

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 29, 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: Jim Weber,
Stella Lemieux, Fatima Pacheco,
Magie Navaleza, Betty Skinner
Baptism Preparation Team:
CWL President: Mary Alice Zister
Lector Co-ordinator: Mary Steffler
Eucharistic Minister Co-ordinator:

Kim Voelzing

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

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

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

Prayer Meeting: Temporarily suspended

Weekday Schedule

Please check inside for
weekly schedule

Sunday Liturgy:

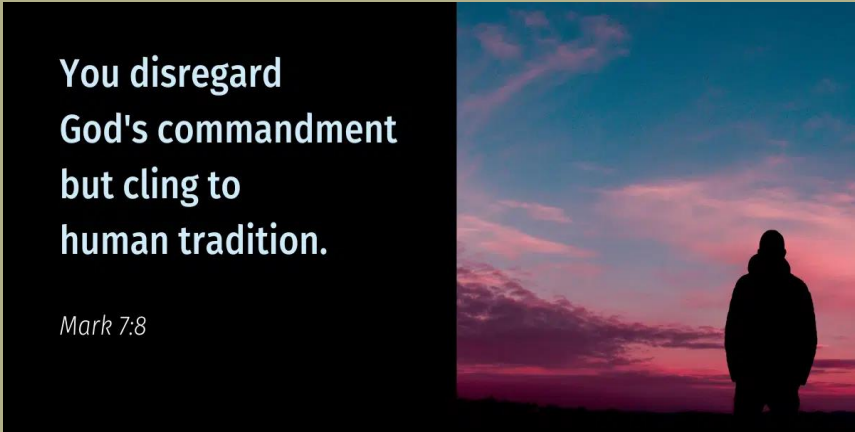
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday, our lectionary returns to Mark’s Gospel after a number of Sundays in which we heard the Bread of Life discourse from the Gospel of John. In this Gospel (Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23), Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity.

“Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile them, but the things that come out of a person are what defile them. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God’s Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmasks a deeper question behind the one posed to Him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person’s life.

Jesus’ words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God’s Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God’s ways.



Diocese of Hamilton
Prayer Calendar 2021

- August 30 – Rev. Terence Sehl
- August 31 – Rev. Ken Miskiewicz
- September 1 – Diaconate Formation Candidates
- September 2 – Rev. Michael Anderson
- September 3 – Rev. Edward J. Mahony
- September 4 – Very Rev. David Walter
- September 5 – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations

**Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 29, 2021**

Our second Scripture reading reminds us that “Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father.” God’s gifts should prompt a response of gratitude, which should be the basis of our daily lives. If you feel God is offering you the gift of priesthood, religious life or diaconate, and you wish to respond generously, trusting in God, 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/>

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for the P̄ers̄vrance 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.

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 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.

Daily Readings:

Lectors may find daily readings at this link:
<https://readings.livingwithchrist.ca>

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

Mass Intentions

August 30, 2021 – September 5, 2021

Tuesday, August 31, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.**

Special Intentions of Paula & Ken Work – 40th Anniversary

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
+ **Helen Pickett** – *Rose & Bernie Pickett*

Thursday, September 2, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Maria Genyk** – *Mary Helen & Hugh Stroeder*

Friday, September 3, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Intentions for Birthday of Heather Vietch – *Dad & Betty*

Saturday, September 4, 2021 –

9:00 a.m. – Special Intentions of Dr. Leilani Famorca – *Ken & Betty Skinner*

5:00 p.m. – + Leona Grobe – *Peter Grobe*

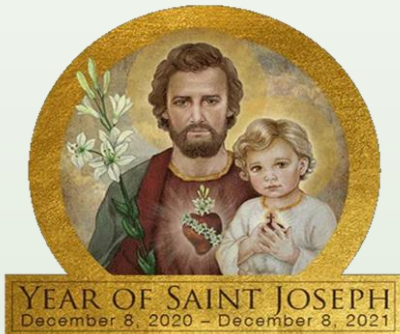
Sunday, September 5, 2021 – **10:00 a.m.** –

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

HEALING MASS - FIRST FRIDAY
September 3, 2021
St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Kitchener

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.
Confession will be available.
Mass at 7 p.m.

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
 August 17, 2021**

Envelopes	\$1330.00
Loose	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00

**Stewardship Report
 August 22, 2021**

Envelopes	\$1595.00
Loose	\$ 49.00
Building Fund	\$ 30.00

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**

CanadaHelps

To support our parish via **credit card** or **PayPal** please visit **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** 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 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.

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.

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.

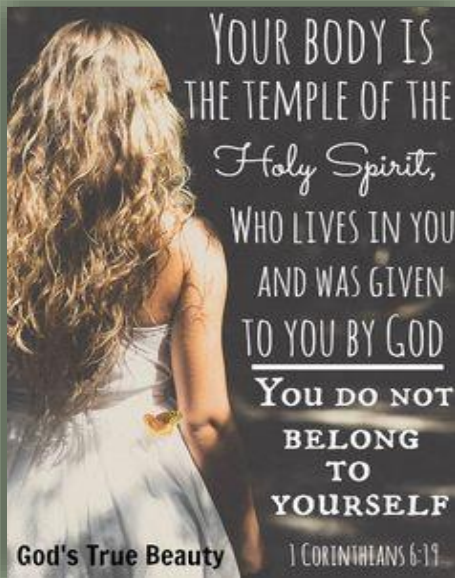
The following liturgical practices are now permitted:

- ❖ 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.

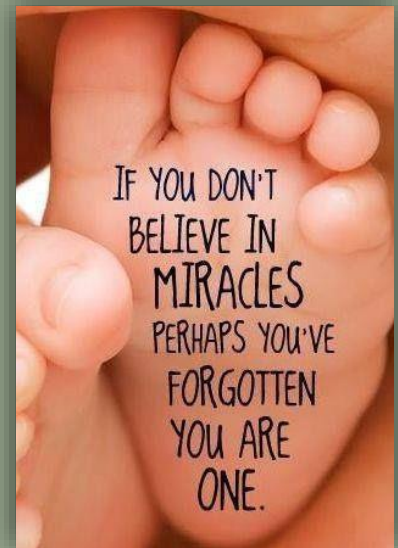
***Congratulations!!
Thank you!!***

Thank you to our volunteers and parish staff for being so creative and looking after our flower beds. We are pleased to announce that we have been recognized by the City of Kitchener through the **Kitchener in Bloom Program**. Thank you for your dedication in making our parish grounds so beautiful!!!



**Prayer Vigil - Thursday,
September 2, 2021**

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. In front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com



We are currently accepting applications for the following opportunities:

Lunch Hour Supervision

Please visit our website for job details and application criteria: www.wcdsb.ca

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