

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 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

Prayer Group:

Mila Navaleza - 519-574-8534 or
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Finance Council Chair:

Don Pickett, Jr.

Pastoral Council Chair:

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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: By appointment only.

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

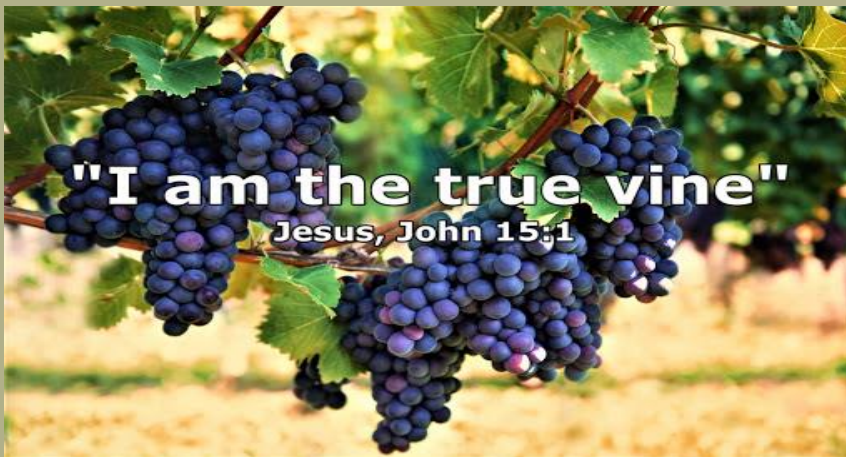
Prayer Meeting: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday – 7:00 p.m.

See inside for revised schedule during church closure.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF *Easter*

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing His disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs His disciples about the importance of following His example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for His disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about His relationship to His disciples. In His metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh Himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.



Children's Liturgy - please take advantage of the following webpages:

<https://www.catholicmom.com/sunday-mass-activities>
<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturgy/>
<http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/default.html>

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2021

May 3 – Rev. David Reilander
 May 4 – Rev. David Weise
 May 5 – Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (S.S.M.I.)
 May 6 – Rev. Tom Moisan
 May 7 – Rev. Leszek Szczygiel
 May 8 – Rev. Pablito Labado
 May 9 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Vocations

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 2021

Our second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in word and speech only, but in truth and action. If God is 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/>

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.



May – The Month of Mary - During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts a fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration.

Following each Mass in our church we will have a short Marian devotion meditating upon virtues of our Blessed Mother and recite the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I would like to invite all our families to pray at home at least one decade of the Rosary during this month.

I would also encourage our parishioners to take advantage of different devotions (devotion promoted by St. Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort, etc.) to prepare yourselves for the Act of Consecration that will take place on May 30th.

First Friday – May 7th, 2021 - Adoration begins at 6 p.m.; Mass at 7 p.m. Please join us on Zoom.

On Mother's Day, May 9th and Father's Day, June 20th we will accept multiple Mass intentions. Please call our parish office if you would like to make a request. All the requested intentions on this occasion will be listed in the bulletin.

Mother's Day - On May 9th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass we will pray for all Mothers. This day gives us the awesome opportunity to thank All Mothers for their dedication and the unconditional love that they share with their children and family. May the good Lord reward you for your care and love by showering upon you abundant blessings. Happy Mother's Day!

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.
Amen.*

Mass Intentions
May 3, 2021 – May 9, 2021

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Group Mass Intentions

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

+Larry Wismer – Joan Wismer

Thursday, May 6, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Memorial of St. François de Laval

Special Intentions of Kulas Family – Ewa

Friday, May 7, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Special Intentions of Rosemary Fisher – Ewa

Saturday, May 8, 2021 –

9:00 a.m. – +Inge Wessels – Helene Meier

7:00 p.m. – In Thanksgiving - Dan & Pat

Weiler – The Family

Sunday, May 9, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – Sixth

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>

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

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.

First Communion Postponed until 2022 - Due to Covid-19 restrictions we have to postpone First Communion for those children who signed up in 2020. 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.



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

COME RETREAT WITH LOYOLA HOUSE VIRTUALLY!

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Interested in learning something new? See our website at loyolahouse.com (under "Events") for more information on these upcoming retreats & programs:

- 8-Day Directed Retreat - June 17-25 & August 19-27
- The Little Prince Retreat - May 7-9 - with Greg Kennedy, SJ
- "See, I am Making All Things New" Join Me! 8-Day Retreat - May 20-28 - An Earth Retreat
- 9 Journeys of the Soul: An Enneagram Retreat - June 3-6
- Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment - June 11-13
- Ignatian Spirituality Retreat - July 22-27

NEW! Check out our Multi-faith retreat series in exploring contemplation and self-knowledge through the lenses of these traditions:

- May 15-16 – Jesuit Ignatian and Buddhist traditions
- May 22-23 – Hinduism, Meditative Inquiry, and Muslim Sufi traditions
- June 12-13 – Indigenous, Jewish Kabbalah, and Lutheran traditions
- July 10-11 – Ancient Egyptian thought and Zoroastrianism

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 by calling 519 824 1250 ext 266.



Marillac Place 2021 Baby Bottle Campaign Mother's Day to Father's Day

Mother's Day is just around the corner and St. Teresa of Avila Parish is once again proud to participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign, in support of Marillac Place. Marillac Place relies heavily on the donations from our community to support mother-led families in need of assistance. The Campaign runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Due to the ongoing social distancing restrictions, we will not be delivering baby bottles this year. Please provide your support through our virtual campaign by donating online or sending a cheque directly to Marillac Place. When you donate online, you have the option to send an e-card to someone special on Mother's Day.

To donate click the following link: [Donate - Marillac Place](#)

Thank you so much for your support. All proceeds from the campaign will directly support the operations of Marillac Place to help us make an immediate impact on residents. For more information on Marillac Place please call (519) 571-0722 x 202 or send an email to admin@marillacplace.ca or visit www.marillacplace.ca
Thank you for your continued support!

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.

Amén.

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.

Stewardship Report - April 25, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 580.00
Loose	\$ 25.00
Building Fund	\$ 40.00
Easter	\$ 20.00
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$ 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.



Historical roots of the May devotion:

The tradition of the dedication of May to Mary, finds its beginnings in the writings of Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903), who wrote ten encyclicals between 1883 and 1889, on the value of the Rosary and the intercessory role of Mary. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, "The May devotion in its present form originated in Rome by Father Latomia at the Roman College of the Society of Jesus. From Rome the practice spread to other Jesuit colleges and thence to nearly every Catholic church of the Latin rite."

Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is a meaningful and consoling practice, and has been, since the dawn of Christianity. Prayer to the Mother of Jesus, is a source of inexhaustible blessings and graces, for those who seek to deepen their faith, grow in love for Christ and the Church, and walk in hope. Consecrating oneself to Our Lady, has also a rich theological and spiritual significance, for the more we are devoted to Mary, the closer we will come to Jesus, and through Him, to the Father, in the Spirit. The Virgin Mary, as Vatican II teaches, is our model and mother, figure and most eminent member of the Church, shining forth as "a sign of sure hope and solace to the people of God during its sojourn on earth."



Prayer written by Pope Francis

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.

For He took upon Himself our suffering, and burdened Himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

