

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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

October 3, 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**

**Saturday Liturgy:**

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

**Weekday Schedule**  
Please check inside for weekly schedule

**Sunday Liturgy:**

10:00 a.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

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s Gospel (Mk 10:2-16) Jesus is again being tested by the Pharisees on the issue of divorce. They were right that Moses allowed divorce. This is found in Deuteronomy 24:1. Jesus answered them by referring back to what Moses did which, according to Him was due to the hardness of heart of the people. But even then, Jesus pointed out that from the beginning, marriage was destined by God to make a man and a woman one flesh and no one can put asunder.

**“God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.”**



In private, Jesus’ disciples question Him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to His disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of His teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus’ teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished His teaching from the cultural norms of His time by applying His words equally to men and women. At first glance, the final part of today’s Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus’ emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

**“I had a father and mother, who were devout and feared God. Our Lord also helped me with His grace. All this would have been enough to make me good, if I had not been so wicked.”**

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Diocese of Hamilton  
Prayer Calendar 2021

- October 4 – Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis
- October 5 – Rev. Donald Wilhelm
- October 6 – Felician Franciscan Sisters (C.S.S.F.)
- October 7 – Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan
- October 8 – Rev. Valentine Onwunjiogu
- October 9 – Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre
- October 10 – Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations

Twenty-seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
October 3, 2021

Matrimony - a beautiful vocation so misused today. Celibacy - a beautiful gift so misunderstood today. Whether we do God’s work in pairs or as a single person in ministry or in a community, we do God’s work because He calls us. If you feel God is calling you to a Church 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/>

*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](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.

**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

**October 4, 2021 – October 10, 2021**

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.**

#### Group Mass Intentions

+ **Avis & Phil Onn** – *Ann & Michael Onn & Family*

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **John Forthuber** – *Helene Meier*

Thursday, October 7, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

*Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary*

**Intentions of Elizabeth Heydel-Quintanilla** – *Ken and Betty*

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

#### Mass of Reparation

Saturday, October 9, 2021 –

**9:00 a.m.** – + **Dominic Hennebry** – *Hennebry Family*

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

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

**Twenty-eighth 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](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 meetings. The meeting for **First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** took place last Sunday, September 26, 2021. The meeting for **Confirmation** will take place this Sunday, **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 or you missed or are unable to attend the meeting 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.

**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.

**Stewardship Report September 26, 2021**

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| Envelopes .....                    | \$ 1853.00 |
| Loose .....                        | \$ 33.00   |
| Building and Maintenance .....     | \$ 75.00   |
| Needs of the Canadian Church ..... | \$ 70.00   |
| Funeral – Nikolaus Ebner .....     | \$ 150.00  |

**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.

Amzn.

### Statement from the Canadian Catholic Bishops on Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of Canada

The Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, took the opportunity to affirm and acknowledge to the Indigenous Peoples the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples. They acknowledged the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. They also sorrowfully acknowledged the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools and which have already offered their own heartfelt apologies, the Catholic Bishops of Canada expressed their profound remorse and apologized unequivocally.

Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, the Bishops pledged to undertake fundraising in each region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. Furthermore, they invited the Indigenous Peoples to journey with us into a new era of reconciliation, helping us to prioritize initiatives of healing, to listen to the experience of Indigenous Peoples, especially to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. They further committed to continue the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves.

A delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous Peoples, so as to discern how he can support our common desire to renew relationships and walk together along the path of hope in the coming years. The Bishops of Canada have pledged to work with the Holy See and our Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit by the Pope to Canada as part of this healing journey.

We are committed to continue the journey with the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land. For more information, please contact the diocese or visit [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca).

### 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.

**40 Days for Life** – 40 Days for Life will again be holding its annual Campaign in the K/W area to pray and witness for the weakest members of our Nation, the unborn. We will stand across from Freeport Hospital where abortions are performed, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily commencing on September 22 and continuing to October 31. To register: [www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or call 519-748-5548 or email [paddym@golden.net](mailto:paddym@golden.net). Thank you for your prayers and support of the unborn.



**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 104<sup>th</sup> 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.canadancedsourlady.org](http://www.canadancedsourlady.org)