign you can still do so by using your regular Saint Vincent de Paul envelope and write on the envelope CHRISTMAS. If you do not have a Saint Vincent de Paul envelope then just use a plain envelope and write your name, address and Saint Vincent de Paul CHRISTMAS. We will use any extra money collected to top up our contribution. Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

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.

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 30th 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.

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

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.

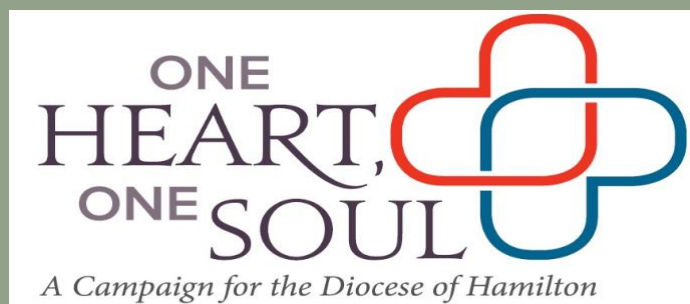
We would like to thank those who have responded to this program. In order for Pre-Authorized Giving to work effectively in our parish, we will need a certain number of parishioners to sign up for this program. At the present time, we are not yet ready to activate the program and will advise parishioners 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 15, 2020

Envelopes	\$1817.00
Loose	\$ 158.00
Building and Maintenance	\$ 20.00



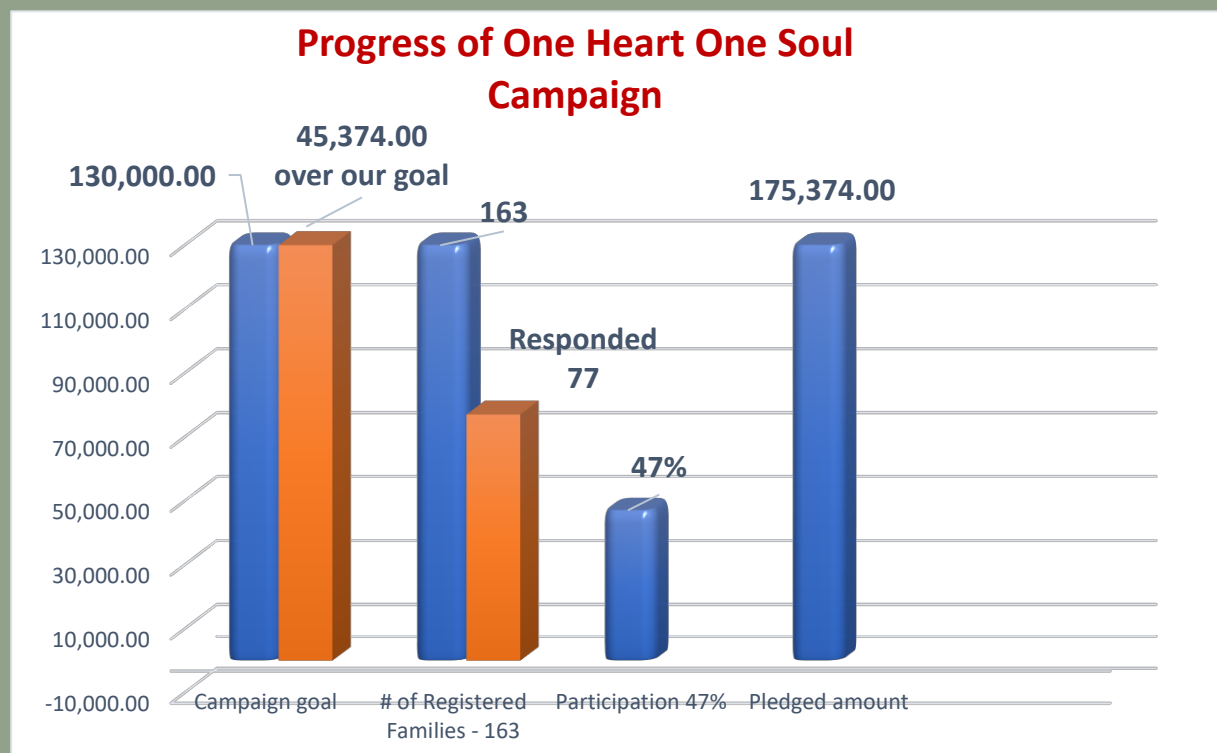
Thank you.

Last weekend we marked another important step in our *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign in the Diocese of Hamilton and in our parish, with our Commitment Weekend.

My sincerest gratitude to all parishioners, volunteers and Campaign Committee Members. We have raised \$175,374 through 77 gifts, so far. Your involvement and generosity is exceptional! We were also very blessed to have received a very generous gift, from one of the Foundations that was approached by one of our parishioners. Thank you so much for your generosity to our parish! As was mentioned as we progressed with the campaign ... "Every gift is important. Every gift makes a difference." Thank you all, for making a difference.

To our parishioners who have volunteered many hours of work on all parts of the campaign, I am deeply grateful. Your witness to stewardship is appreciated very much.

As this phase of the campaign has come to a close, my wish is that we continue to keep in our hearts the goals of our campaign in building up a strong and vibrant community. I ask parishioners to continue to pray for the grace of spiritual renewal in our parish community and pray that the Spirit of the Living God will continue to work through us by attracting new parishioners and spreading the Good News to everyone, especially children and young people.



Advent with Children Make this Advent

MY BEST ADVENT SEASON starts next Sunday. Help your children, your family and friends to make this season unforgettable. **Dedicate a bit of time to your children every day and your life and theirs will change for ever.**

During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but we also check in to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when He comes again. Talk to your family about how you are doing in attending to your spiritual life as a family. Recommit yourselves to praying daily, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when He comes again. As a concluding prayer read Paul's words to the Corinthians found in 1 Corinthians 1:3–9, or pray the Lord's Prayer.

This year, prepare for Christmas in a different way. Join our parish for **Advent with Children**. This will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, dedicate 5-10 minutes for prayer, meditation and some activities.

Before the First Sunday of Advent children will receive a special package.

This year we will mail to all the children from our parish an Advent Program with an activity chart. If you do not receive the program before the First Sunday of Advent, please contact our parish office.



We invite all children to take part in this program and join us every Sunday for our celebration at the church.

Children who will join this program and attend Mass will receive this beautiful Christmas bookmark with baby Jesus on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

