

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 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.

**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.

### St. Teresa School

Principal: Mr. Brian Goodyear

Secretary: Mary Lavigne

519-743-2131

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In this week's Gospel (Mt 25:1-13), Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus wants His disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted.

Fifty years later, when Matthew writes his Gospel, the historical, cultural and religious contexts have changed. Christian communities have arisen in the pagan world. The problems faced by the disciples are different. In the new situation, one feels more than ever the need of the illuminating word of the Master. **Matthew rewrites the parable to remind those people who let their torch go unlit. It is to shake those who let their own faith be reduced to a smoldering wick.** The scene is that of God's judgment, the colors are dark, the language is hard, but it's the situation that calls for it. There is also an added exhortation of Jesus which He has certainly delivered on another occasion: "So stay awake, for you do not know the day nor the hour" (v. 13), but the evangelist considers it appropriate to place it in this context. **The vigilant virgins are Christians who do not let themselves be seduced by vanity and remain focused on what is important in life.**

The parable is re-proposed to Christians today, to help them discover and recognize the "foolish virgin" that is in each of them. Often it is she who—without their noticing her—takes them by the hand, advises them, guides them, gives suggestions and orients them toward foolish choices. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes.

The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive Him? **Jesus is not coming only at the end of our life. He comes in every moment and wants to find His disciples engaged in service, in the gift of themselves to their brothers and sisters.** In their room, the lamp should always be on, as a point of reference and reminder of hope for the poor seeking help, for the outcast and the stranger who invoke love and justice, for the woman who demands respect, for those who are victims of violence and are longing for peace, for those who did wrong and need understanding and forgiveness.

**READ:** Those who ardently desire wisdom will not be disappointed. Similarly, those who trust in the promise of the Resurrection will not be disappointed either. Jesus gives the parable of the ten bridesmaids who waited for the arrival of the groom. **REFLECT:** Many people start enthusiastically along the Lord's path; but the seeming delay in the fulfillment of God's promise disappoints them. Their oil of faith runs out and they haven't carried with them extra reserves, and they drop out, only to realize to their regret that God does fulfill the Covenant. Who are we like: the five wise bridesmaids with reserves of faith or the other five not-so-wise ones? **PRAY:** Pray for perseverance in faith and mission. **ACT:** Reach out and comfort someone who feels discouraged by the seeming delay in God's healing intervention in his/her life.

### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2020

November 9 – Rev. Frederick Scinto, C.R.  
 November 10 – Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.  
 November 11 – Congregation of the Holy Cross (C.S.C.)  
 November 12 – Rev. Peter Pigott, C.R.  
 November 13 – Rev. Chris Buda, C.R.  
 November 14 – Rev. Jim Donohue, C.R.  
 November 15 – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vocations

#### Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 8, 2020

"Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Listen with your heart as well as with your ears for then you may accept the call to serve in the priesthood. 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.

## *Baptism*

This weekend, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome:  
**Gilbert Joseph Weber**  
 son of  
**Elijah Weber & Madeleine Rouleau Weber**



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: **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.

### **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**

### **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](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 up-dated letter to Parishioners, on our parish website.**

**Sunday Missals – 2020/2021** – The Sunday Missal for the 2020/2021 Liturgical Year will be available beginning this Sunday. 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.

### **Mass Intentions – November 9 – November 15, 2020**

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 – **7 p.m.** –

**Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church**

**Group Mass Intentions:**

**Living & Deceased Members of CWL – CWL**

**Special Intention – Fatima**

**Ann & Michael Onn – 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

**Philip Onn – Due to ongoing health issues**

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 – **8:30 a.m.**

**Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**

**+Mary Wand – Ann Snyder**

Thursday, November 12, 2020 – **8:30 a.m.**

**Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr**

**+ John Diebold – Noreen Knight**

Friday, November 13, 2020 – **8:30 a.m.**

**+Stephen Altman – Mary Alice & Bill Zister**

Saturday, November 14, 2020

**9 a.m.** – **+John Daly – Mary Elizabeth Zister & Friend**

**5 p.m.** – **+Leona Grobe – Peter Grobe**

Sunday, November 15, 2020 – **10 a.m.** – **Thirty-third Sunday**

**in Ordinary Time – Year A - Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

## *First Holy Communion 2020*

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

- November 15, 2020** – Mia Nowak, William Wiens, Oliver Zenger
- 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 Logan and the Schnarr Family, as on All Saints' Day, Logan received for the first time, the Eucharistic Jesus, into his heart. Congratulations Logan!**



### Stewardship Report

**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.



**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.

**“40 Days for Life”** – Fellow Pro Lifers – On behalf of the organizing committee we want to **THANK YOU** for all the hours spent in front of Freeport Hospital praying and witnessing for the unborn, those weakest in our human family who cannot speak for themselves. Thanks to your efforts *we were able to cover all 480 hours* with almost two volunteers for every hour! Your efforts, your time, has contributed to saving many lives over the last 40 Days - specifically, we know that 475 babies were saved! As we end this Campaign let us continue to pray throughout the year that our heavenly Father helps us realize that His divine Spirit alone can change hearts and minds. May the day hasten when every person enjoys the *fullness of life* God intended and promised and created them for. God bless you all!

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

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 1, 2020

Envelopes .....	\$2462.00
Loose .....	\$ 130.00
Building and Maintenance .....	\$ 150.00
World Mission Sunday .....	\$ 120.00
Needs of Canadian Church .....	\$ 170.00
All Souls’ Day .....	\$ 744.00
Henry Walser Funeral Home (Floral Donation) .....	\$ 200.00



## 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>

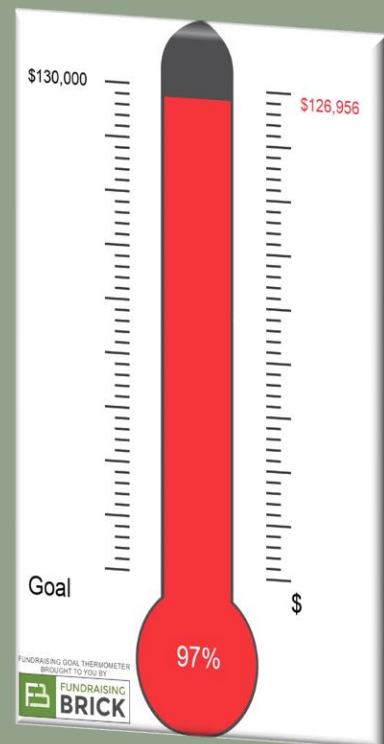
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### Progress of our Campaign

- ❖ Our goal - \$130,000.00
- ❖ Up to this week, 54 families have sent their pledges in, for a total of \$126,956.00
- ❖ This is 97.7 percent of your goal
- ❖ It is 33.7 percent participation, of our parish family.

**“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.



**We are incredibly blessed by the heroic generosity of many people during this campaign.** Just this week we received a donation in the amount of \$18,000.00. When I asked the person if this is true, not a mistake, I received the following message: **“Yes :) The Lord God gave (and still gives) me a lot ... I am grateful to Him for what He gave me and still gives ... and I always knew that He gave it to me ... so that I could use it somehow in His service ... but I did not know in what way ... and here is the opportunity :) What He gives me ... He gives me, that I would give it back ... and use it on His behalf ....”.**

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!



## **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!

### **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!