

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 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: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday – 7:00 p.m.

See inside for revised schedule during church closure.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that He was the vine and that His disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

“If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.”

Jesus now spells out what is meant by remaining in Him. For us to remain in Jesus there must be no element of self-centeredness; it must be a reaching out to others in real gratuitous love. The central idea of His discourse is very clear: “to bear fruit” is the same as “to love”. Jesus loves His disciples as His Father has loved Him and, in their turn, the disciples must love their brothers and sisters as Jesus loved them. For Christians this love is not optional. It is given as a commandment (Jn 15:10; 12; 14; 17). This commandment however is not a burden that is imposed as a person would impose on a slave. It is based on a relationship between friends (Jn 15:13-15). This relationship of love that Jesus offers us invites us to be part of what goes beyond human attraction or affection.

As we near the end of Eastertide and prepare for the great cycle of feasts from Ascension through Pentecost to Corpus Christi, we might pause to ask whether we can truly go out and bear fruit in today's world. Can we?

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 10 – Rev. Allison Mahoney, C.S.C.
May 11 – Rev. Francis Noronha, C.S.C.
May 12 – Congregation of the Resurrection (C.R.)
May 13 – Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
May 14 – Rev. Edwin Lapinski, C.R.
May 15 – Very Rev. Tim Uniack, C.R.
May 16 – The Ascension of the Lord

Vocations

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021

The greatest love story that ever happened: God's continuing love for His people. All God asks is “Love one another as I have loved you”. The world really needs to see people who are trying to love others with all their hearts. Priests, religious and deacons can be excellent examples of this love. If you are willing to answer God's call, contact 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 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.

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 Grignion 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 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 10, 2021 – May 16, 2021

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Intention of Magdalena Terlecka

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

+Mary Murphy – Pat Wilkins

Thursday, May 13, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima

Intentions of Father Marian Gil – Ken & Betty

Friday, May 14, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle

Intentions for Birthday of Dominic

Boissonneault – Dad & Betty

Saturday, May 15, 2021 –

9:00 a.m. – +Ambrose Fausto – Navaleza

Family

7:00 p.m. – +Pauline Nolan – Mary Alice &

Bill Zister

Sunday, May 16, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – **The**

Ascension of the Lord (World Day for Social Communications) – 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>

Mother's Day Intentions

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Angela Buehl

Annie Baak

Wilma Tenbult

Melissa Thomas

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 or 519-743-4525.

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.



DIocese of HAMILTON

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 25th 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.

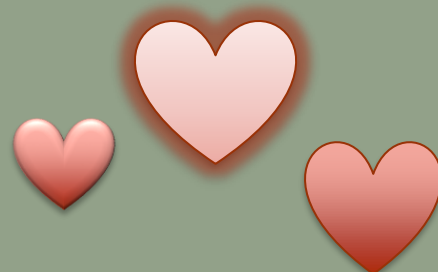


Marillac Place 2021 Baby Bottle Campaign Mother's Day to Father's Day

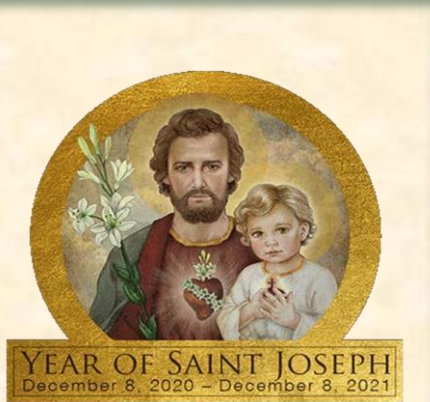
St. Teresa of Avila Parish is once again proud to participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign, in support of Marillac Place. Marillac Place relies heavily on the donations from our community to support mother-led families in need of assistance. The Campaign runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Due to 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. When you donate you will have the option to send a unique art ecard to someone special (designed by one of our talented volunteers) in honour of 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.

Amen.

Stewardship Report – May 2, 2021

Envelopes	\$2343.00
Loose	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 55.00
Easter	\$ 50.00
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$ 20.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 20.00

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.

Happy Mother's Day

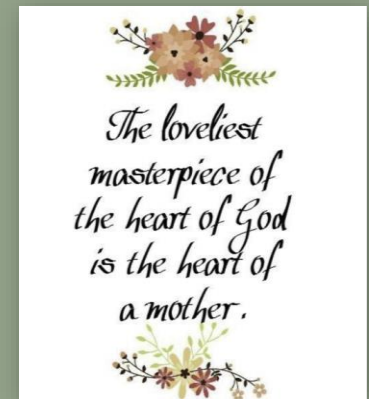
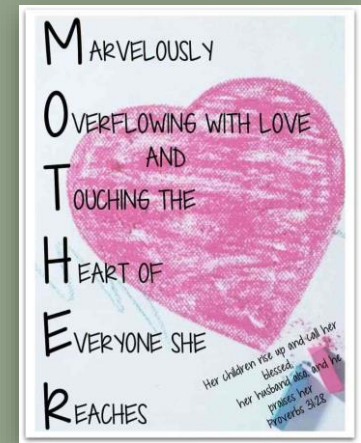


Although we are not able to be present here in the church, we still wanted to remember our mothers in a very special way. You will notice, on the Altar, as a sign of your presence, a vase of white roses, remembering all mothers who have passed away; and beside the tabernacle, white roses for those mothers still living – placing their intentions (while remembering their courage, love and dedication to family) into the hands of Jesus, so that He may accompany them, in their maternal journey.

For our children, too, we wanted to be able to assist them in recognizing their mother's contributions and her dedication and service to their family, and therefore, we have enclosed in the bulletin, a page for children to colour.



One of the best gifts anyone can give to someone they love, is to pray for them. In fact, it truly is our duty to lift up the people we know and love in prayer. The Bible teaches us to “Honor your father and mother...” I believe that praying for your parents, falls under this category! Build stronger families this Mother's Day, by teaching and leading kids, in prayer for their mothers, grandmothers and all the mothers they know.



Mother's Day Prayer



“Dear God, Thank you for my Mom. She is the best Mom for me! I pray that you bless her with long life, happiness and everything she needs. Help me, God, to be obedient to her so that I may have long life, as the Bible tells me. Father, please give my Mom a hug today to show her how much you love her. Amen.”

“Dear God, Thank you for my Grandmother. She loves you and teaches me about you. Please bless my Grandmother with a happy day and hear her prayers today. Help me, God, to remember the great heritage you have given me. Thank you, Father. Amen”

“Dear God, I pray for all the mothers that I know. I pray that you bless them with health, long life, and peace. Bless the mothers who have sick children; bless the mothers who live alone. Please bless all the mothers with your sweet presence. Amen.”