

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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

October 10, 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

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Volunteer Gardeners: Jim Weber,
Stella Lemieux, Fatima Pacheco,
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Baptism Preparation Team:

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Kim Voelzing

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Mila Navaleza - 519-574-8534 or

519-900-0250

Finance Council Chair:

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

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.

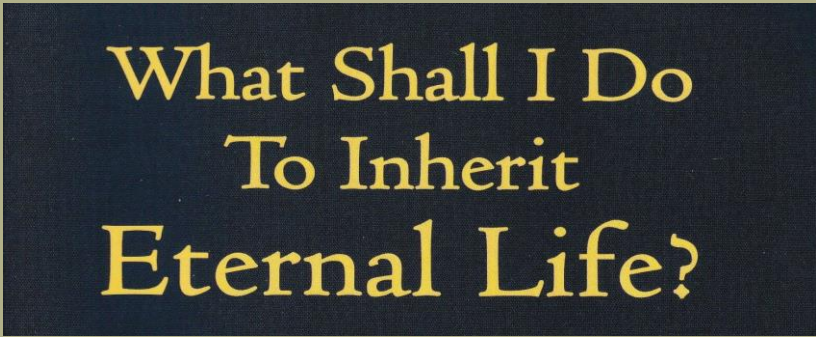
Confession: 30 min. before Mass; Sat., 4:15 – 4:45 p.m.

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

Prayer Meeting: Temporarily suspended

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s Gospel (Mk 10:17-30), an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.



Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches Him. **First, he must give up his possessions.** The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would be disciples: **“follow me.”** Today’s Gospel might make us uncomfortable about our possessions. This discomfort offers us an opportunity to consider our possessions and our family’s commitment to the poor. Material possessions are a necessity in our culture. Our use of these possessions and our attitude about their importance is our choice, however. It is a choice we can make with the awareness that our faith in Jesus commits us to show our care for the poor.

Thanksgiving Day is a perfect occasion to share the love and companionship of family and friends at the Thanksgiving table. You are invited to say this thanksgiving prayer with your entire family as you have your meal:

O Heavenly Father:
 We thank You for food and remember the hungry.
 We thank You for health and remember the sick.
 We thank You for friends and remember the friendless.
 We thank You for freedom and remember the enslaved.
 May these remembrances stir us to service.
 That Your gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.

May the best things in life be yours, not only this Thanksgiving but throughout the years. **Happy Thanksgiving wishes to All of you!**

“Whoever has God lacks nothing...”
 St. Teresa of Avila

Diocese of Hamilton
 Prayer Calendar 2021

- October 11 – Rev. Peter Nwachukwu, O.C.D.
- October 12 – Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
- October 13 – Chaplains
- October 14 – Rev. Bradley Markus
- October 15 – Very Rev. David Wynen
- October 16 – Rev. Msgr. Edward D. Sheridan
- October 17 – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations

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 in Ordinary Time
 October 10, 2021

If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that new dream. Jesus asks the same as any great leader...total dedication; but He promises rewards no one else can promise. “You will have treasure in Heaven, then come, follow Me.” Come, follow the call of Christ as a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you think God is calling you to one of these, 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 Virginh 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,

**Monday to Friday,
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Please see the Chapel Guidelines as you enter the chapel. **We are in current need of an**

Adorer for Fridays from

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. 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

October 11, 2021 – October 17, 2021

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.**

+ **Alexandrina & José Couto** – *Fatima*

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Larry Wismer** – *Joan Wismer*

Thursday, October 14, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Tadeusz Lis** – *Grace Gajkowski*

Friday, October 15, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Intentions of Father Marian Gil & Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Saturday, October 16, 2021 –

Memorial of Saint Marguerite d'Youville, Religious
(World Food Day)

9:00 a.m. – **Intentions of Rosa Artinger**

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

Sunday, October 17, 2021 – **10:00 a.m.** –

Twenty-ninth 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>

ROSARY

Month of October

Last week we started the month of October, a month in which we have a wonderful tradition in the Catholic Church, here and around the world in praying the Rosary. We invite families to pray one decade of the Rosary, at home, each day and if you are available, to join us in praying the Rosary, 30 minutes before each Mass

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.

To register please click the following link:
http://stteresakit.ca/?page_id=2309

Novena to St. Teresa of Avila – We would encourage all our parishioners to take advantage of the Novena through the intercession of our Patroness, beginning October 6, 2021 following morning Mass.

Registration for Confirmation, First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion – 2021/2022 – Registration for Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion took place over the last two weekends. If your child does not attend St. Teresa School or you missed the registration meetings 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.



**Catholic Women's League
Online Auction**

This year, in place of our Christmas Craft and Bake Sale, we will be holding an online silent auction. If you are interested in donating an item for the auction, please email stteresacwl@gmail.com. We will also have days for drop off to the parish. More information will be available in coming weeks.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to Ken and Eleanor Fields for donating the LED pot lights for our church narthex. They will be installed in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you to Brenda and Don Monastyrski and the team and to Eleanor and Ken Fields for beautifully decorating the sanctuary for Thanksgiving and for your donations.

I would also like to thank Magda Siemiginowski and Mary Steffler for their assistance with registration for our First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion candidates and our Confirmation candidates.

Thanksgiving

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 11, 2021, to observe Thanksgiving Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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!

