

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 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 - 519-574-8534 or  
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**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**

## 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:** By appointment only.

**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.

**See inside for revised schedule during church closure.**

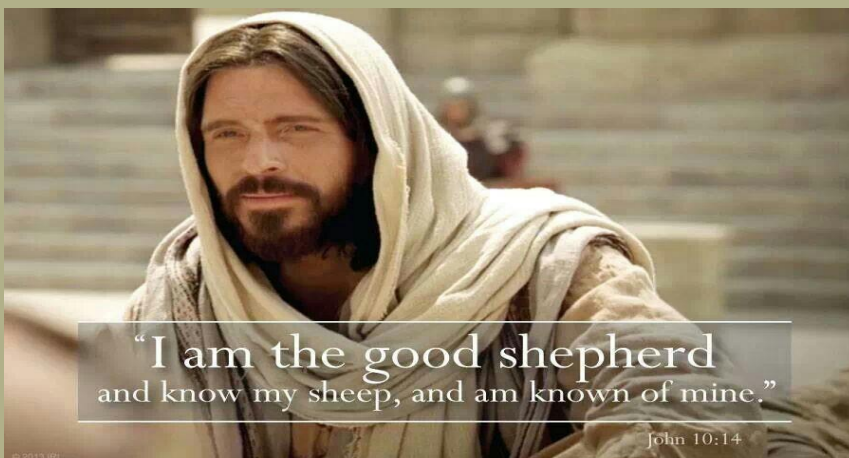


The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called **Good Shepherd Sunday**. The Gospel is from St. John 10:11-18. The image of Christ as our Good Shepherd has always appealed to human nature. One of the earliest paintings of Christ in the Roman catacombs represents Him as carrying an injured sheep on His shoulders. This is a manifestation of love which touches our innermost feelings. We do not mind being likened to sheep in this context.

Indeed we all act like sheep on many occasions, when it comes to the things that concern our spiritual welfare. We often ramble off from the flock to nibble at little bits of forbidden pasture. However, we have a Shepherd who understands us, one whose patience and love are infinite. He is always ready to go after us when we stray too far; His voice is constantly reaching out to us in missions, retreats, sicknesses, crosses and other various ways. How many times have we already felt His loving grace calling and helping us back to the safety of His fold?

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes His relationship with His followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices Himself for the sake of His sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.



## Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2021

April 26 – Rev. William Trusz  
 April 27 – Rev. David Reitzel  
 April 28 – Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb (S.O.C.)  
 April 29 – Rev. Patras Samuel Masih  
 April 30 – Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo  
 May 1 – Rev. Claude Perera, O.M.I.  
 May 2 – **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

## Vocations

### Fourth Sunday of Easter April 25, 2021

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or diaconate, 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.

**Parish Office – Important Information**

Due to Province-wide restrictions, the Parish Office at 44 Leonard St. is once again closed. Please continue to watch the bulletin for further up-dates.

Mary will be working from home and therefore, you can continue to reach our Parish Office at [st.teresa@stteresakit.ca](mailto:st.teresa@stteresakit.ca) or 519-743-4525.

**First Communion Postponed until 2022**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we have to postpone First Communion for those children who signed up in 2020. In order for children and families to get ready for the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation, children need to grow in faith and in the practice of their faith. The pandemic has not allowed us to create a proper environment that would allow children to attend Mass on a regular basis. This situation compels us to postpone the direct preparation and receiving of the sacraments until next year.

Never-the-less, parents and children are encouraged to attend Mass whenever possible, in the church and during this time of pandemic, on Zoom.

**Mass During Lockdown** – We can accommodate up to 9 people to assist at Mass. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office. Thank you.

**Mass Intentions for 2021** – The offering of Mass for the deceased, the sick, a personal intention, in thanksgiving, a special intention such as an anniversary, birthday, etc. is an act of deep faith and a most excellent way of remembering a loved one. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to request a Mass.



We are currently accepting applications for the following opportunities: **Registered Early Childhood Educators and Occasional Teachers**. Please visit our website for job details and application criteria: [www.wcdsb.ca](http://www.wcdsb.ca)

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VIRTUALLY!**

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Interested in learning something new? See our website at [loyolahouse.com](http://loyolahouse.com) (under "Events") for more information on upcoming retreats & programs. Register: [loyolahouse.com](http://loyolahouse.com) or [registration@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:registration@ignatiusguelph.ca) or call 519-824-1250 ext 266

**Mass Intentions****April 26, 2021 – May 2, 2021**

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

**Intentions of Nincevic Family – Friends**

Wednesday, April 28, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

**+Emilia Clark – Ken & Betty**

Thursday, April 29, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

**+Leon & Genowefa Ziolkowski – Ken & Betty**

Friday, April 30, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

**In Thanksgiving – 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Ewa & Artur – Dabrowska-Miciula Family**

Saturday, May 1, 2021 –

**9:00 a.m. – +Joseph Altman – Family**

**7:00 p.m. – +Leona Grobe – Peter Grobe**

Sunday, May 2, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – **Fifth**

**Sunday of Easter – 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. 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>

**Spiritual Communion**

*(St. Alphonsus Liguori)*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if you were already there,  
and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amén.





