

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 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

Seminarian: Carlos Diaz

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

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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

St. Teresa School

Principal: Mr. Brian Goodyear

Secretary: Mary Lavigne

519-743-2131

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: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday – 7:00 p.m.

See inside for revised schedule during church closure.

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Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath (Mk 1:21-28). "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" That's the first question put to Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. It is really the core question of the Gospel. What are we to make of the fact that Mark puts that question in the mouth of an unclean spirit? To make matters worse, the demon got everything right by calling Jesus the Holy One of God and accusing Him of having come to destroy evil spirits. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of His power over evil.

This Gospel passage poses the following questions:

- Jesus - if you're not the boss of me - who is?
- He teaches with authority...
- Today's Gospel reminds us we need good teachers we can trust
- Demons in holy places?
- Fame and faith are very different things...
- What is the best protection against demons and evil spirits?
- What authority is for the Christian?

Children's Liturgy - please watch this video with your children:

<https://youtu.be/g3IoLWPZ0pE>

The Presentation of the Lord

On February 2, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus. The Gospel says: **"They took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord'."** Simeon and Anna lived lives of prayer and fasting in the Temple, they were filled with the Spirit of God. That is why they were able to identify Jesus as the Savior even though Jesus was only a baby. To these two holy people, He was recognizable as the Redeemer who had been promised. Simeon described Jesus as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for Your people Israel."

We too are called to recognize Jesus as Lord. Together as a family discuss ways to recognize Jesus as Lord by praying and attending Mass, fasting, and serving others. As a family, decide on one specific sacrifice you can make in order to alleviate the suffering or need of someone you know.

World Day for Consecrated Life

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. **This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world.** So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The Holy Father asked the faithful to pray that **"through their witness of life, they may radiate to the world the love of Christ and the grace of the Gospel."**

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2021

February 1 – Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch

February 2 – Rev. Francisco Cruz

February 3 – Hospitaller Order of St. John of God (O.H.)

February 4 – Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.

February 5 – Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.

February 6 – Rev. Venil D'Souza, O.C.D.

February 7 – **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Vocations

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 31, 2021

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger, VG, EV, Auxiliary Bishop & Vocations Director, Diocese of Hamilton at (905) 528-7988 x2222

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 February 11, 2021.

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

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.

Mass Intentions for 2021 – We will now accommodate any available request, for as many Mass intentions as you wish. In 2020, a Mass with Multiple Intentions (in order to respond to the needs of our parishioners) was introduced. 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 – 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.



Catholic Women's League - We have received a motion from the National Catholic Women's League of Canada that the national per capita fee be increased from \$13.00 to \$25.00 effective with the 2022 membership year. This means that our annual membership at St. Teresa's would be \$38.00. We are required to have an in-person meeting to discuss and vote on this motion as soon as we can meet in person. We encourage as many members as possible to attend the meeting to make your opinion known and to vote. Please consider this and if you have questions, please call Mary Alice at 519-578-2019.

Help Needed: St. Teresa's CWL needs a secretary in order to be a viable council. If you are willing, please call the same number.

Mass Intentions

Mass will be celebrated privately for the following intentions:

February 1, 2021 – February 7, 2021

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Feast of The Presentation of the Lord
World Day for Consecrated Life

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Optional Memorial of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
Special Intentions of Tim O'Hagin – *Marion Jagelewski*

Thursday, February 4 – 7:00 p.m.

+**Wilfred Schmidt** – *Sue's Calorie Club*

Friday, February 5, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Birthday blessings for Stella Lemieux – *Ken & Betty*

Saturday, February 6, 2021

Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
9:00 a.m. – **Special Intentions of Rosemary Mussar** –
Ken & Betty

7:00 p.m. – +**Sonny Kumpf** – *Pat Wilkins*

Sunday, February 7, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – **Fifth 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.

HEALING MASS

**First Friday - February 5, 2021
(Please join us on Zoom)**

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.
Mass at 7 p.m.

Join Father by clicking on the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/5887658626>
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**Online Pre-registration for Kindergarten is Open:
It's Time to Sign Up for School!!**

It's time to sign up for the 2021-22 school year – and registering to attend one of Waterloo Region's 43 **Catholic elementary schools** has never been easier.

- Children born in 2017 are eligible for Year 1 Kindergarten (JK).
- Children born in 2016 are eligible for Year 2 Kindergarten (SK).

Parents can access the Online Pre-Registration form by clicking on the **Register for School** link on the **WCDSB Homepage** and then choosing **Kindergarten Registration**.

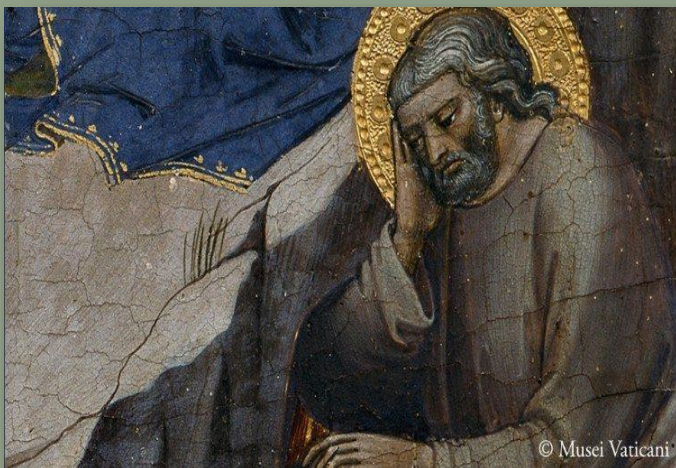
Further questions can be directed to Mary Lavigne,
Administrative Assistant, St. Teresa School, 519-743-2131.

