

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate  
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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 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**

### Saturday Liturgy:

9:00 a.m. (except in August) 10:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.

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

### Weekday Schedule

Please check inside for  
weekly schedule

### Sunday Liturgy:

## St. Teresa School

Principal: Mr. Brian Goodyear

Secretary: Mary Lavigne

519-743-2131

**Healing Mass:** First Friday of each month  
(September – June) – 7:00 p.m.

**Prayer Meeting:** Temporarily suspended

### Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief, which was defined as dogma, in 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity.

The Gospel (Lk 1:39-56) for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel (J 6:60-69) we hear the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse". In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that He is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John's Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus' words. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus decreased from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns His attention.

Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to Him will also leave, reminds us of Peter's confession of faith. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about Himself: **"Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that You are the Holy One of God."** God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God.

### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2021

August 16 – Rev. Michael McHugh  
August 17 – + Rev. Msgr. Paul Boucher  
August 18 – Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ (I.H.M.M.C.)  
August 19 – Rev. Mike Myroniuk  
August 20 – Rev. Robert Dunn  
August 21 – Rev. Marijan Mihokovic  
August 22 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23 – Rev. Msgr. Raymond Modeski  
August 24 – Rev. Franjo Sprajc  
August 25 – Ursuline Sisters (o.s.u.)  
August 26 – Rev. Arthur Scidmore  
August 27 – Rev. Peter Meyer  
August 28 – Rev. Donald Sanvido  
August 29 – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vocations

#### Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2021

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour". Perhaps the way Christ has called you to magnify the Lord is through the priesthood or religious life.

#### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22, 2021

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to Him on our journey as married, single, ordained or consecrated persons.

If you feel 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

**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!

**Saturday Morning Masses during August** – During the month of August, there will be no Saturday morning 9 a.m. Masses. Saturday morning Masses will resume in September.

**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 pew 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.

### Mass Intentions

#### August 16, 2021 – August 22, 2021

Tuesday, August 17, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

#### Group Mass Intentions

**Intentions of Vera & Lou Romano for their Anniversary** – *Rose & Bernie Pickett*

+ **Tom Nakluski** – *Sandra Nakluski & Family*

**Intentions of Artur** – *Ewa*

**For courage and peace for Pricilla Brown** – *Heather Skinner*

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.

+ **Larry Wismer** – *Joan Wismer*

Thursday, August 19, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.

+ **Howard Kavelman** – *Bill & Mary Alice Zister*

Friday, August 20, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.

**Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**

+ **Marlene Fritz** – *Sandra Nakluski*

Saturday, August 21, 2021 –

**Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope**

9:00 a.m. – **No Mass**

5:00 p.m. – + **Ludwig Ceh** – *Theresa Ceh & Family*

Sunday, August 22, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. –

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time** – Year B  
– **Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

### Mass Intentions

#### August 23, 2021 – August 29, 2021

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

**Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle**

**Special Intentions of John & Joanne Nolan** –  
**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Wednesday, August 25, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.

+ **Frank Polillo** – *Jack & Kathy Wolff & Family*

Thursday, August 26, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.

+ **Sister Anne Rektor** – *Rose & Bernie Pickett*

Friday, August 27, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.

**Memorial of Saint Monica**

**Special Intentions of Nadia & Derek** – *Sandra Nakluski & Family*

Saturday, August 28, 2021 –

**Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

9:00 a.m. – **No Mass**

5:00 p.m. – + **Ludwig Ceh** – *Theresa Ceh & Family*

Sunday, August 29, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. –

**Twenty-second 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>

Password: 274733

**Please note:** There will be **NO** live-streamed Mass on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Daily Readings:

Lectors may find daily readings at this link:

<https://readings.livingwithchrist.ca>

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  
August 1, 2021

Envelopes .....	\$1963.00
Loose .....	\$ 97.00
Building Fund .....	\$ 140.00
June Pre-Authorized Giving ..	\$1689.00

Stewardship Report  
August 8, 2021

Envelopes .....	\$2818.00
Loose .....	\$ 17.00
Building Fund .....	\$ 110.00
Insurance Offering .....	\$ 20.00
2020-2021 Sunday Missal ....	\$ 5.00
July Pre-Authorized Giving ..	\$1669.00

Stewardship Report

It is a wonderful blessing to once again gather as a parish community, in the church, albeit at a reduced capacity. 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. 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](mailto:stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com)

CanadaHelps

To support our parish via **credit card** or **PayPal** please visit [canadahelps.org](http://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](http://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 Office – Important Up-dated Information**

Our Parish Office is open Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. As parish offices reopen, protocols have been established by the Diocese of Hamilton to do this safely. At this time, admittance to the parish office is by appointment only and you are required to wear a mask. Please call or email the parish office at 519-743-4525 or [st.teresa@stteresakit.ca](mailto:st.teresa@stteresakit.ca) to make an appointment, if you need any assistance.

**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 for 2021** – Please call the parish office if you would like to request a Mass.

**Adoration Chapel** – We would like to resume Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our Divine Mercy Chapel starting the first Friday of September (Sept. 3, 2021). During the month of August, we ask all parishioners and any volunteers to sign up for adoration so that we know we can safely open our chapel and expose the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will be from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. If you are willing to dedicate even 15 minutes of your time, please contact the parish office and we will place you on the list. We require at least one person per hour for adoration.

Following the restrictions of the Ontario Health Ministry, we can have a maximum of 2 people in the chapel at a time.

**Parish Security and Keys – Important Information**

As of July 28, 2021, following diocesan policy, we have replaced the locks to the church, parish hall and rectory. Since many people had keys and access to the buildings and due to recent times and vandalism in churches across Canada, we wanted to make sure that we provide a safe and secure environment for our parishioners and also provide security for this sacred space. Beginning September 2021, any parish group wishing to use our facility will need to pick up a key from the parish office and return it to the office following the meeting. If you have any questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

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

**Stage 3 Reopening of Parishes**

In Stage 3, we continue to follow the guidelines of the Province of Ontario and the Diocese of Hamilton and ask that you please review the following so that you know what is expected and what to expect when coming to Mass:

- ❖ One-way movement for church entry and exit is retained.
- ❖ All who participate in the liturgy are to sanitize their hands before entering the church, wear masks for the duration of the celebration and maintain physical distancing.
- ❖ Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion must wear masks for the distribution of Communion.
- ❖ Music leadership is restricted to an instrumentalist and cantor only.
- ❖ The collection will continue to be received at the doors of the church; not during the Offertory.
- ❖ The dispensation from the Sunday Obligation remains in effect at this time.

The following liturgical practices are now permitted:

- ❖ We may now re-introduce or increase the number of liturgical ministers: Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion as needed, Altar Servers.
- ❖ Resume the dialogue with individual communicants as they approach the minister for Communion (The Body of Christ/Amen).
- ❖ Following consultation with medical advisors, reception of Holy Communion on the tongue is now permitted. However, those who wish to receive the Eucharist in this manner are to do so after all others have received Communion in the hand and are to receive Communion from the Priest. We are reminded that the normative posture for receiving Communion in Canada is standing.

For the month of August, we will continue to publish the bulletin online and encourage you to check it for any further updates.