

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 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

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Stella Lemieux, Fatima Pacheco,
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Baptism Preparation Team:

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Herb Altman – 519-893-4793 or
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Mila Navaleza - 519-574-8534 or
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Don Pickett, Jr.

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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.

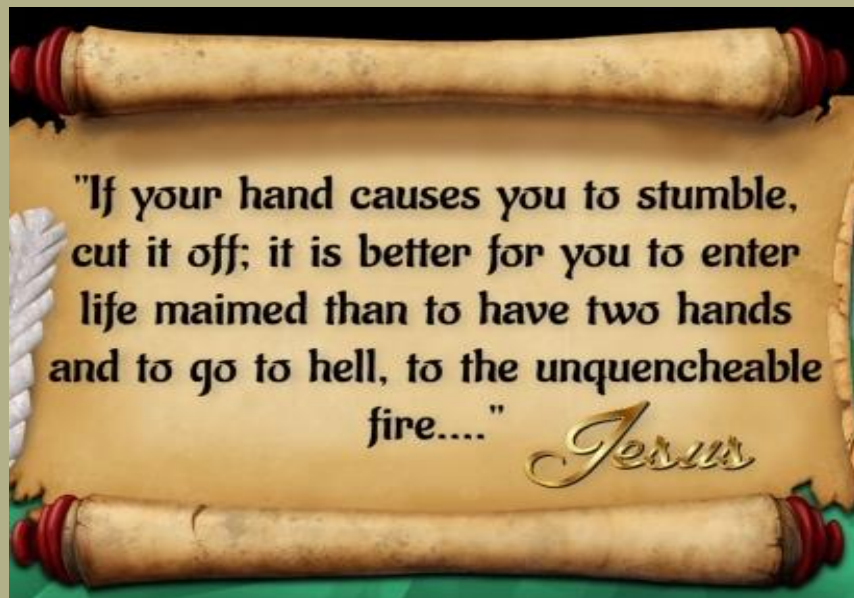
Healing Mass: First Friday of each month
(September – June) – 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting: Temporarily suspended

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark (Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48). The evangelist, deals with two issues in the Gospel account this Sunday. Immediately, one could identify them: **envy and scandal**. Apparently, they have no close relation. The disciples learned that there were exorcists who were not members of the group, but they were equally effective in driving out demons invoking the name of Jesus. They tried to stop them, most probably due to envy. And the second point is scandal, that is, any wrongdoing, which leads others to sin.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea.” Mk 9, 42



The real followers of Jesus, the true and genuine members of His flock are those who are like little children – the “greatest” in His kingdom. Jesus protects them with such fervor, knowing how weak and vulnerable they are to the attacks of the devil. So He was very strong and fierce in His warning against scandal: Do not touch them, do not lead them to sin. For anyone who leads them to sin, “it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea”.

“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 27 – Very Rev. Jeff Bergsma
September 28 – Rev. Gregory Merkley
September 29 – Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood (R.P.B.)
September 30 – Rev. Wallace Metcalf
October 1 – Rev. Robert M.F. Kiffman
October 2 – Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman
October 3 – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations

**Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 26, 2021**

Today's readings speak of the gifts of prophesy and of casting out demons. If you feel that God is calling you with the gift 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
<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. Please see the Chapel Guidelines as you enter the chapel. To sign up, please call the parish office - 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.

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.

Mass Intentions

September 27, 2021 – October 3, 2021

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.**

+ **Marlene Fritz** – *Zister Family*

Wednesday, September 29, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Special Intention for healing for Laurie Dougherty – *Sandra Naklusi*

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

Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church (National Day for Truth & Reconciliation)
Intentions of peace and reconciliation

Friday, October 1, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

+ **Tadeusz Lis** – *Grace Gajkowski*

Saturday, October 2, 2021 –

Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels

9:00 a.m. – + **Sister Anne Rektor**

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

Sunday, October 3, 2021 – **10:00 a.m.** –

Twenty-seventh 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

Daily Readings:

Lectors may find daily readings at this link:

<https://readings.livingwithchrist.ca>

HEALING MASS - FIRST FRIDAY

October 1, 2021

St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Kitchener

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.

Confession will be available.

Mass at 7 p.m.

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 registration form is now on our website and we ask parents and parishioners 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.

To register please click the following link:

http://stteresakit.ca/?page_id=2309

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.

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Confirmation Registration Meetings

Registration forms have been sent home with Grade 2/3 students and Grade 7/8 students at St. Teresa School and we wish to remind parents and candidates of their upcoming meetings. The meeting for **First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** takes place this Sunday, **September 26, 2021** following the 10 a.m. Mass. The meeting for **Confirmation** will take place **October 3, 2021** following the 10 a.m. Mass. These are mandatory meetings and we ask that you bring the completed registration forms to the meeting. If your child does not attend St. Teresa School and you wish them to receive either of these sacraments, please call the parish office.

Parish Security and Keys – Just a reminder that as of July 28, 2021, following diocesan policy, the locks to the church, parish hall and rectory have been changed. Parish groups 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. Please do not hesitate to contact the parish office, with questions or for more information.

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 – The special collection for The Needs of the Canadian Church, takes place this weekend, Sept. 25/26, 2021, as well. This annual charitable initiative assists the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. We appreciate any commitments that you are able to make.

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – In June, the federal government passed new legislation making **September 30th** a national statutory holiday commemorating National Day for Peace and Reconciliation. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation commemorates the history and ongoing trauma caused by residential schools and is intended to honour the survivors, families and communities who continue to grieve for those who were lost. At the direction of His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, every Parish in the Diocese of Hamilton is to celebrate Mass on this day for the intentions of peace and reconciliation. **Mass will be celebrated for this intention at 8:30 a.m. At the request of our diocese, the parish office will be closed.**

COVID Vaccines

The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday in order to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.

Note: A copy of the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy of the Diocese of Hamilton can be found on our website.

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.

You are INVITED!
8th ANNUAL KITCHENER
PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY
Our Lady of Fatima's Pilgrim Virgin Statue

When: Saturday, October 16, 2021
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: Victoria Park Clock Tower field
Kitchener, Ontario
(near corner of Joseph and David Sts.)
(Some parking on David St. adjacent to the field)

Come and pray with us during the 104th Anniversary of Our Blessed Mother's apparitions in Fatima, asking Her to intervene on our behalf to Her Son so that He may help Canada and the rest of the world in these times of great trial. It is hoped that 600 Public Square Rallies in Canada will take place that day.

CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY www.canadaneedsourlady.org

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 19, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 2042.00
Loose	\$ 15.00
Building and Maintenance	\$ 60.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 150.00
Flowers	\$ 20.00

40 DAYS FOR LIFE[®] 2021

September 22 - October 31

HELP SAVE LIVES IN KITCHENER!

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

With God's help, here are the proven results in
26 coordinated campaigns:
18,855 **babies saved** from abortion
221 abortion workers converted
112 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life Kitchener campaign:

Vigil location: Outside **Freeport 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

Thank you to Bill Zister, Tim Pickett, Bill Tucker and Don Monastyrski for your hard work in making the necessary repairs after the storm damage in the Parish Hall. They dug up the Parish Hall driveway and installed drainage and repaired the seal to the window. We are hoping this will prevent water damage in the future. We are now in the process of finding proper tiles in order to replace the damaged flooring.

Thank you, gentlemen, for a job well done!!

