

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

44 Leonard St., Kitchener, Ontario, N2H 6C8 Phone: 519-743-4525

E-mail: [st.teresa@stteresakit.ca](mailto:st.teresa@stteresakit.ca) [www.stteresakit.ca](http://www.stteresakit.ca)

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 20, 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

## 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:** 30 min. before Mass; Sat., 4:15 – 4:45 p.m.

**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.

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel (*Mk 4:35-41*) offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as He calms the storm. In His day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke He uses when He talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of His divinity. Indeed, the disciples are left wondering about Jesus' identity at the conclusion of today's Gospel.

**“Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. Jesus said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?”** *Mk 4: 40-41*



This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or “sleeping.” We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as His disciples. Jesus does not chide His disciples for waking Him. Instead, He chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. **When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.**

### Happy Father's Day

This Sunday, we not only honour our fathers, but we also show our gratitude and love towards them, in a special manner. As a parish community, we pray for you, so that you may know that you are not alone in this mission. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the fathers, a Happy Father's Day. May God continue to bless you with wisdom, courage, patience and love, so that you can be the best fathers.

### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2021

June 21 – Rev. Lech Wycichowski, C.R.  
 June 22 – Rev. Stanley Zaryczny, C.R.  
 June 23– Comboni Missionaries (M.C.C.J.)  
 June 24– Rev. John Redmond  
 June 25 – Rev. Peter Ciallella  
 June 26 – Rev. Michael Downey  
 June 27 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vocations

#### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 20, 2021

Jesus brought peace to the wind and the sea. “Peace! Be still!” Many are searching for this peace and need your help to find Jesus. Would you be willing to proclaim the truth of God's love and presence in your life as a priest, religious or permanent deacon? If you think God is calling you, 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 Prager  
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.

**Welcome Home! – Church is Open for Mass!**

It is a wonderful blessing to once again gather as a parish community, in the church. At the present time, we are able to open our churches to a 15% capacity. Please note that as the churches re-open, all the protocols for Mass, which we have been observing remain in place. This is to ensure we provide for the well-being and safety of all. For more information, click on the following link: [Covid-19 protocols](#)

**Masks and Safety Protocols** – Responding to the needs and concerns of parishioners and following the instructions from the diocese, we have decided to assign the first few pews on the left side of the church for those, who for medical reasons, are unable to wear masks. We encourage all parishioners to follow the protocols so that everyone feels welcome and safe at our church.

**Church is Open for Prayer** – You are invited to visit Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Adoration Chapel remains closed, but the church is open. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to come and spend some time with the Lord! Jesus is waiting for you!

**Parish Office – [Important Information](#)**

Our Parish Office is open Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., however, during this time we ask that you please call or email the parish office, in advance, at [st.teresa@stteresakit.ca](mailto:st.teresa@stteresakit.ca) or 519-743-4525 to make an appointment, if you need any assistance.

**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.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick**

If a loved one or family member is seriously sick, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office early, so that the sick person is able to make a good Confession and receive the sacraments while he/she is fully aware. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring we provide good pastoral care to your family and loved ones.

**Mass Intentions****June 21, 2021 – June 27, 2021**Tuesday, June 22, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.****Intentions of Michael & Ann Onn – Ken & Betty**Wednesday, June 23, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.****Intentions of Dane Skinner – Ken & Betty**Thursday, June 24, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.****Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist  
+ Wanda Domagala – Agata & Marek**Friday, June 25, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.****+ John Novak – Helene Meier**

Saturday, June 26, 2021 –

**9:00 a.m. – + Wanda Domagala – Agata & Marek****5:00 p.m. – + Alfred Novak – Helene Meier**Sunday, June 27, 2021 – **10:00 a.m. – Thirteenth****Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B – Parishioners  
of St. Teresa Parish****Live-streaming on Zoom**

The **10 a.m. Sunday Mass** will be live-streamed. To join Father, 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>

**Father's Day Intentions**

Jerome Bastian	Alfonz Bastian	Freddy Buehl
Hans Forthuber	Albert Grubb	Lorne Grubb
Bernard Helm	Dan Hishon	Jim Ingoldsby
Leo Klages	Lito Navaleza	Franz Novak
Michael Onn	Philip Onn Sr.	Philip Onn Jr.
Alfonz Pavli	Malcolm Pitman	Ernie Stroeder
Berny Tenbult	Narciso Tessaro	Jeff Thomas