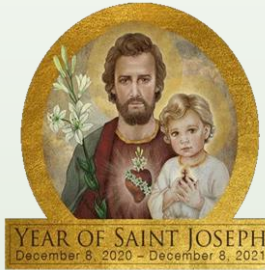
We have several ways to support our parish - Pre-Authorized Giving, E-Transfer, credit card and donations can be dropped off in the collection basket after Mass or at the Parish Office.

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

Stewardship Report October 3, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 2084.25
Loose	\$ 97.75
Building and Maintenance	\$ 355.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 80.00

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.

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.



The Offices for Evangelization and Catechesis, Liturgy and Youth Ministry

have prepared a Liturgy of the Word and parent resource for the celebration of Thanksgiving 2021. We wish to share these resources so that every home may give thanks to God for the abundance of the harvest this season, and speak meaningfully about what it means to be thankful in these days.

The brief liturgy and resources for families can be found here:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/thanksgiving2021/>



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. We are in need of help for the following hours:

- Saturday, Oct. 9th:** 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 10th:** 9 a.m., 12 p.m., 6 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 11th:** 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 12th:** 3 p.m.

To register for hours:

www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or call 519-748-5548 or email paddym@golden.net. Thank you for your prayers and support of the unborn.



8th Annual Kitchener Public Square Rosary Rally – Saturday, October 16, 2021 – 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Victoria Park Clock Tower Field, Kitchener.

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.

TWO THOUSAND HAIL MARYS DEVOTION



Please come and join us on Oct. 16th, 2021 at St. Teresa Parish, Kitchener for a Day of Prayer. 2000 Hail Marys is an extremely powerful and beautiful devotion. It takes a whole day in order to have recited a count of 2000 Hail Mary prayers.

There will be a basket by the altar where you can place your petitions. After the devotion these petitions will be prayed over. You can come in and out throughout the day and evening, whatever your schedule allows.

9:00 a.m. – we will begin with Mass

9:30 a.m. – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8:30 a.m. – 8:55 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. – opportunity for Confession

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – break for lunch

3:00 p.m. – the Divine Mercy Chaplet

4:00 p.m. – we will move to the parish hall to continue praying there, while observing social distancing.

6:00 p.m. – break for the Angelus and dinner. Then we go back to the church and finish the devotion around 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

It was in 1933, I Juan Riu Farrán, was fifteen and a half years of age: I was studying in the Salesian Seminary of San Vicente of the Horts, near the city of Barcelona.

Around the 25th of March, 1933, one of my seminary companions, DANIEL ARA, of the Province of Huesca, in Aragon, said to me: "Riu, I have something interesting to tell you: there is a pious belief, that whoever prays two thousand Hail Marys on the 25th of March, the Feast of the Incarnation of the Son of God, obtains from the Blessed Virgin Mary, at least three graces.

That information was imbedded deeply in my mind, and when the day of the 25th of March arrived, I prayed, with much devotion the TWO THOUSAND HAIL MARYS, requesting of the Blessed Virgin Mary, three graces: to be Salesian, to be a priest, and to be a missionary...and I confidently awaited the



fulfillment of the promise of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On the 16th of July, 1935, after serving in Holy Mass, my companion DANIEL ARA and I, went on an excursion or stroll by the forests and hills, not far from the city of Gerona, where we were doing the Novitiate, in preparation for the religious Salesian

Profession. Towards the middle of the day, when I reunited with our Superiors, who had accompanied us on the excursion, the sad news that my companion DANIEL ARA, when trying to jump a brook, lost his balance and fell into the water and drowned, was communicated to us

On the 17th, a memorable day, at ten o'clock in the morning, we began the spiritual Exercises in preparation for the religious Profession, that took place the 27th of July. At that moment, I realized, that the FIRST GRACE requested on the 25th of March, 1933: TO BE SALESIAN was fulfilled.



On July 18th, 1936, the Spanish revolution and persecution exploded, in which we had to leave the Seminary, running the risk of being captured and assassinated, as happened with hundreds of thousands. These were hard and difficult years. The Spanish civil war finally ended on the 1st of April, 1939, with the defeat of Spanish Communists, by the troops of General Franco. We could now return to our Religious Houses to continue our studies in preparation for the priesthood.

On the 15th of June, 1946, in the Seminary Chapel of Madrid, I was ordained a priest together with twenty Salesian companions, by the Bishop of Madrid, Mons. Leopoldo Eijo and Garay. The SECOND GRACE,



requested on the 25th of March, 1933, had been fulfilled.

On the 30th of August, 1952, I arrived in San Juan, Puerto Rico, to begin my apostolic missionary work in the poorest district of San Juan. And the THIRD GRACE REQUESTED March 25th, 1933, became reality: TO BE A MISSIONARY. After eleven long years of missionary work in Puerto Rico, I was invited by Bishop Mons. Jose Felix Pintado, to go to help him in the Eastern Salesian Missions of Ecuador, considered to be like WATERING a DRY TREE, from December 4th, 1964 to the present day. The Blessed Virgin Mary had fulfilled her promises.

Today, the Devotion of The Two Thousand Hail Marys has spread to many countries, thanks to the Marian devotion and fervor of the PHILIPPINE PEOPLE.

MONS. JUAN RIU FARRAN

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