

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19, 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

Adoration Chapel Co-ordinators:
Herb Altman – 519-893-4793 or
Rosemary Mussar – 519-743-5656

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

Weekday Schedule

Please check inside for
weekly schedule

Saturday Liturgy:

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

Sunday Liturgy:

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel (Mk 9:30-37), we hear Jesus again predict His passion, death, and Resurrection to His disciples. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and His disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks His disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in His Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, **Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.** Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent Him. In this action, Jesus is teaching His disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus Himself.



And he sat down,
and called the twelve,
and saith unto them,
If any man desire
to be first, the same
shall be last of all,
and servant of all.
Mark 9:35

Conversations such as the one described in today's Gospel are common in family life. Perhaps these examples are familiar: "I should get the first piece of cake because I am the youngest;" "I did the dishes yesterday; someone else should do them today." How might we respond if Jesus asked about our family arguments? What would Jesus say to us in reply? All of us need the reminder found in today's Gospel: **To be great in God's Kingdom is to be the servant of all.**

THE GREATEST
is
SERVANT
OF ALL
Matthew 23:11 + Mark 9:35

"It is by humility that the Lord allows Himself to be conquered, so that He will do all we ask Him"

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Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2021

September 20 – Rev. Bernard Carroll, S.J.
September 21 – Rev. Eric Jensen, S.J.
September 22 – Chancery Staff
September 23 – Rev. Rafal Dygula, S.Ch.
September 24 – Rev. Stan Kuczaik, S.Ch.
September 25 – Rev. Laszlo Amaszka
September 26 – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 19, 2021

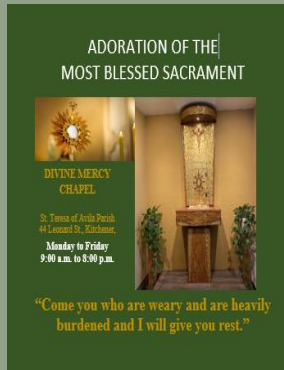
"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." This life is the ministry of a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you feel God is calling you to one such vocation, call Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger, VG, EV, Auxiliary Bishop & Vocations Director, Diocese of Hamilton at (905) 528-7988 x2222.

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

Serra Prayer for Vocations

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for Your Church, fellow labourers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.

Amen.



Adoration Chapel

The Divine Mercy Chapel is now open for Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Chapel will be open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 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

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to come and spend some time with the Lord! Jesus is waiting for you!

CHAPEL GUIDELINES

When visiting the Adoration Chapel, we ask that you please follow these instructions to assist in keeping this sacred space peaceful and clean:



1. Sign in upon your arrival.
2. Follow the Covid protocols by wearing a mask and sanitizing your hands before entering the chapel.
3. Maintain peace in the chapel – if you wish to chat with someone, please go outside of the chapel.
4. At the present time we can only accommodate 2 people in the chapel. If you have signed up for the hour, please remain in the chapel. Additional persons are invited to pray in the narthex, until there is room.
5. Do not bring any items into the chapel or narthex, including flowers.
6. If you wish to use books located in the chapel, please return them to their proper place before leaving.

If it is too hot in the chapel, please feel free to lower the temperature on the portable A/C unit; likewise, if it is too cold, raise the temperature.

Thank you for helping us maintain a prayerful and peaceful atmosphere!

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.

Mass Intentions

September 20, 2021 – September 26, 2021

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.**

Group Mass Intentions

Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Intentions of Douglas Farwell – Sandy & Roland Levesque

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Sister Anne Rektor** – Gerri Tapper

Thursday, September 23, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

+ **Leon & Genowefa Ziolkowski** – Betty & Ken

Friday, September 24, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

Saturday, September 25, 2021 –

9:00 a.m. – + **Tadeusz Lis** – Grace Gajkowski

5:00 p.m. – + **Carl Hergott** – Barb Hergott

Sunday, September 26, 2021 – **10:00 a.m.** –

Twenty-sixth 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](https://zoom.us/j/5887658626)

Daily Readings:

Lectors may find daily readings at this link:

<https://readings.livingwithchrist.ca>

Mass for Sister Anne Rektor

As you will recall, Sister Anne passed away on Monday, August 2, 2021 at the age of 86 and in the 68th year of her religious profession as a School Sister of Notre Dame.

Sister Anne served here at St. Teresa of Avila Parish from 1985 to 1995, as a Pastoral Assistant. Please join us for Mass on Saturday, **October 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** as we pray for her.

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.

Parish Records – We would be most grateful if you could notify the office of any changes you have experienced, most especially any changes to your address, phone number and email. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

St. Teresa of Avila – Parish Feast Day

The Memorial of Saint Teresa of Avila, October 15, 2021, is fast approaching. If the weather permits, we would like to organize coffee and donuts following our celebration at the 10 a.m. Mass, on October 17, 2021. On this occasion, I would like to extend an invitation to all parents and students of St. Teresa School to join us for this solemn celebration honouring the patroness of our parish and school. A few weeks before this celebration, we'll have a registration form on our website and ask parents to register. If we have more people than we can accommodate in our church, then we will host an outdoor Mass on our parking lot. To help us prepare for this celebration we will pray a Novena to St. Teresa of Avila. Please continue to check the bulletin for news on this upcoming celebration.

St. Teresa School Students – Welcome back students and staff. We look forward to seeing you as you come to school and invite you and your families to join us for Mass, here in the Church.

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.

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.

Special Collection – This weekend, **September 18/19, 2021** there is a special collection for The Needs of the Canadian Church. This collection is taken up on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time and gives support to Catholic Missions in Canada.

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph
will pray for you during the
**Novena to Little St. Therese,
September 23rd to October 1st, 2021**

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support?
You can participate in the Novena to St. Therese.
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



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

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.



**Apocalypse and Salvation:
 Faith in Catholic Miracles in
 Twentieth-Century Germany**
 Friday, September 24, 2021, 7:30

p.m. Michael E. O'Sullivan, Professor of History,
 Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY. Please use this [link](#)
 to attend this lecture.

From World War I until the late 1950s, Catholics in Germany reported more instances of stigmata and visions of the Virgin Mary than at any time in modern history. This lecture emphasizes the stigmata of the charismatic Therese Neumann of Bavaria and the Cold War apparitions of the Virgin Mary in the small town of Heroldsbach. Neumann's story in particular reveals much about the fall of German democracy in the 1920s and the relation of Catholics to the Third Reich. These case studies will illuminate why the Catholic minority in Germany is significant to the country's social and political history. They will also highlight how women could accumulate power within orthodox Catholic communities.

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!

We have several ways to support our parish - Pre-Authorized Giving, E-Transfer, credit card and donations can be dropped off in the collection basket after Mass or at the Parish Office.

For more information or if you require the necessary forms, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish. This is an act of generosity and faith and we are very grateful for any contributions you may be able to make at this time.

Stewardship Report – September 12, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 2913.00
Loose	\$ 42.00
Building and Maintenance	\$ 145.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 25.00
Votive Candles	\$ 231.20
Flowers	\$ 20.00

September 22 - October 31
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2021

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You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide campaign to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

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 26 coordinated campaigns:
 18,855 **babies saved** from abortion
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Vigil location: Outside **Freepoint Hospital**

3570 King Street East, Kitchener, Ontario

Vigil hours: 7am to 7pm daily

Local contact: Patrick at 519-748-5548 or Ewelina at 40DaysKW@gmail.com



www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener