

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 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.

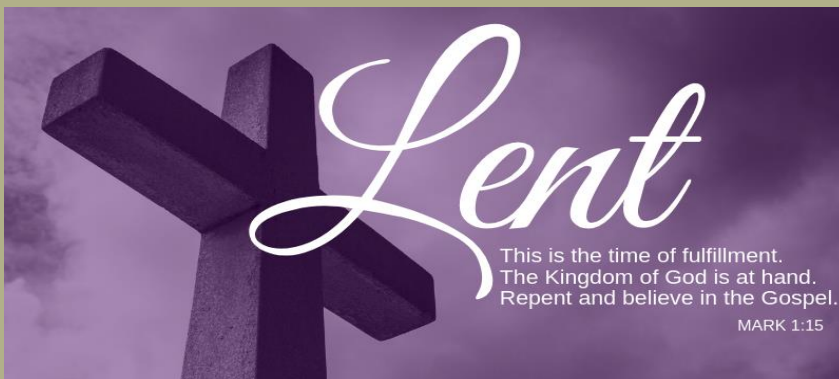
Healing Mass: First Friday of each month – 7:00 p.m.

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

Third Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel (*J 2:13-25*) we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax. Entering the temple, Jesus discovered how deceiving appearances can be. While the place appeared to fulfill its function, closer inspection revealed that it had forgotten its purpose. **The trappings were still in place but the place had no heart for its raison to exist.** It had been taken over by buyers and sellers, consumers and marketers who knew how to fill the pews and meet the capital campaign goals. **The ways of the world invade the Church gradually, subtly, never intentionally, always in service of the Church and its mission. Soon the Church is full of cattle and sheep and turtledoves and money changers!**

Jesus is angry because the Jews have desecrated His Father's house (v. 16). When the first temple was dedicated to God, the builder, King Solomon, called it "an exalted temple for [him], a place for God's dwelling forever" (1 Kgs 8:13). At that dedication, "the glory of the LORD filled the temple" (1 Kgs 8:11). **God isn't confined to the temple, but the temple is a special place where He would meet men.** In this house men would come to worship Him, and sacrifices were offered to Him. **This house was built to display His glory. But the sounds of confession have been replaced with the sounds of commerce. Gone are silent prayers to God.** They have been exchanged for the angry chorus of men haggling over the price of bulls and sheep. The cooing of doves and the stink of manure now occupy the place that used to be reserved for men to humble themselves and worship God. Jesus levels a charge, but the charge is not unethical practices. They have twisted the purpose of the temple. Jesus is denouncing impure worship. **The holiness and gravity of worship have been lost. People have forgotten why they come to the temple in the first place.**



Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2021

March 8– Rev. Joe S. Selvanayagam
 March 9– Rev. Stephen Gilbert
 March 10 – Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny (S.J.C.)
 March 11 – Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M.
 March 12 – Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.
 March 13 – Rev. Ilija Petkovic
 March 14 – **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Vocations

Third Sunday of Lent March 7, 2021

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might 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
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

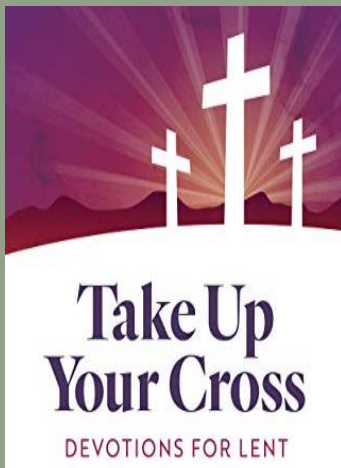
Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations

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

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!

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. Please follow the safety rules. **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., 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.

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

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.**

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!

Mass Intentions**March 8, 2021 – March 14, 2021**Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.****+Clare Schmidt** – *Mary Alice & Bill Zister*Wednesday, March 10, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.****Intentions of Rosa Artinger** – *Mary Alice & Bill Zister*Thursday, March 11 – **8:30 a.m.****Intentions of Joanne Nolan & Family** – *Mary Alice & Bill Zister & Family*

Friday, March 12, 2021 –

8:30 a.m. –**7:00 p.m.** – **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, March 13, 2021

9:00 a.m. – **Special Intentions of Cathy****Hesch** – *Marion Jagelewski***5:00 p.m.** – **+Carl & Fran Hergott** – *Barb Hergott*Sunday, March 14, 2021– **10:00 a.m.** – **Fourth****Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)** – 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>

MASS OF CHRISM**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON**

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the Mass of Chrism on Monday, March 29th, 2021 in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. This year, due to COVID capacity limitations and social distancing requirements, **attendance at the Chrism Mass will be limited to Priests only.** Each year at the Mass of Chrism, the Bishop blesses the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Catechumens, and consecrates Sacred Chrism. Let us pray for all who minister to God's holy people in our Diocese – our Bishops, Priests, Deacons, lay leaders, and all God's holy people.



Catholic Women's League Meeting, after the 7:00 p.m. Mass and installation of the executive this 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.



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.



In response to the COVID-19 restrictions, the Lectures in Catholic Experience—like all on-campus, public gatherings—were put on hiatus this past year. We are excited to sponsor a series of online lectures during the upcoming months called Hope in the Time of COVID. Please see sju.ca/lce for more information and links.

