

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 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

**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

## 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**

### 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.

**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.

## First Sunday of Lent

We have now entered the great season of Lent. For those of us who are old enough to remember, Lent in the past was not, in some respects, a time we looked forward to. Fasting and abstinence, not to mention other forms of penance, were in force and it was a serious business. Easter was looked forward to with real anticipation. Our attitudes toward Lent tended to be on the gloomy and negative side. Perhaps nowadays we have gone to the other extreme where Lent hardly means anything at all. "You mean Lent has started already? Really, I had no idea! Easter will be on top of us before we know where we are and I haven't bought a thing!"

The gospel of today's (Mk 1:12-15) Mass features the temptations of Jesus in the desert. It clearly links with the Lenten themes of fasting, penance and reconciliation with God and with our brothers and sisters. Note that Jesus is led into the desert by the Spirit of God. **The purpose clearly is not to lead Him to do evil but as a testing of His fitness for His coming mission. Will He fail like our First Parents or like the Israelites of old? Or will he prove Himself worthy of the mission He has been given?**

The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented Him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

### Lent Exercises!

Please join us for different spiritual exercises at our parish: **Dedicate** ONE HOUR or half an hour for prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. **Participate** in Stations of the Cross each Friday - 7:00 p.m. **Read** each day a short passage from the Bible. Choosing one of these commitments will help you to have a deep, powerful and unforgettable Lent! **It's not what you give up... It's what you want to give!**



### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2021

February 22– Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.  
February 23– Rev. Brendan McGrath  
February 24 – Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (S.J.C.)  
February 25 – Rev. Jason Kuntz  
February 26 – Rev. Romelito Guillen  
February 27 – Rev. Grayson Hope  
February 28– **Second Sunday of Lent**

### Vocations

#### First Sunday of Lent February 21, 2021

Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, and develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be 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](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.

### 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!

### Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered, once again, at the usual times, in the Adoration Chapel.

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.

## Mass Intentions February 22, 2021 – February 28, 2021

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

+Albert Luft - *CWL*

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.

**Special Intentions of Rita Jagelewski** – *Marion Jagelewski*

Thursday, February 25 – 8:30 a.m.

**Special Intentions of Mary Helen & Hugh Stroeder (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)** – *Mary Alice & Bill Zister*

Friday, February 26, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.

**Special Intentions of Elizabeth Heydel-Quintanilla** – *Ken & Betty*

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 27, 2021

9:00 a.m. – +Cecile Musselman – *Sue's Calorie Club*

5:00 p.m. – 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Blessings for Mary Ellen Nolan – *Frances Tessaro & Tim Helm*

Sunday, February 28, 2021– 10:00 a.m. – **Second 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>

**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., beginning February 19th. 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.

## 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. We have included them here below to assist you when planning a visit to the Parish Office.

Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. The Office is closed on Wednesdays.

### **Please help us keep everyone safe by adhering to the following guidelines:**

1. Admittance to the Parish Office is by appointment only.  
Please call: 519-743-4525 or email: [st.teresa@stteresakit.ca](mailto:st.teresa@stteresakit.ca) to book an appointment.
2. If you feel unwell or your temperature is elevated, please do not enter the office.
3. All visitors must provide contact information and attest that they are not exhibiting any signs of COVID-19 and have not been in contact with a COVID-19 patient over the last fourteen days.
4. Be sure to use hand sanitizer upon entering the office.
5. Be sure to maintain a physical distance of 2 metres (6 feet) at all times.
6. You are required to wear a protective mask when you come, if you forget we will have a complementary one for you.



The above guidelines are for those who have appointments. If you are dropping off something for the Parish, please place item through the mail slot in the wooden door behind the white storm/screen door (please feel free to wave – it will be great to see you!). If you are requesting a Mass or for any other inquiries, please call the Parish Office. Any requests for Mass Cards, will be placed in the outside mailbox for pick up, as we have been doing during this time of pandemic.

At this time, we are not able to provide the social distancing required within the Office itself and consequently 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 next 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!

**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.

**Snow Shoveling** – With the heavy snowfall earlier this week, we received a call from a parishioner who may be able to assist you with snow shoveling. If you are in need of assistance, please call the Parish Office.

