

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 4, 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**

### 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.

### St. Teresa School

Principal: Mr. Brian Goodyear

Secretary: Mary Lavigne

519-743-2131

**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.

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

**"WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE  
AND ALLELUIA IS OUR SONG!"**  
(St Augustine -354-430AD)

**Easter Triduum**

All that we have been doing during Lent has been leading us to the Easter moment. This, the greatest moment in the Church's year, is celebrated in the Easter Triduum, meaning simply 'the three days', beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and ending with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Lent officially ends on Holy Thursday and we enter into Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Though the New Testament contains no reference to an annual feast celebrating the Resurrection, the practice was well-established by the second century. Early churchmen were divided on whether to hold a feast on 14 Nisan (the date of the Jewish Passover) or on the following Sunday; disputes continued until the Council of Nicaea in 325 decided it must fall on a Sunday. Eventually the date was formulated as **"the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the vernal equinox."** This can range between March 22 and April 25.

**Easter Sunday**

**Christ is risen, alleluia!** This is the ancient Christian greeting on this day of great joy and happiness for all. Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the "Feast of feasts". **"This is the day which the Lord has made."** Throughout the octave we shall sing of the unequalled joy which throws open eternity to us. Every Sunday will furnish a reminder of it, and from Sunday to Sunday, from year to year, the Easters of this earth will lead us to that blessed day on which Christ has promised that He will come again with glory to take us with Him into the kingdom of His Father.

Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. **The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and His Resurrection.** The Gospel passage concludes, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary Magdalene meets Jesus but mistakes Him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through His appearances to them. **Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in His appearances and in His gift of the Holy Spirit.**



Happy Easter

Diocese of Hamilton  
Prayer Calendar 2021

April 5 – Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.  
April 6 – Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.Sp.  
April 7 – Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)  
April 8 – Rev. Allen Varlaki  
April 9 – Rev. Paul Edmondstone  
April 10 – Rev. Jerzy Tomon  
April 11 – **Second Sunday of Easter**  
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

**Vocations**
**Easter Sunday of the  
Resurrection of the Lord**  
**April 4, 2021**

The glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims, forever, that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all times. If you feel God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest, religious or 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/>

**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.

### 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!

### 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](mailto: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 March 21, 2021, but you are still encouraged to make a donation, if you haven't already done so. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you.

### EASTER FLOWERS

Donations for Easter flowers would be greatly appreciated. You are welcome to use a blank envelope or the envelopes for Flower Donations at the back of the church. Please include your name, address and phone number and/or your Envelope #. Thank you for your generosity!

### Mass Intentions April 5, 2021 – April 11, 2021

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.**  
**Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**  
**Group Mass Intentions**

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**  
**Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**  
**+Maria Forthuber – Helene Meier**

Thursday, April 8, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**  
**Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

Friday, April 9, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.**  
**Friday within the Octave of Easter**  
**Intentions of Rob – Magie**

Saturday, April 10, 2021 –  
**Saturday within the Octave of Easter**  
**9:00 a.m. – +Helen Altman – Family**  
**5:00 p.m. – +Ludwig Ceh – Theresa Ceh & Family**

Sunday, April 11, 2021 – **10:00 a.m. – Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) – 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>

### Parish Office Closed- Easter Monday

The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 5, 2021 and will reopen on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

*Happy Easter!*



## 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**

**(Day of Fast and Abstinence)**

**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**

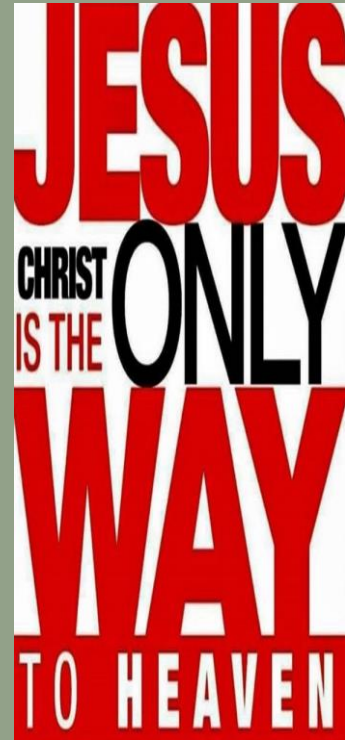
**11:00 a.m.** – Blessing of Easter Food

**6:30 p.m.** – Divine Mercy Novena

**7:00 p.m.** – Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday – April 4, 2021**

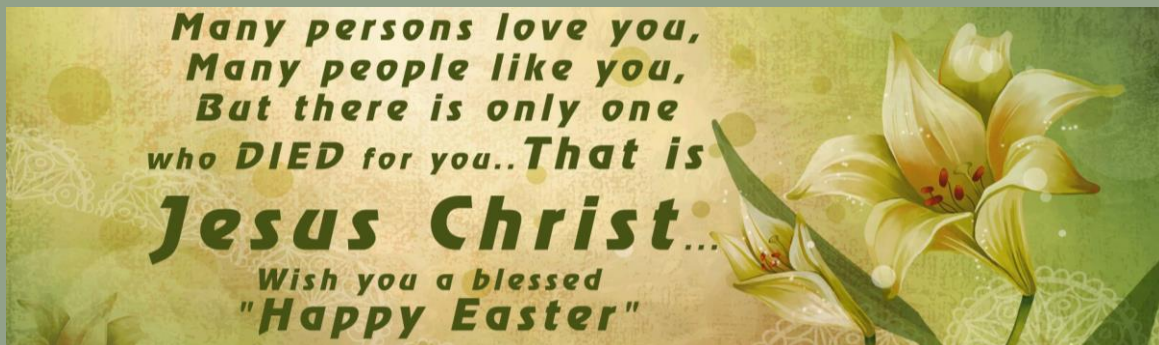
**10:00 a.m.** – Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord



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**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 28, 2021

Envelopes .....	\$1526.00
Loose .....	\$ 88.10
Building Fund .....	\$ 258.00
Share Lent .....	\$ 35.00
Easter .....	\$ 100.00
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday) .....	\$ 25.00
Flowers .....	\$ 20.00

## 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](mailto:stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com)

### CanadaHelps

To support our parish via **credit card** or **PayPal** please visit [canadahelps.org](https://www.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](https://www.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.**



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

**Christ is Risen!**

**He is our Hope, Truth and Life.**

May the Risen Christ, who opened the doors of the tomb, open our hearts to the needs of the disadvantaged, the vulnerable, the poor, the unemployed, the marginalized, and all those who knock at our door in search of bread, and the recognition of their dignity.

May we let ourselves be renewed by Him!

May this Easter bring comfort to the people who have lost their loved ones because of COVID-19. May the Living Christ grant His peace to us and the entire world.

May the Risen Lord accompany us in our struggles and challenges during this difficult time.

May the joy of the resurrection fill our hearts and the hearts of those who are experiencing the effects of this difficult economic situation.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Marian Gil OMI