Saint Teresa Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul – Tax receipts for donations made to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society for the year 2020 were mailed out this week (January 25th). If you should have received a tax receipt or if you think that there was an error with the receipt you received, please **DO NOT** contact the parish office. Please contact Bernie Pickett at berniepickett@gmail.com or feel free to call me at 519-745-6334. We thank everyone for their continued support and look forward to the day when we are able to assist people in need. Please remember that we will be starting with nothing, as we gave all our food to the Food Bank, so we will need to replenish. With your continued support this will be possible. We will also be including our financial statement for the year 2020, in the bulletin, in the next week. Take care and may God bless you for your generosity on behalf of the Saint Teresa Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

Anniversary Mass 2021 – The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years Anniversary on the Diocesan website at hamiltondiocese.com. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.

Re: Start – Starting over after separation or divorce with support, care and tools for the journey – We invite you to visit the Family Ministry Office on the Diocesan website <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> to see the programs offered and to register. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Marriage Support – Is your marriage experiencing more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected? **The solution is Retrouvaille**, a program for married couples facing challenges in their relationship. Its purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. The next weekend begins March 12, 2021. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

**Prayer to St. Joseph**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted His only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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 28th 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 2021. 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 – January 26, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 1100.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$ 60.00
Initial Offering	\$ 20.00
Christmas	\$ 40.00
St. Mary's Nocturnal Adoration Society...	\$ 2163.24

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 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.

Newly-professed US religious 'young and highly-educated'

By Lisa Zengarini



Ahead of the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, a US-based research center details the characteristics of religious men and women who professed vows in 2020.

Most religious men and women who professed their perpetual vows in 2020 are highly educated, come from a Catholic family background, and have first considered vocation at a relatively young age.

This is according to new research conducted by the Center for Applied

Research in the Apostolate (CARA).

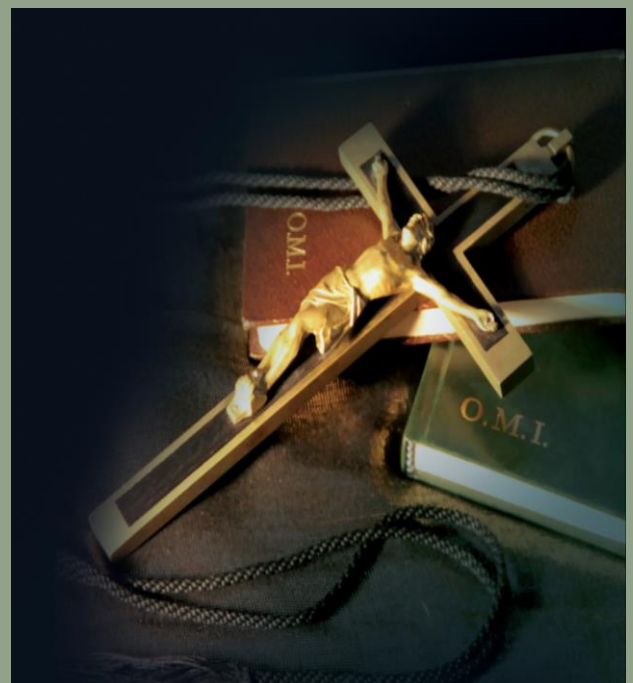
The research was commissioned by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations (CCLV) ahead of the annual World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, to be marked on 2 February.

CARA received a response from 549 of 747 major superiors for an overall response rate of 73% among religious institutes. Of the 172 identified men and women religious who professed perpetual vows in 2020, 55 sisters and nuns and 57 brothers and priests responded to the survey for an overall response rate of 65%.

Young and encouraged

According to the survey, the average age of responding religious of the Profession Class of 2020 is 38. Half of them were 34 or younger. On average they were 19 years old when they first considered a vocation to religious life. Three-quarters of the respondents come from families in which both parents are Catholic and 84% have been Catholic since birth.

Nine in ten (89%) report that someone encouraged them to consider a vocation to religious life. 45% were encouraged by their parish priest, 41% by a friend, and 40% by a religious sister or brother, while 30% say they were encouraged by their mother and only 18% by their father.



Highly-educated

The survey also found out that Profession Class of 2020 is highly educated.

According to the findings, a quarter of the respondents earned a graduate degree before entering their religious institute. Three-fourths (75%) entered their religious institute with at least a bachelor's degree (71% for women and 80% for men). Moreover, almost nine-tenths (85%) of responding religious report some type of work experience prior to entering their religious order.

Regarding ethnic and race background, seven out of ten identify themselves as Caucasian, European American, or white, while 13% identify as Asian/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian, 7% as African American and 5% as Hispanic.

Three-fourths of the respondents were born in the United States. Of those born outside the US, the most common country of origin is Vietnam.

Example of Christ's love



Instituted by Pope St. John Paul II in 1997, the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is celebrated in conjunction with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day, which commemorates through the blessing and lighting of candles that Christ is the light of the world.

So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

In view of this year's recurrence, which US parishes will celebrate over the weekend of February 6-7 this year, Bishop James F.

Checchio, chairman of the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, has invited the faithful to renew their gratitude to Christ for the gift of consecrated life.

"By their prayers and apostolates, those in consecrated life provide for us an example of Christ's merciful love, and especially during these uncertain and difficult times, they point us to the reality that Christ is our ultimate goal," he said.