

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 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

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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and His disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to Him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew His identity and would have revealed it to those who were present. Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed Himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found Him, He told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in His prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for His guidance and direction in our lives.

Family Connection

Jesus modeled for us a life of prayer. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:29-39. Talk about this Gospel with your family. Ask questions such as the following: What do you think Jesus was praying about in today's Gospel? What guidance have you received from God in prayer? Conclude by asking God to bless our times of prayer so that we can know and follow God's ways. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Spiritual Resources:

How a helicopter crash brought a soldier back to the Catholic faith <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/how-a-helicopter-crash-brought-a-soldier-back-to-the-catholic-faith-50070>

Spiritual Warfare: <https://youtu.be/LWF1L8YxZqY>

How to Pray: <https://youtu.be/bWp9tUW7cR4>

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2021

February 8 – Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.

February 9 – Rev. Tim Theriault

February 10 – Missionaries

February 11 – Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.

February 12 – Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R.

February 13 – Rev. Mussie A. Keflezghi, M.C.C.J.

February 14 – **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Vocations

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 7, 2021

Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries. If you think 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.

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>**The Password is: 274733****Daily Readings:** Lectors may find daily readings at this link:<https://readings.livingwithchrist.ca>**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 Income Tax Receipts** – Income Tax Receipts for 2020 are currently being processed and will be mailed out very shortly.**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 8, 2021 – February 14, 2021**Tuesday, February 9, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.****+Margeritte & +Carmelle** – *Stella Lemieux*Wednesday, February 10, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.****Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin****+Fr. Kazimierz Stachyra** – *Lucyna*Thursday, February 11 – **7:00 p.m.****Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes – World Day of the Sick****Special Intentions of Marion Jagelewski** – *Marion Jagelewski*Friday, February 12, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.****For Ewa as she prepares to become a consecrated widow** – *Elizabeth*

Saturday, February 13, 2021

9:00 a.m. – Special Intentions of Kim Ward – *Elizabeth***7:00 p.m. – +Sister Eleanor Olinski, SSND** – *Eleanor Fields*Sunday, February 14, 2021 – **10:00 a.m. – Sixth 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.

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. Please call the office after February 11th and check next week's bulletin for further information.

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.



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).

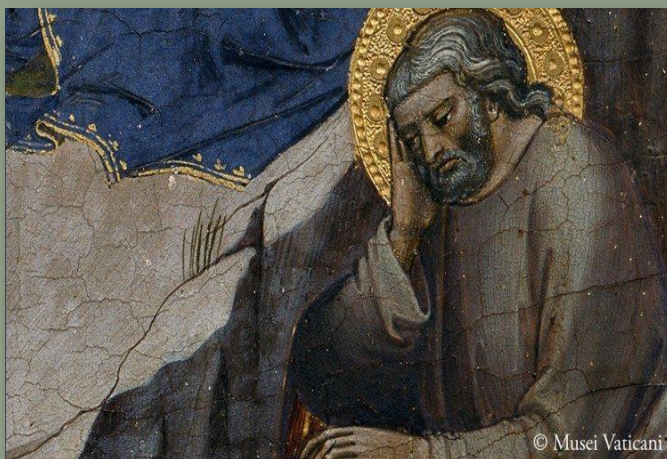
Parents can access the Online Pre-Registration form by clicking on the **Register for School** link on the **WCDSB Homepage** and then choosing **Kindergarten Registration**.

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 Registration - 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 of marriage on the Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com. The Anniversary Mass is listed on the home page - click on the icon and you can register your anniversary. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.

Ash Wednesday, February 17th, begins the Holy Season of Lent. The Diocesan Office for Evangelization and Catechesis and the Diocesan Office for Liturgy are preparing an Ash Wednesday program that can be celebrated at home – with the Gospel proclamation and a brief reflection by His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby. Parents may bless their children by tracing the Sign of the Cross on their foreheads, marking the beginning of the annual Lenten journey. For more information and additional resources for celebrating Lent in pandemic times, please see our Diocesan website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/lent2021.



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 pleased to tell you that we are now ACTIVE. The first withdrawal was in 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 – February 2, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 2450.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$ 60.00
Initial Offering	\$ 25.00
Building Fund	\$ 15.00
Seminary Education	\$ 30.00
Canada Helps Donation	\$ 117.20
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 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.

Thank you!

A big thank you to Bill Tucker who designed and produced the durable banner carts, seen here. The carts help us immensely in properly storing our banners for the liturgical seasons and accessing them, as we need to change them.

A big thank you also to Jack Pigeau, who assisted Bill with the design!

Thank you Bill and Jack for your creativity and generosity!

