

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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

September 5, 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  
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**Prayer Group:**

Mila Navaleza - 519-574-8534 or  
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**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:**

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark (Mk 7:31-37) proclaimed. Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus’ healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch.

The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. **We are a sacramental people who believe that God’s grace is given to us through these physical signs.**



**“And immediately the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly” Mk 7: 35**

Today’s Gospel invites us to consider how we witness the healing presence of Christ in our care for and ministry to those who are sick. We notice that the deaf man is brought to Jesus for healing by his friends. These people beg Jesus to lay His hands on this deaf man so that he might be healed. Jesus’ healing power is shown in His opening of the man’s ears and the restoring of his speech. When family members care for one another when they are sick, they bring Christ’s healing presence. When we pray for those who are ill, we ask God to show His healing power. When health is restored, we share that good news with others.

Prayer is an act of love; words are not needed. Even if sickness distracts from thoughts, all that is needed is the will to love.

*St. Teresa of Avila*

Diocese of Hamilton  
Prayer Calendar 2021

- September 6 – Rev. Hayden Starczala
- September 7 – Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou
- September 8 – Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate (S.O.L.I.)
- September 9 – Rev. Ian Duffy
- September 10 – Rev. Msgr. Dennis Noon
- September 11 – Rev. Vernon P. Boyd, S.J.
- September 12 – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations

Twenty-third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
September 5, 2021

Did not God choose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom? Count your blessings, then come and help others count theirs too, as a priest, religious or deacon. If you feel you have such a vocation, 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/>

*Szrra Prager*  
for the Perszvrancez 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.



## 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!

**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 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.

### 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 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.

### Mass Intentions

**September 6, 2021 – September 12, 2021**

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

#### Group Mass Intentions

**Intentions of the Farwell Family** – *Sandy & Roland Levesque*

+ **Charlie & Lennie Hoffarth** – *Anne Snyder & Family*

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

**Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

+ **Marlene Fritz** – *Mary Helen & Hugh Stroeder*

Thursday, September 9, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Jane Lamka** – *Theresa Schaefer*

Friday, September 10, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Muriel & Ergun Kemal**

Saturday, September 11, 2021 –

**9:00 a.m.** – + **Marion Jagelewski** – *Jean Giles*

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

Sunday, September 12, 2021 – **10:00 a.m.** –

**Twenty-fourth 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

**September 3, 2021**

**St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Kitchener**

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.

Confession will be available.

Mass at 7 p.m.

### FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

The first Friday and first Saturday devotions will take place following the morning Masses.

### 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.

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

**Adoration for Life** – Friday, September 3, 2021 – Adoration from 5-6 p.m., St. Teresa RC Church Adoration Chapel, Kitchener. Mass will follow at 7 p.m. Rosary for Life on the last Saturday of the month before the 5 p.m. Mass at St Boniface, Maryhill.

**Parish Office Closed** – Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2020 for Labour Day and reopen on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 9 a.m.

*Have a safe and enjoyable  
Labour Day Weekend!*

### 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.

Please continue to check the bulletin for any further updates.

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

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.**

Stewardship Report  
 August 29, 2021

Envelopes .....	\$ 735.00
Loose .....	\$ 14.00
Building and Maintenance .....	\$ 65.00
August Pre-Authorized Giving	\$1669.00