

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 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

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Kim Voelzing

Prayer Group:

Mila Navaleza - 519-579-8276

Finance Council Chair:

Don Pickett, Jr.

Pastoral Council Chair:

Barbara Daly

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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: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday – 7:00 p.m.

Second Sunday of Lent

On the second Sunday of Lent the Gospel reading (*Mk 9:2-10*) proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about His passion. Jesus takes three of His disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. Suddenly a cloud overshadows them (cf. *Exod 40:35; 1 Kgs 8:10-11*). On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed His Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them.

We do not need man-made tents. Rather, we need the presence of the living God, who now speaks words that thunder with authority and are filled with meaning: **"This is My beloved Son; listen to Him!"** The statement recalls Jesus' baptism (*Mk 1:11*). This is God's beloved, one-of-a-kind Son. We are to listen to Him and only Him. When the cloud disappears, Elijah and Moses vanish, and "Jesus alone" remains. Moses and Elijah were great revealers of truth along with all the other prophets, but the voice of God commands us to listen to His Son, Jesus. **Give Him your ears. Have eyes only for Him** (*Heb 12:2*). **He can give you what neither Moses nor Elijah could ever give.**

Transfigured before their eyes!

- The story of Jesus' transfiguration is full of symbolism.
- The images of cloud and mountain suggest God's appearance at the covenant-making on Mount Sinai.
- Moses, the major figure in Exodus and Sinai covenant, represents the law, and Elijah, great ninth-century prophet of Israel, represents the prophets.
- Jesus is the fulfillment of the law and the prophets.

Family Connection

As you gather as a family, think about some special family memories that your family tells over and over again. Talk about why these memories are important to you. What do we learn about Jesus from this Gospel? (He fulfills the promises God made to Israel through the Law and the prophets. God glorified Jesus in His Resurrection. Jesus is God's Son.) Pray together the Lord's Prayer.



Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2021

March 1– Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
March 2– Rev. John Van Hees
March 3 – Discalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D.)
March 4 – Rev. Vivek Trindade
March 5 – Rev. James Petrie
March 6 – Rev. Gerald Mulhall
March 7– **Third Sunday of Lent**

Vocations

Second Sunday of Lent February 28, 2021

If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, 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.

Church is Open for Mass and Prayer

The church opened, once again, for the Public celebration of the Mass, on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 and we have now resumed our usual Mass schedule. Please refer to the bulletin for any changes.

You are also invited to visit Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Narthex. The Adoration Chapel remains closed. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to come and spend some time with the Lord! Jesus is waiting for you!

HEALING MASS

**First Friday
March 6, 2021**

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.

Confession available

Mass at 7 p.m.

Stations of the Cross will follow Mass

Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered, once again, at the usual times, in the confessional in the church. Tuesday to Friday – 30 minutes prior to Mass. Saturday – 30 minutes prior to the 9 a.m. Mass and at 4:15-5:45 p.m.

Note: due to renovations, location changes may be necessary and will be posted.

Stations of the Cross at St. Teresa Parish - We would like to invite all parishioners to join us for the Stations of the Cross during our Lenten season, on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to read the meditations during this devotion, please contact the parish office to let us know which Friday you would like to read.

Mass Intentions for 2021 – We are now accommodating any available request for Mass Intentions. Please call the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

February 22, 2021 – February 28, 2021

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.**

+Vanessa Batinic – Madelain Navaleza

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

Special Intentions of Frank Jagelewski – Marion Jagelewski

Thursday, March 4 – **8:30 a.m.**

+Foti Zobolas – Magie Navaleza

Friday, March 5, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

World Day of Prayer

Intentions of Ken & Betty – Elizabeth Heydel-Quintanilla

7:00 p.m. – Healing Mass with Stations of the Cross to follow

Saturday, March 6, 2021

9:00 a.m. – +Cecile Musselman – CWL

5:00 p.m. – Vasili Mitrou – Magie Navaleza

Sunday, March 7, 2021 – **10:00 a.m. – Third Sunday of Lent** – Year B – **Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

