

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 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

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

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Pastoral Council Chair:

Barbara Daly

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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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Today's liturgy combines both a sense of triumph and tragedy. Very importantly, we are reminded at the beginning, that we are about to commemorate the triumph of Christ our King. **"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."** Words we continue to sing during the Eucharistic Prayer at every Mass. We do this through the blessing of palms, the procession and the joyful singing. And the celebrant wears red vestments. We need to keep this in mind as we proceed in the second half to hear the long tale of the sufferings and indignities to which Jesus was subjected. A tale not relieved — yet — by the proper end of the story: the Resurrection to new life. So as we listen to the Passion story unfolding let us keep in mind the Hosannas as Jesus our King entered Jerusalem, His city. Very soon it will be difficult to recognise our King in the battered, scourged, crowned-with-thorns, crucified remnant of a human being.

What we see in today's readings is God using perfectly human situations in order to convey, in dramatic fashion, His relationship to us. And it is only with genuine faith that we are able to see the work of God in the tragic death of Jesus. As Paul says, for many of the Jews it was a stumbling block and for many non-believers sheer nonsense but to those who believe He is "the power of God and the wisdom of God".

Holy Week

It is most definitely a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it. Historical documents tell us that as early as the fourth century the Church celebrated this "Great Week" with a feeling of profound sanctity. It begins with **Palm Sunday**, which marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The central feature of the service proper to this day, as it was in the earliest times, is the procession of palms. The other notable and very ancient feature of the present Palm Sunday service is the reading of the Gospel of the Passion by three readers.



Holy Week

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2021

March 29 – Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
 March 30 – Rev. Maria Joseph Ahilan Alphonse, C.R.S.P.
 March 31 – Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada (C.S.J.)
 April 1 – **Holy Thursday**
 April 2 – **Good Friday**
 April 3 – **Holy Saturday**
 April 4 – **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Vocations

Passion (Palm) Sunday March 28, 2021

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call 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/>

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.

Easter Triduum

Especially important for Catholics is the Easter Triduum. This is the three days just before Easter.

On **Holy Thursday**, we reenact the Lord's Last Supper, which He shared with His apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. At the Mass, the priest will wash the feet of twelve men, just as Jesus did. Also on this night, priests all over the world will renew their sacred vows. This is because, at the Last Supper, Jesus not only instituted the Mass (Eucharist) but also the ministerial priesthood.

On **Good Friday**, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have the veneration of the Cross. A service is held at three o'clock in the afternoon (the hour He is believed to have died) and another later in the evening. We go forward and kiss the Cross in order to show honor and respect for Christ's sacrifice for our sake. There is no Consecration of the Eucharist on this day, and the Communion we receive will be from the night before, which has been reserved in the tabernacle.

Holy Saturday is a vigil. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Savior. This was the day He went down into the netherworld in order to bring back up with Him into heaven those who had died before His coming. Up to this time, the gates to heaven were closed and no one could go there because of the original sin of Adam. Jesus changed all that. By paying the price for our sins on the Cross, He gained for us our eternal salvation, and heaven was opened once more. Also on this night, persons who have spent months of preparation will be received through Baptism and Confirmation into the Catholic Church for the first time. It is a joyous occasion.

Easter Sunday

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb on the third day after his crucifixion. Easter is the fulfilled prophecy of the Messiah who would be persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day. (Isaiah 53). Remembering the resurrection of Jesus is a way to renew daily hope that we have victory over sin.

Mass Intentions March 29, 2021 – April 4, 2021

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.**
**+Normanda Mendanca & +Ermelinda Morera –
*Fatima***

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

Thursday, April 1, 2021 – **Holy Thursday
7:00 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper
Vocations & Religious Life**

April 1 – April 4, 2021 Please see the Holy Triduum Program

Daily Readings:

Lectors may find daily readings at this link:
<https://readings.livingwithchrist.ca>

Christian Initiation

On Holy Saturday, during the Easter Vigil celebration the following participants of the RCIA program will receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation:

**Aaron R.H. Cook
Flora Osasu Ojeyokan
Timothy Ebhdjie Ojeyokan**

Our parish community is invited to pray for these elect as they prepare to be embraced by the Church and immersed in the Sacraments of Initiation.