### Thank you!

A big thank you to Don and Brenda Monastyrski for your assistance with the cleaning in the Sanctuary, as we prepared the church for opening on Ash Wednesday, and with the changing of the banners for the Lenten Season. Your willingness to assist and your generosity of time is greatly appreciated! Thank you, Don and Brenda!



### 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 and where email or phone contact with Council 1504 is available.

**A Walk Through Fratelli Tutti** - On Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> a successful and well attended session, *A Walk Through Fratelli Tutti*, occurred and participants overwhelmingly expressed a desire to delve further into this beautiful Encyclical. Pope Francis sees Fratelli Tutti as a social Encyclical where he breaks down, by looking at a number of concepts, what being created relational means and how living as a relational people can bring us into communion with both God and each other.

Join us for five sessions in March where we will discover more fully the beauty of the Encyclical, and Pope Francis' call for each of us to consider how we can truly see all people in the world as our brothers and sisters.

The sessions will be held on Mondays, **March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29<sup>th</sup>**. Two time slots are available from 1:30 – 3:00 P.M. **OR** 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. Please register for the time slot that will work best for you and the zoom link to join by internet or phone will be sent to you.

Once you have registered for a session, you are free to attend the other time slot on any given week if that will work out better for you - you will simply need to email [thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com) to get the link for the session for which you are not registered. This will allow you flexibility around which session you attend.

This will be a great Lenten journey for all those in attendance, so please feel free to pass this information on to anyone on your e-mail list who you think might be interested! The link for registration, along with a bit more detail on Fratelli Tutti, can be found here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/fratelli-tutti>.

**Marriage Enrichment** - Looking for a wonderful opportunity to spend time together as a couple, in the safety of your own home? Join the Virtual/Online Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience from **March 5-7**. During these stressful times, give your marriage a booster shot! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship! Contact: Marge & Gerard McCauley at [gerard.marge@rogers.com](mailto:gerard.marge@rogers.com) or (905) 792-1925 or visit the website at: [www.me.org](http://www.me.org)

### COME RETREAT WITH LOYOLA HOUSE VIRTUALLY!

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? See our website at [loyolahouse.com](http://loyolahouse.com) for more information on these upcoming retreats & programs:

- **Knowing the Heart of Jesus** - February 26-28 - A weekend of guided prayer with Bill Clarke, SJ
- **Finding Your Way Retreat** - February 26-28 - A weekend of discernment with Paul Panaretos, SJ & Joe Waters

These virtual retreats may include video links and/or Zoom (or telephone) gatherings, and optional individual meetings with your spiritual director where indicated.

Register online at [loyolahouse.com](http://loyolahouse.com) or contact [registration@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:registration@ignatiusguelph.ca) or by calling 519-824-1250 ext 266.

**2021 World Day of Prayer Services – Kitchener** – The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada ([www.wicc.org](http://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](mailto:office@stirlingmennonite.ca)) St Matthews Lutheran Church – 11 AM ([info@stmattskw.com](mailto:info@stmattskw.com)) St John the Evangelist Anglican Church – 1 PM ([acw@stjohn316.com](mailto:acw@stjohn316.com)) St Andrew's Presbyterian Church – 7 PM ([office@standrewskw.com](mailto: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](http://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

### 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

**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.

**Thank you!**

### Stewardship Report – February 16, 2021

Envelopes .....	\$ 1275.00
Initial Offering .....	\$ 10.00
Building Fund .....	\$ 150.00
Seminary Education .....	\$ 35.00
Candles .....	\$ 10.00
2020/21 Sunday Missal .....	\$ 5.00

## 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.



## A Big Thank You!

**We are grateful to one of our parishioners, who prefers to remain anonymous, for sponsoring these beautiful sacramental linens and donating \$1000.00 towards the renovations of our chapel.**





# LENT

*preparing our hearts....*

Prayer

Fasting

Almsgiving

## MEANING OF THE LENT

**PRAY**  
IS LOVE FOR GOD

**FAST**  
IS LOVE  
FOR YOURSELF

**GIVE**  
IS LOVE FOR OTHERS