

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

## 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:** Jack Pigeau

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

## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

We come today to the end of the Christmas season. And we have the third great 'epiphany' or showing of God in the human person of Jesus. Jesus is now an adult, probably about 30 years of age. We are brought to the banks of the River Jordan somewhere north of Jerusalem where John the Baptist, a cousin of Jesus, is living out in the desert. In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons and daughters of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

### Why baptise Jesus?

We might ask ourselves: Why did Jesus need to be baptised? Most of those coming to John the Baptist were repentant sinners. Our baptism, too, is partly to rescue us from the power of sin by being bathed in the redemptive love of Christ. There are two answers we can give to this question:

- By being baptised in the River Jordan with all those self-proclaimed sinners, Jesus shows His total solidarity with us. "The Word was made flesh and lived among us," says John's gospel.
- Secondly, something different is happening here beyond an ordinary baptism. It was at this moment that the Spirit of God in the visible form of a dove comes down on Jesus. A voice of the Father, says, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you." It is clearly a form of "missioning" for Jesus. We could call it His 'Pentecost' experience. It is a clear endorsement from His Father for the work that Jesus is about to begin.

**Reflecting on our own baptism:** today we have an opportunity to reflect on our own baptism. It is not something which happened a long time ago and which "made" us Catholics. It is not just a ceremony lasting a few minutes which produces magical effects; it is the beginning of a lifelong journey. It is the beginning of a process of growing into the Body of Christ as its members. So let us today renew our faith in and our commitment to follow Jesus.



Diocese of Hamilton  
Prayer Calendar 2021

January 11 – Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.

January 12 – Rev. Lajos Angyal

January 13 – Sisters of St. John the Baptist (C.S.J.B.)

January 14 – Rev. Joseph Durkacz

January 15 – Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P.

January 16 – Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I.

January 17 – **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Vocations

#### Feast of the Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2021

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, or religious. If God is calling you, call Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2246.

[vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

#### 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.

## Parish Office

Due to the Province-wide lockdown which came into effect on December 26, 2020, the Parish Office at 44 Leonard St. will be closed until January 23, 2021.

Mary will be working from home and therefore, you can continue to reach our Parish Office at [st.teresa@stteresakit.ca](mailto:st.teresa@stteresakit.ca) or telephone 519-743-4525.

**Mass Intentions for 2021** – In order to provide an equal opportunity to all members of our parish, who would like to request Mass intentions in 2021, I would propose the following: Each family may reserve 1 Saturday Mass and 1 weekday Mass. This is based on the number of registered families. Please make your requests over the next several weeks. After January 22, 2021, we will accommodate any available request, for as many Mass intentions as you wish. In 2020, I introduced a Mass with Multiple Intentions, in order to respond to the needs of our parishioners. These will continue on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Thank you.

**2020/2021 Sunday Missals** – The Sunday Missal is still available. The missal is \$5 and can be purchased by calling the Parish Office.

**2021 Offertory Envelopes** – The 2021 Offertory Envelopes are now ready for pick up. At this time, we would ask that you please call the Parish Office and arrangements will be made for you to obtain your envelopes. For those who have signed up for Pre-Authorized Giving, please ensure that you also pick up your box of envelopes for 2021.



**Reminder to our CWL members** – Membership dues of \$25.00 for 2021 are due. We have received dues from more than 1/2 of our members but hope that we can receive the remainder soon. LUCKY DRAW will take place on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. If your dues are paid by then, you may win and be reimbursed for your fee. You can drop off your dues at the Rectory, using the mail slot in the wooden door OR call Mary Helen to make other arrangements. If you have questions, please call Mary Helen (Membership Convenor) at 519-570-4375.



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HIRING!**

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Occasional Teachers

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

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## Mass Intentions

**Mass will be celebrated privately for the following intentions:**

**January 11, 2021 – January 17, 2021**

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.**

**Memorial of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys**

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.**

+**Vincent Zettel** – *Joan Schmidt*

Thursday, January 14, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.**

+**Ray Alviano** – *Sue's Calorie Club*

Friday, January 15, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.**

+**Lincoln Snyder** – *Ann Snyder & Family*

Saturday, January 16, 2021

**9:00 a.m.** – **Special Intentions of Larry O'Hagin** –  
*Marion Jagelewski*

**7:00 p.m.** – +**Matthew Karges** – *Marie Miller*

Sunday, January 17, 2021 – **10:00 a.m.** – **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** – Year B – **Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

### Live-streaming on Zoom

The Masses will be **live-streamed**, Tuesday to Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 9:00 a.m., Saturday Vigil in anticipation of Sunday at 7 p.m., and on Sunday at 10:00 a.m., on Zoom. Join Father by clicking on the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/5887658626>  
**The Password is: 274733** The Divine Mercy Chaplet will also be **live-streamed**, Tuesday to Friday at 3 p.m.

## Pre-Authorized Giving We're ACTIVE

For those of you who have signed up for the Pre-Authorized Giving option for Stewardship here at St. Teresa Parish, we are please to tell you that we are now **ACTIVE**. The first withdrawal will be for **January 2021** and the deductions will continue to be processed on the **28<sup>th</sup> day of each month**.

We thank you for your patience, in getting this started. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

We are very grateful for your contributions and would encourage those who have not signed up for this option to prayerfully consider Pre-Authorized Giving, particularly in these times of uncertainty.

**Thank you!**

**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). For your convenience, we are also including the form as an attachment with today's Message from Father. 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 mailed to: St Teresa of Avila Parish, 44 Leonard St., Kitchener, ON N2H 6C8

### Stewardship Report – December 31, 2020

Envelopes .....	\$ 630.00
Christmas .....	\$ 885.00
2020/21 Sunday Missals .....	\$ 5.00

### Stewardship Report – January 5, 2021

Envelopes .....	\$ 540.00
Mary, Mother of God .....	\$ 30.00
Initial Offering .....	\$ 20.00

## Stewardship Report

Once again, we are not able to gather to worship as a Parish Community, in the church. We would ask you to continue to keep our parish in your prayers and prayerfully consider continuing your donations. Thank you to those who continue to remember the parish through financial donations - We appreciate your continued support!

To support our parish via **credit card**, please visit the special **Parish Offertory Fund: COVID-19** page at the Diocese of Hamilton:

[COVID-19 Parish Fund - Diocese of Hamilton](#)

Once you are on the Parish Offertory Fund: COVID-19 page, there are 4 sections on the form to complete. They are as follows:

- DONATION DETAILS
- DONOR & TAX RECEIPT INFORMATION
- PAYMENT INFORMATION
- IF YOU HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOUR PARISH, PLEASE SHARE IT HERE:

To ensure the funds get directed to our parish, it is imperative that you select **St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Kitchener** in the drop box in the **FUND** box of the Donation Details section.

Once you have completed the form, click on **COMPLETE DONATION NOW**. This method of giving will provide you with an **electronic tax receipt** immediately upon making your gift.

If you choose the above option, it would be greatly appreciated if you could email the parish office at [st.teresa@stteresakit.ca](mailto:st.teresa@stteresakit.ca) to advise us of your donation.

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.

Continuing support of our parish is an act of generosity and faith. We are very grateful for any contributions you may be able to make at this time.