

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 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

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 - 226-791-8453

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.

Healing Mass: First Friday of each month – 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday – 7:00 p.m.

St. Teresa School

Principal: Mr. Brian Goodyear

Secretary: Mary Lavigne

519-743-2131

Fifth Sunday of Lent

In John's Gospel this 5th Sunday of Lent, we are presented with a "hero" in a way which is dramatically different from what convention suggests. We begin to see Jesus at His most human, He is just like us in that He shares in the struggles of life by facing His own human struggle. He tells us "now my soul is troubled". These are certainly not the words we expect to hear from a leader, from a hero. There are three things we can learn from the Gospel this weekend: we should not be afraid to live through the ups and downs of our own lives; it is ok to admit that we are struggling when we are and our lowest points can become the turning points we need.

"He who loves his life loses it," this is a truth stated by Christ at the solemn moment when He was speaking of the purpose of His own painful death. **He died so that we might live, not for sixty or even a hundred years on earth, but forever in heaven.**

This was Jesus' "Hour," a time and point of no return. As we approach the ending of our Lenten Journey, we should step back to see if we have progressed on our "road to Calvary." The question that we should ask of ourselves is: "Are we just one of the spectators watching Jesus going by, carrying His cross, or are we truly one of His disciples begging forgiveness for our part in this scene?" Something to think about during your prayer time this week!

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain
of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it remains just a single grain;
but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
- John 12:24



Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2021

March 22 – Rev. Nishil Varghese,
C.M.I.

March 23 – Very Rev. Cornelius
O'Mahony

March 24 – Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)

March 25 – Most Rev. Matthew
Ustrzycki

March 26 – Rev. Felix Nwatu

March 27 – Rev. Piotr (Peter)

Machnacki, S.A.C.

March 28 – **Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord**

Vocations

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 21, 2021

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends". If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, call Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger, VG, EV, Auxiliary Bishop & Vocations Director, Diocese of Hamilton at (905) 528-7988 x2222.

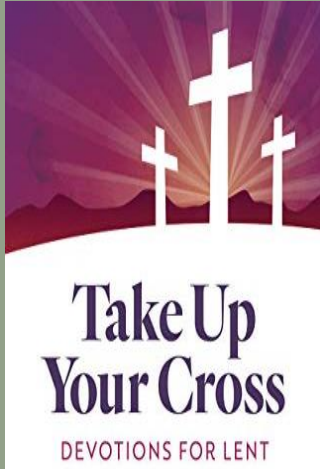
vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

Serra Prayer for Vocations

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for Your Church, fellow labourers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.

Amen.



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., except first Fridays. 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.

Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday – April 1, 2021

7:00 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday – April 2, 2021

2:30 p.m. – Divine Mercy Devotion

3:00 p.m. – Good Friday Liturgy

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – April 3, 2021

11:00 a.m. – Blessing of Easter Food

7:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday – April 4, 2021

10:00 a.m. – Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

A reminder that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered Tuesday to Friday – 30 minutes prior to Mass; Saturday – 30 minutes prior to the 9 a.m. Mass and at 4:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to the Holy Triduum.

Are you planning on attending the Easter Liturgies?

Please register by clicking on the following link:

http://stteresakit.ca/?page_id=1984

You will need to register for **each** of the liturgies you wish to attend. For those who are not able to register on line, please call the parish office at 519-743-4525 to register.

Mass Intentions

March 22, 2021 – March 28, 2021

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

+Heribert Kohlmaier – *Marlowe Kohlmaier*

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.

+Tom Nakluski – *Sandra Nakluski & Family*

Thursday, March 25 – 8:30 a.m.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

+Krystyna Heydel-Zarin – *Elizabeth*

Friday, March 26, 2021 –

8:30 a.m. –

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 27, 2021

9:00 a.m. – +Charles Nolan – *Mary Alice & Bill Zister*

5:00 p.m. – +Dave Tschirhart – *Pat Wilkins*

Sunday, March 28, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – **Palm**

Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – 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>

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR MASS AND PRAYER

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!

OFFICE IS OPEN!