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 April 18, 2021

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| Envelopes .....   | \$1805.00 |
| Building Fund .....   | \$ 80.00  |
| Easter .....  | \$ 100.00 |
| Needs of the Church in the Holy Land<br>(Good Friday) ..... | \$ 70.00  |
| Pope's Pastoral Works .....                                 | \$ 10.00  |
| Seminary Education .....                                    | \$ 10.00  |

## 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!

### 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](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.

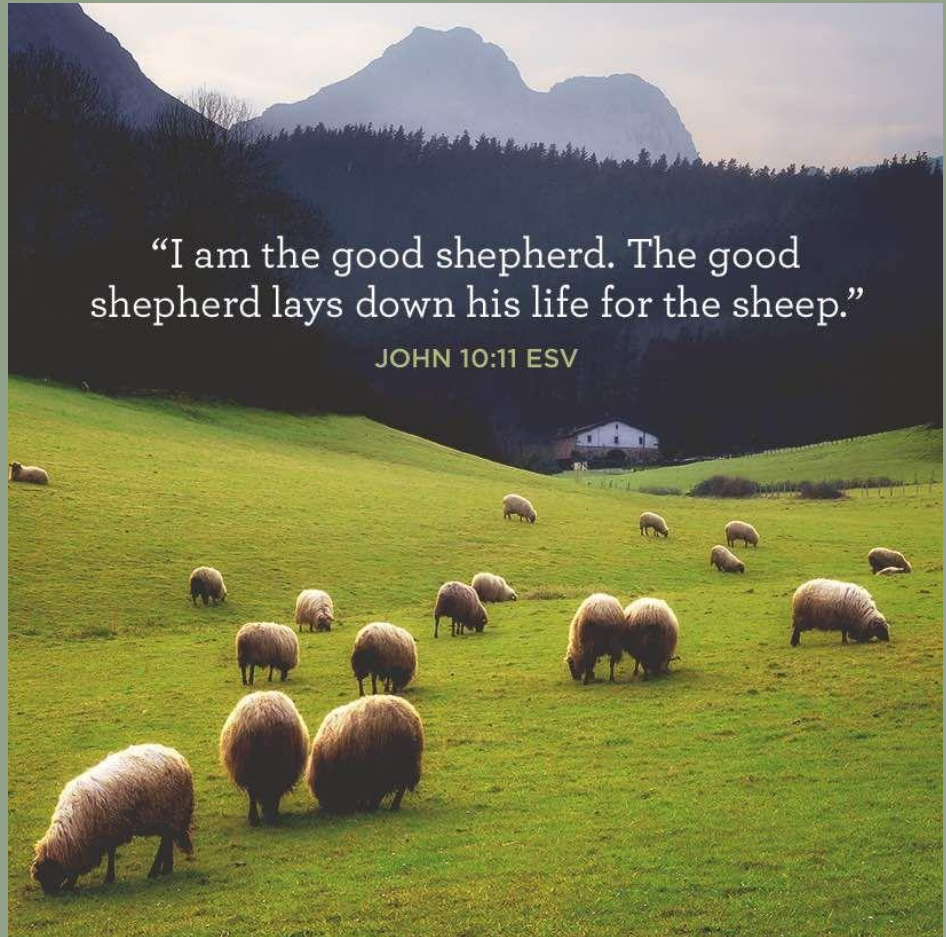
Please note that donations made through the CanadaHelps website, will receive a tax receipt directly from CanadaHelps, via email.

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.**

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.



"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

JOHN 10:11 ESV

### Pope Francis Encourages Discerners to Follow in the Footsteps of Saint Joseph in Celebration of Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Last December, Pope Francis marked the 150th anniversary of the Church's declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the universal Church and proclaimed the [Year of Saint Joseph](#) (December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021). In his [message for the 2021 World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#), Pope Francis again turns to Saint Joseph, as a guide for fathers and mothers, both biological and spiritual, who seek to foster the gift of vocation in the hearts of those entrusted to them, saying:





“The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties, and steadfast in strengthening hopes. The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of “the saints next door”. At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey.”

“Together with God’s call, which makes our greatest dreams come true, and our response, which is made up of generous service and attentive care, there is a third characteristic of Saint Joseph’s daily life and our Christian vocation, namely fidelity. Joseph is the “righteous man” (Mt 1:19) who daily perseveres in quietly serving God and His plans. At a particularly difficult moment in his life, he thoughtfully considered what to do (cf. v. 20). He did not let himself be hastily pressured. He did not yield to the temptation to act rashly, simply following his instincts or living for the moment. Instead, he pondered things patiently. He knew that success in life is built on constant fidelity to important decisions. This was reflected in his perseverance in plying the trade of a humble carpenter (cf. Mt 13:55), a quiet perseverance that made no news in his own time, yet has inspired the daily lives of countless fathers, labourers and Christians ever since. For a vocation – like life itself – matures only through daily fidelity.”

## Prayer for World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood, and permanent diaconate. Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability.

Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call. Inspire parents, families, and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service.

Nudge inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about monastic life, apostolic life, missionaries, cloistered contemplative life, and evangelical Oblate life.

Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for religious sisters, brothers, deacons, and priests to live in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalized. Disrupt our comfortable lives and complacent attitudes with new ideas to respond courageously and creatively with a daily 'YES!' Amen.