## 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 June 13, 2021

Envelopes .....	\$2430.00
Loose .....	\$ 45.00
Building Fund .....	\$ 195.00
Insurance Offering .....	\$ 155.00
Pope's Pastoral Works .....	\$ 135.00
Cura Pastorum .....	\$ 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.**

**Parish Bulletins** – During July and August, the Parish Bulletin will be published bi-weekly.

**Novena to St. Joseph – June 22-June 30, 2021**

As agreed by the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops at its meeting of March 2021, and in solidarity with the Holy Father's proclamation of a "Year of Saint Joseph", we invite parishes and parishioners to celebrate an Act of Entrustment to Saint Joseph, on Thursday, July 1st (Canada Day). The Act of Entrustment will be preceded by a Novena imploring Saint Joseph's intercession for the welfare of the entire country, for the many needs of society, and to pray in particular for those who passed away due to COVID-19. The Novena will begin on Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and end on Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Click on the following link to pray: [Novena and Act of Entrustment to Saint Joseph](#)



**The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the  
Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel,  
July 8th to July 16th, 2021**

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support?  
You can participate in the Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel.  
Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to:

Carmel of Saint Joseph  
1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1  
St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

For more information check the website for the Carmelite Nuns: [www.thecarmel.ca](http://www.thecarmel.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](http://loyolahouse.com) (under "Events") for more information on these upcoming retreats & programs:

- **8-Day Directed Retreat** - August 19-27 - *Please note that you can take a shorter retreat within these dates (i.e. 2-day, 3-day, 4-day, etc.) - contact [registration@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:registration@ignatiusguelph.ca)*
- **Finding God in All Things: A Weekend Retreat on Praying through Photography** - June 25-27
- **Ignatian Spirituality Retreat** - July 22-27

**NEW! Check out the last of our Multi-faith retreat series** in exploring contemplation and self-knowledge through the lenses of these 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](http://loyolahouse.com) or contact [registration@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:registration@ignatiusguelph.ca) or call 519 824 1250 ext 266.



**Guelph Virtual Walking Pilgrimage – July 31- August 7**

Nourish your spirituality, exercise; enjoy the outdoors.

Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 day trip!

This year, like last summer, we are not able to walk the pilgrimage as we have for the last 18 years. Covid -19 brought the birth of a Virtual Walking Pilgrimage in a slightly different format.

To register or for more information go to [www.ignatiusguelph.ca](http://www.ignatiusguelph.ca) (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage) Registration fee \$75

## What Pope Francis wants fathers to know?

By Vladimir Mauricio-Perez

The universal word “father” points to a fundamental relationship that is as old as human history. Yet, Pope Francis says we have reached a point in history in which many would claim our society is a “society without fathers,” characterized not so much by the hostile presence of the father, but by his “absence” and “inaction.”

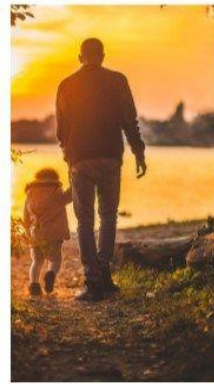
In the hope of fighting the many negative consequences in children and society that a negligence of this responsibility causes, the pope has often preached on the importance of being holy fathers and husbands, helping men strive for the type of holiness they are called to live out.

These are some of the key elements the Holy Father has highlighted:

### Be present

Pope Francis insists that being present in the family doesn't simply mean being or living in the same place. Rather, it means that a father must “share everything” with his wife and children: joy and sorrow, hope and hardship. He must be close to his children in the different stages of life: “when they play and when they strive, when they are carefree and when they are distressed, when they are talkative and when they are silent, when they are daring and when they are afraid, when they take a wrong step and when they find their path again.”