Live-streaming on Zoom

The **Sunday Mass**, at **10 a.m.** will be **live-streamed** on Zoom. If you are not attending this Mass, and you wish to join Father online, please click on the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/5887658626> The Password is: 274733

Daily Readings:

Lectors may find daily readings at this link:

<https://readings.livingwithchrist.ca>



We are pleased to provide you with a link to an update for the One Heart One Soul Campaign organized by the Diocese of Hamilton. There is an excellent newsletter detailing information for all of the completed Waves. We hope you will find this information very interesting. Please click on the following link to access the information:

[Diocese of Hamilton Mid-Campaign Newsletter2021 \(calameo.com\)](https://calameo.com/read/23031133)

PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN!

We are all so happy that the Parish Office is now open! As we are still in a time of pandemic, the office guidelines when we opened in July 2020, will still be in effect. Admittance to the Parish Office is by appointment only. To book an appointment, please call 519-743-4525 or email: st.teresa@stteresakit.ca. **Please help us keep everyone safe by adhering to the safety guidelines.**

At this time, we are not able to provide the social distancing required within the Office itself. To ensure the safety of all, should you arrive at the Parish Office, and wish to speak with us, we will need to communicate through the outside storm/screen door. We apologize for any inconvenience, but trust you will understand that our priority is to keep everyone safe! Thank you for your assistance and cooperation!

Presentation of our Financial Statements for 2020 will take place this weekend **February 27/28, 2021**. We would like to thank you for your continued support of our parish. Although I have been at this parish just 2 years and a half, at times, I have been humbled by the extent of the generosity people have shown towards our parish, not only by making financial contributions, but also by devoting so much time to caring about our church, the property or organizing parish events. Thank you! Please see the attachment included with today's message and bulletin email.

2020 Income Tax Receipts – Income Tax Receipts for 2020 for our parish were mailed out on February 8, 2021. **One Heart One Soul Campaign** receipts for donations contributed in 2020 will be sent directly from the diocese. We have been advised that they are en route. Please call the Office if you have any questions or concerns. **Thank you for your great generosity and continued support in caring for our parish community.**

2021 Offertory Envelopes – Please call the parish office to obtain your 2021 Offertory Envelopes.

Stewardship Report – February 21, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 4230.00
Initial Offering	\$ 190.00
Building Fund	\$ 1115.00
Seminary Education	\$ 110.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$ 5.00
2020/21 Sunday Missal	\$ 5.00
Funeral – Doris Barton	\$ 150.00

Stewardship Report

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.

Pre-Authorized Giving

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

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.



Catholic Women's League Meeting, after the 7:00 p.m. Mass and installation of the executive on Tuesday, March 9th.

This is an IMPORTANT meeting that will be held in the Church where all safety protocols are practiced. There are two very important issues for us to discuss and vote on:

- A motion to increase the national membership dues from \$13 to \$25 annually. For us at St. Teresa's that means an increase in our annual membership fee from \$25 to \$38.
- A second motion is to change our CWL patroness from Our Lady of Good Counsel to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The reason for this change is to be more inclusive and to encourage younger membership.
- There are a number of other motions meant to streamline and simplify CWL policies and procedures.

Two Benefits of being a member of CWL:

- We pray for members and each other daily, have a monthly Mass for living and deceased members, as required by our Constitution.
- CWL is a celebration of our Catholic faith. By being a member you add power to the CWL's voice when the League lobbies the government on Social Issues.

It is very important to have your participation at the meeting. If you have questions or concerns regarding the above please call Mary Alice at 519-578-2019.

Pornography: The Threat, Impact and Catholic Remedy - Pornography is one of the most important issues to understand in our world today. With the ease of its availability on the internet, it has affected people of all ages and backgrounds, whether male or female. Pornography today is violent and degrading and often involves young people who have been sex-trafficked. **Join us on zoom (by internet or phone) March 25th from 7-8:30 P.M.** and hear more about the threat and impact of pornography on children and adults, how we can educate ourselves and our children to counter its negative influence and how our Catholic faith provides hope to those impacted. Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett and Deacon Joseph Di Loreto. Registration is required so we can send you the zoom link, but the session is free of charge.