We are all so happy that the Parish Office is now open! 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.

The Reel Justice Film Festival is back for another year! A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the *Reel Justice Film Festival* shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustice. Films are screened once a month and provide an opportunity for community discussion about ways we can all support actions for change. Details and the full schedule can be found at: reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com. This year the festival is going virtual! All of the films will be available online. **Special family friendly screening March 25th 6:30pm – 8:00pm - *To the Arctic***, narrated by Oscar winner Meryl Streep. The film takes audiences into the lives of a mother polar bear and her twin seven-month-old cubs, as they navigate the changing Arctic wilderness they call home. RSVP online or by email at library@hamiltondiocese.com. Join the discussion!

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 affects 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.** Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett and Deacon Joseph Di Loreto. Registration is required but the session is free of charge. Register at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/pornography-help>.

Share Love, Share Lent: Keeping Canadians committed.



Did you know that advocacy by Development and Peace members resulted in several schools, parishes and municipal offices across Canada giving up bottled water?

Join our *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign to celebrate the many ways in which Canadian Catholics show that they care for social, economic and environmental justice

To help make a difference, **get your MP to commit to building back better from the pandemic.**

Visit devp.org/lent to learn more.



We are currently accepting applications for the following opportunities:

- **Occasional Teachers**

Please visit our website for job details and application criteria: www.wcdsb.ca

QUALITY • INCLUSIVE • FAITH-BASED • EDUCATION

COME RETREAT WITH LOYOLA HOUSE VIRTUALLY!

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

Holy Week Retreat - March 27-April 3 - Walk with Jesus along his journey to the cross and his rising from death, and allow Christ to join his journey to yours.

Easter Triduum - April 1-3 - Visual presentations for engaging the Holy Week rituals.

The Psalms Weekend Retreat - April 16-18 - with Greg Kennedy, SJ

8-Day Directed Retreat - April 22-30

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 or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or call 519 824 1250 ext 266.



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

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.

Stewardship Report
March 14, 2021

Envelopes	\$1242.00
Loose	\$ 93.00
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00
Building Fund	\$ 30.00
Share Lent	\$ 75.00
2020/21 Sunday Missal	\$ 5.00

Stewardship Report

As a parish community, we are celebrating Mass in the church, with reduced capacity. At this time, I would ask you to continue to keep our parish in your prayers and prayerfully consider continuing your donations. For those attending Mass, in person, a basket will be provided for you to drop off your donation, on your way out of the church.

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. 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

E-Transfer

Exciting news – We are now able to provide E-Transfer to our parishioners. For E-Transfers, please use the following email account: **stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com**

CanadaHelps

To support our parish via **credit card** or **PayPal** please visit canadahelps.org You can access our parish directly by following this link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119110450RR0053-st-teresas-parish/>

For those who do not get the bulletin electronically, go to canadahelps.org and then follow the instructions below:

Once you are on the homepage, you can access St. Teresa of Avila Parish by going to the Donate tab and clicking on Find a Charity. Click on the blue box that says Pick a category that is close to your heart. Now click on religion. Once you have done this you will have another tab appear that says All Locations. Click on this tab and change region to Ontario and city to Kitchener. You will now be able to scroll down until you find **STTERESAS** (Kitchener, ON appears below). Click on this link and you can then proceed with your donation.

Please note that donations made through the CanadaHelps website, will receive a tax receipt directly from CanadaHelps, via email.

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.

LENT & EASTER

LENT BEGINS

ASH WEDNESDAY

Emphasizes our mortality and our need for ongoing repentance.

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

PALM SUNDAY

Commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem.

ASH WEDNESDAY | GOOD FRIDAY DAYS OF FASTING

One full meal and two smaller meals.

HOLY THURSDAY

Celebrates the Last Supper with the disciples and Passover.

ASH WEDNESDAY | GOOD FRIDAY + EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

Abstain from consumption of meat.

GOOD FRIDAY

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

40 DAYS

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.

HE HAS RISEN! EASTER SUNDAY

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

PILLARS OF LENT

PRAYER | FASTING
ALMSGIVING

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