David Perrin, PhD - THE COLLAPSE OF SELF-TRANSCENDENCE: COVID-19 AND MEANING-MAKING IN EVERYDAY LIFE - Wednesday, March 17, 2021 | 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.



**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.

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. 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

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** at canadahelps.org

You can access our parish directly on CanadaHelps by clicking on the following 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.

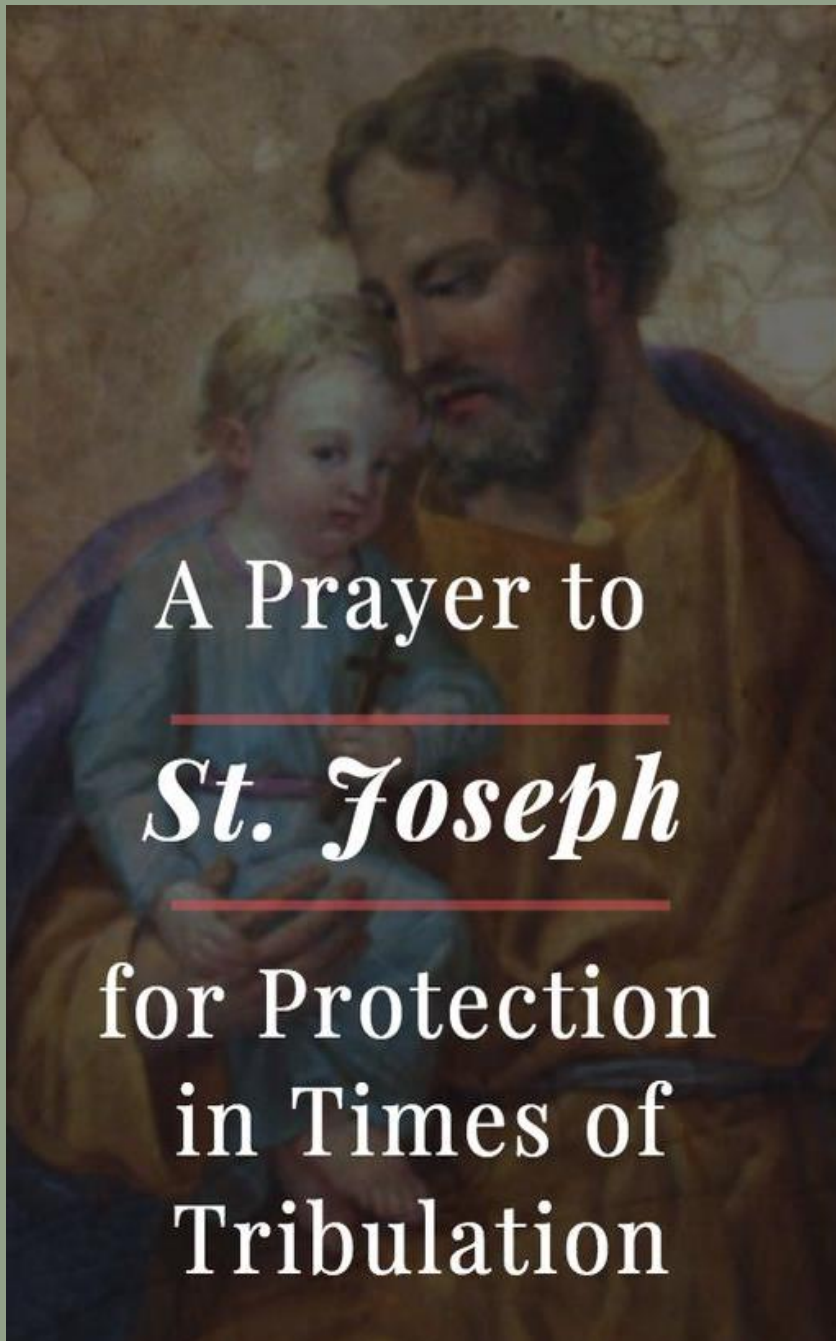
Please note that donations made through the CanadaHelps website, will receive a tax receipt directly from CanadaHelps, via email.

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

Stewardship Report – February 28, 2021	
Envelopes	\$ 1393.00
Loose	\$ 302.00
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00
Building Fund	\$ 75.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$ 5.00
February Pre-Authroized Giving	\$ 1603.00

A Year of St. Joseph



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

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Soul-nourishing Practices for Lent

Fast from busyness.

Take a slow walk around a neighborhood park or other natural place. Listen to the sounds around you – of nature, of people, of silence – and let your soul find rest in the moment.

Fast from emotional exhaustion.

When feeling a soul-draining emotion, such as resentment, hurt, anger, or fear, give yourself time and space to let it rise and then subside. Don't judge, bury, or ignore it, but let it play itself out before choosing a way to respond.

Fast from negativity.

Pay attention to times when you find yourself indulging in skepticism or sarcasm, cynicism or contempt. Make a conscious effort to turn your thoughts around to something positive, hopeful, and life-enhancing.

Fast from verbal violence.

Look for ways to replace hurtful words with healing ones. Be mindful of abstaining from television shows, films, books, articles, and other forms of media that are filled with hateful, judgmental, or cruel words, images, and actions.

"This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; Setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke; Sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; Clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own."

~ Isaiah 58:6-7

Walk
on
His
path

