

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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The Ascension of the Lord

May 16, 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  
519-900-0250

**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:** By appointment only.

### 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.

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

## The Ascension of the Lord

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark, which tells us that, with His return to the Father, Jesus completes His mission on earth. But just before His Ascension, Jesus entrusted to the disciples the mission of preaching the Good News and evangelizing the whole world by bearing witness to Him through their lives.

**“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” Mk 16, 15**

At the end of His earthly life Jesus ascends triumphantly into heaven. The Church acclaims Him in His holy humanity, invited to sit on the Father's right hand and to share His glory. But Christ's Ascension is the pledge of our own. Filled with an immense hope, the Church looks up towards her leader, who precedes her into the heavenly home and takes her with Him in His own person: *"for the Son of God, after incorporating in Himself those whom the devil's jealousy had banished from the earthly paradise, ascends again to His Father and takes them with Him"* (St. Leo).

Today's feast—the Ascension of our Lord in His human nature—to His Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness.

What all human beings want is to live on forever with our dear ones. Death breaks that continuity but only for a little while. That break is necessary for the new life to begin. It is only in heaven that this natural desire of an unending life with all those we love can be realized and death on earth is the door to that eternal life.

**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 17 – Rev. Rafal Tomon  
 May 18 – Rev. David Mowat, C.R.  
 May 19 – Seminarians  
 May 20 – Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.  
 May 21 – Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.  
 May 22 – Rev. Patrick McKelvie, C.R.  
 May 23 – Pentecost Sunday

### Vocations

#### The Ascension of the Lord May 16, 2021

Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem – to wait – to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God's will for their future. Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? If you feel that you are being led 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

#### Scarra 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 that they have received.

Amen.

**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.

**The Novena in honour of the Holy Spirit** is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian. **Join us following evening Mass, starting Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**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, 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 preparing yourself for the **Act of Consecration** that will take place on **May 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**On Father's Day, June 20<sup>th</sup>** 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.

### ***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 17, 2021 – May 23, 2021**

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.**

**Group Mass Intentions**

**Intentions of the Moser Family**

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.**

Thursday, May 20, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.**

**Intentions of Wilbert Sommers – Mary Alice & Bill Zister**

Friday, May 21, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.**

Saturday, May 22, 2021 –

**9:00 a.m. – Intentions of Krolak Family – Ewa**

**7:00 p.m. – +Ludwig Ceh – Theresa Ceh & Family**

Sunday, May 23, 2021 – **10:00 a.m. – Pentecost Sunday – 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 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.



## Prayer to St. Joseph



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH  
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

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

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 – May 9, 2021

Envelopes .....	\$1140.00
Building Fund .....	\$ 40.00
Easter .....	\$ 20.00
April Pre-Authorized Giving ..	\$1603.00

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.**

**Special Collection** – This Sunday there is a special collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. This collection is taken up in the Easter Season to support the Pope's Pastoral Services as head of the Church and to contribute to his works of charity.

**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.



**Unpacking Patris Corde – With a Father's Heart** - "WITH A FATHER'S HEART: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as "the son of Joseph"". This opening line from Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde*, released on Dec. 8, 2020 to mark the opening of a Year of St. Joseph, sets the tone for the entire letter. In *Patris Corde*, we hear that, "St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation." You are invited to join us on Tuesday, **May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.** for a 90 minute Zoom webinar (by phone or internet) to discover more about the Patron Saint of both the Catholic Church and Canada. Presented by Monsignor Murray J. Kroetsch (PH, VG) and Mrs. Teresa Hartnett (M.R.E.). Registration is required to receive the zoom link and can be found at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/online-webinar-unpacking-em-patris-corde-with-a-father-s-heart-em-> For further information, contact Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.



**Join the Reel Justice Film Festival**, May 27th, 2021, 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. for the screening of *The End of Immigration*. This powerful documentary examines the realities of temporary foreign workers in Canada and reveals an inequity that is having a profound impact on the society in which we live. Following the film, Sarah Guinta, Coordinator for the Office of Justice and Peace, and Rev. Peter Ciallella, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Burford, will offer a conversation regarding ministry to temporary foreign workers in the Diocese of Hamilton. RSVP online: <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/contact-us/> or by email: [library@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:library@hamiltondiocese.com). Join the discussion! The *Reel Justice Film Festival* is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace.



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

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.

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](mailto:admin@marillacplace.ca) or visit [www.marillacplace.ca](http://www.marillacplace.ca). Thank you for your continued support!

## Crowning of Mary

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to our Blessed Mother, so we are encouraged to honour her in more significant ways all throughout this month. However, if you've found yourself overwhelmed by life and suddenly realize that we're more than halfway through May, yet you still haven't been doing much to honour Mama Mary (as many Filipino Catholics like to call her), you'll probably want to try being more intentional about it. So, to help you honour Mother Mary in a more significant way during the remaining days of May, here are a few simple suggestions:

### 1. Pray more Marian prayers.

If your family doesn't pray the Rosary daily, you can start with that, or maybe even just a decade a day. Or even just add, "Mother Mary, pray for us" after you say Grace before meals. **The key is to include our Mother in our daily prayers in a more significant way.**

### 2. Read books about Mother Mary.

There are lots of Marian-themed books around that are suitable for adults and children too. If you already have storybooks about Mother Mary in your home library, take them out and read them to your kids. If you have older children, you should still read to them, but also encourage them to do some reading on their own. Of course, if you don't have any books about Mary, you can always use your Bible and read stories about the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### 3. Have a simple Mother Mary coronation ceremony.

Mary is considered as the Queen of All Saints, and the Queen of Heaven and Earth, so holding a simple crowning ceremony for her would be a great way to honour her.

### 4. Watch videos or shows about Mother Mary.

There are many films featuring Mother Mary that you might want to consider watching with your kids. A few recommended titles are "Mary of Nazareth," "The 13th Day" (about the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima), and "Jean Delannoy's Bernadette" (about the apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes). Children will also enjoy watching animated shows that have Mother Mary in them, like CCC of America's "The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima," "Juan Diego: Messenger of Guadalupe" and "Bernadette: The Princess of Lourdes." If you have a limited budget, you can also try searching YouTube for videos about Mother Mary.

**5. Have Mary-themed arts and crafts activities** - You can try searching online for easy Marian crafts for kids. Start with the resources here at <https://www.catholicmom.com/articles/mother-mary-and-the-may-crowning>





## CALLING ALL CHILDREN

Do you like to colour? Are you creative? Would you like to use your imagination?

May is a very special month, in which we honour our Heavenly Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Usually, the school children have a special celebration to honour the Blessed Virgin, with a May Crowning. This year, however, as we are not able to



gather together, I would like to invite you to colour a picture of our Blessed Mother or create your own artwork and send it to the Parish. We have included these samples, created by other children, to help you create your masterpiece, but we also would encourage you to do your own design - use your imagination, be creative! Honour Our Blessed Mother, by sending her your love, through your artwork.



Take a picture of your Masterpiece and send it to: [st.teresa@stteresakit.ca](mailto:st.teresa@stteresakit.ca) by **Thursday, May 27, 2021.**

We will compile your submissions and place them in front the statue of Our Blessed Mother, **on May 29/30, 2021.** Get busy and get creative! We look forward to seeing your creations!