Consider registering to learn more on this issue at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/pornography-help>.

Prayer Vigil - Thursday, March 4, 2021, 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.



Knights of Columbus

It is a period of time never experienced that has been challenging for the Kitchener Knights of Columbus. Our normal programs and fund-raising events have been severely restricted or, unfortunately, cancelled. With the aid of today's electronics, Council 1504 is able to conduct our monthly Executive and General Meetings via ZOOM which allow us to function on a reduced basis. We remind the community; Kitchener K of C endeavours to maintain the support to our parishes. For months now direct contact to personally recruit new members has been curtailed. To uphold momentum of the renowned works of the Kitchener K of C, we invite any Catholic man over 18 years of age to consider becoming a member of the Kitchener Knights of Columbus. Please visit our website at [Knights of Columbus 1504 – Father Funcken Council #1504, Kitchener, Ontario Canada \(kofc1504.org\)](http://Knights of Columbus 1504 – Father Funcken Council #1504, Kitchener, Ontario Canada (kofc1504.org)) for current K of C information, the latest edition of our newsletter The Echo.

2021 World Day of Prayer Services – Kitchener – The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (www.wicc.org) annual World Day of Prayer will be celebrated in Kitchener on **Friday, March 5th, 2021**. The program material this year was prepared by the Churches of Vanuatu, with the theme, "**Build on a Firm Foundation**" Due to the pandemic, we will be celebrating digitally this year. The Women's InterChurch Council of Canada (WICC) has prepared an hour-long video for our use. There are three ways that you can participate You can watch the video on Rogers Cable channel 20 on **Friday, March 5th at either 8:30 AM or 5 PM** Or You can join a Zoom viewing session, followed by a discussion and prayer session hosting by one of the following churches Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church – 9 AM (office@stirlingmennonite.ca) St Matthews Lutheran Church – 11 AM (info@stmattskw.com) St John the Evangelist Anglican Church – 1 PM (acw@stjohn316.com) St Andrew's Presbyterian Church – 7 PM (office@standrewskw.com) (**please email the churches directly by March 4th to get the zoom link for the time you are interested in**) Or You can go directly to www.wicc.org and view the video any time after February 15th. All donations this year must be made directly to WICC at their website or mailed to: Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada 47 Queen's Park Crescent East Toronto, ON M5S 2C3

A Year of St. Joseph

A Prayer to St. Joseph for Protection in Times of Tribulation

Prayer to St. Joseph

Remember, O St. Joseph,
loving and powerful
protector,
that according to the
testimony
of your faithful servant, great
St. Teresa,
no one who is truly devoted
to you
Has seen his petition
rejected.
Filled with confidence and
hope
I come to you, worthy Spouse
of Mary Immaculate.
Do not close your ears to my
prayer,
you who have the glorious
title
of father of Jesus,
but graciously hear and
intercede for me.
Amen.

LENT

preparing our hearts....

Prayer

Fasting

Almsgiving

LENT & EASTER

ASH WEDNESDAY LENT BEGINS

Emphasizes our mortality and our need for ongoing repentance.

PALM SUNDAY

Commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem.

HOLY THURSDAY

Celebrates the Last Supper with the disciples and Passover.

GOOD FRIDAY

We remember the Passion and Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross.

EASTER SUNDAY HE HAS RISEN!

Alleluia!
The principal feast of the ecclesiastical year. Jesus has risen!

Easter is an 8 day celebration leading to Easter Season, which ends on Pentecost.

DAYS OF FASTING

ASH WEDNESDAY
GOOD FRIDAY

WHAT IS FASTING?

One full meal and two smaller meals.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

ASH WEDNESDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

No meat.

40

The 40 days of Lent are based on two accounts: the 40 years of wandering by the Israelites and our Lord's 40 days in the wilderness at which point He was tempted by Satan.

PILLARS OF LENT

PRAYER
FASTING
ALMSGIVING

The key to understanding the meaning of Lent is simple: Baptism.