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!

Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2021

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 Novena

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

6:30 p.m. – Divine Mercy Novena

7:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass

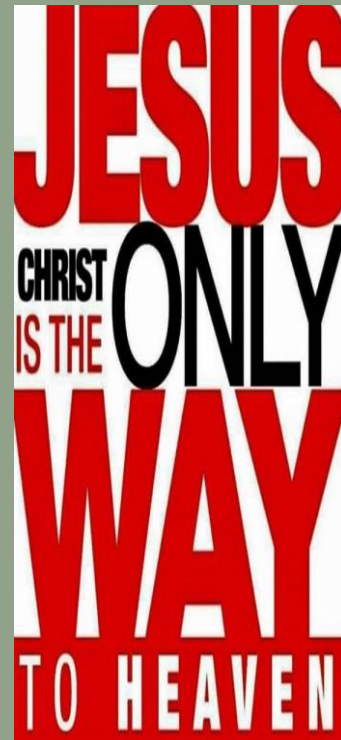
Easter Sunday – April 4, 2021

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

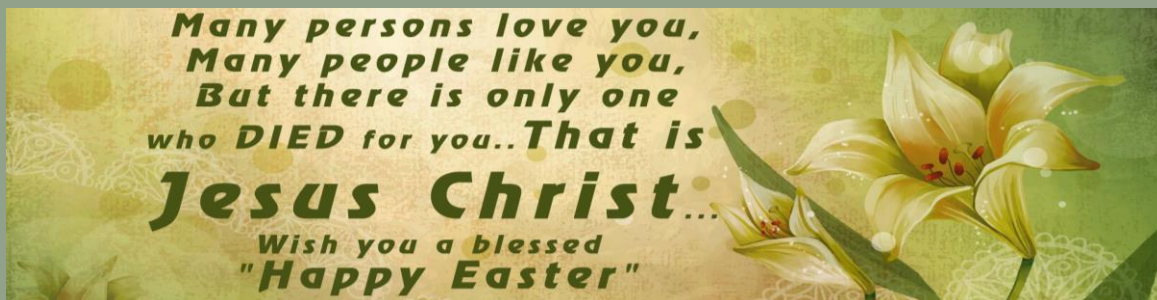
30 minutes prior to each Mass

There will be no Confession during the Holy Triduum



Live-streaming on Zoom

The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 7 p.m., the Good Friday Liturgy at 3 p.m. and the Easter Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. will be live-streamed on Zoom. If you are not attending these liturgies, and you wish to join Father online, please click on the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/5887658626> The Password is: 274733 Please visit our website regularly, for more details: www.stteresakit.ca



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.**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

There will be a special collection on **Good Friday, April 2, 2021** for the **Needs of the Church in the Holy Land**. The special collection for **Share Lent** should have taken place last weekend, but you are still encouraged to make a donation, if you haven't already done so. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you.

Prayer Vigil - Thursday, April 1, 2021 - 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 at Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com **Note:** We will all observe 2 meters distancing.



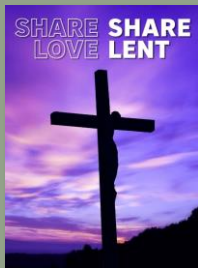
We are currently accepting applications for the following opportunities:

Lunch Hour Supervision (All Schools)

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

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Share Love, Share Lent: Paschal progression.



Did you know that Development and Peace has organized a Lenten campaign every year since 1968?

Keeping up with the tradition, this year's campaign, *Share Love, Share Lent*, invites you to a final week of family fun, communal reflection, global solidarity and prayer.

Don't miss our special campaign Way of the Cross!

Catch the details and contribute at devp.org/lent.

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@ignatiushouse.ca or call 519 824 1250 ext 266.

Stewardship Report



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.

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.

Stewardship Report March 21, 2021

Envelopes	\$1830.00
Loose	\$ 77.50
Building Fund	\$ 578.00
Share Lent	\$ 75.00
Flowers	\$ 20.00

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.