### a godly Father is:



**F**aithful, to God and family.

**A**ble, to discern God's will in trying times and good times.

**T**hankful, for all the joys and trials of life.

**H**appy, no matter what the life brings.

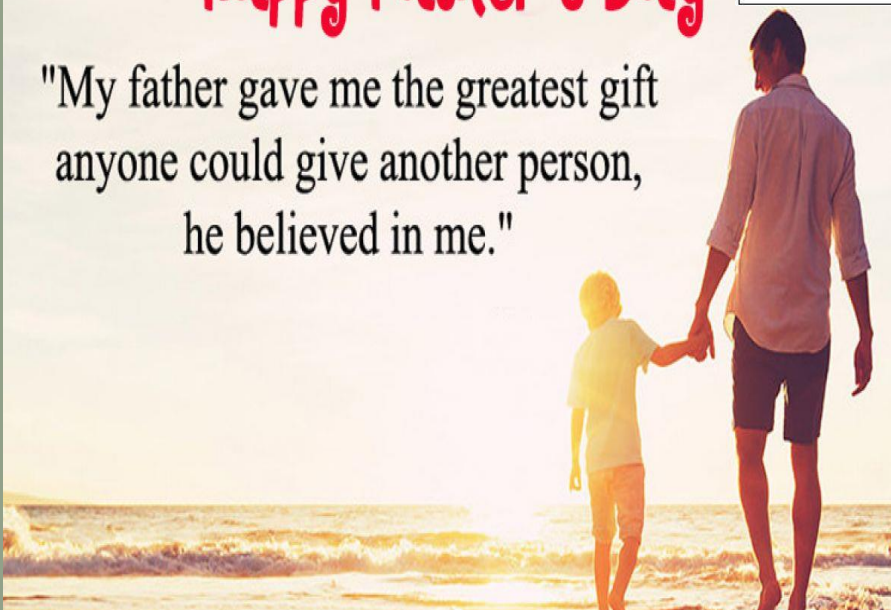
**E**nthusiastic, about a life lived with purpose.

**R**ighteous, rock-solid in heart and mind, from a growing relationship with Jesus.

For these things and so many more we praise God for our Fathers, this Father's Day and always.

## Happy Father's Day

"My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me."



### Hand down what really matters

What really matters is that a father hand down a wise heart to his son, the pope says. The Father should not say to his child, “I am proud of you because you are the same as me, because you repeat the things I say and do.” Instead, he should say, “I will be happy every time I see you act with wisdom, and I will be moved every time that I hear you speak with rectitude.” A father should teach his children the attitude to feel, act, speak and judge with wisdom and rectitude, the pope says.



FATHER  
 KIND trust  
 nurturing friend  
 WISDOM  
 family man LOVE  
 thoughtful  
 STRONG patient VE

### Your example is a priority

In order to hand down what really matters, the pope assures that the father must be just that which he is trying to convey to his children. A wise and mature father should be able to say to his child: "I gave you a testimony of rigor and steadfastness that perhaps you didn't understand, when you would have liked only complicity and protection. I had first to test myself in the wisdom of my heart, be vigilant of my excesses of sentiment and resentment, in order to carry the weight of the inevitable misunderstandings, to find the right words to make myself understood." This will make it possible for his children to pass down the message to the following generation. It's a legacy that his children will honor and that will bring abundant joy and consolation to a father, Pope Francis says.

### Be a companion and a father

Be both, the Holy Father says, but don't abuse. Sometimes fathers err on just being one or the other. When they want to be fathers by being present but without closeness, they run the risk of being controlling. "Fathers who are too controlling overshadow their children, they don't

let them develop," the Holy Father says. On the other hand, when fathers only treat their children as peers, they are likely to retreat and neglect their responsibilities. "It's true that you're a 'companion' to your child, but without forgetting that you are the father! If you behave only as a peer to your child, it will do him or her no good" Pope Francis says.

### Correct with charity

A child needs an authoritative figure, and so it is important that the father knows how to correct with firmness: "he is not a weak father, submissive and sentimental," Pope Francis points out. Knowing how to correct, however, implies doing so without causing great damage. In other words, a father must learn to discipline with a sense of dignity. "The father who knows how to correct without humiliating is the one who knows how to protect without sparing himself... He must punish, but he does it in a just way, and moves on," the pontiff states. To do this, a father must learn how to wait and how to forgive from the depths of his heart, he adds.

### You matter

Pope Francis understands fathers can feel "useless" or "unnecessary" at times. Yet, he insists that the father plays a key role simply by the "gift of his masculinity," which compliments the gift of femininity, and allows him to be present to his wife and children in a unique way. He has the capacity of leading his children to God in a special way: "If, then, there is someone who can fully explain the prayer of the 'Our Father,' taught by Jesus, it is the one who lives out paternity in the first person. [Yet] without the grace that comes from the Father who is in Heaven, fathers lose courage, and abandon camp," the pope says.

Some  
 SUPER  
 Heroes  
 don't have  
 capes...  
 they are  
 called DAD.