

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 2021

St. Teresa of Ávila

“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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Pastoral Council Chair: Barbara Daly

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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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The question posed in today’s Gospel (Mk 12:28b-34) requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God’s covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

“Which commandment is the first of all?”
Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’
The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

As Christians, our moral behavior is guided by the two-part commandment taught by Jesus in today’s Gospel: love God and love your neighbor as yourself. By examining our lives through the lens of these commandments, we have learned that the challenge of these commandments is not in our desire to follow them but in our capacity to consistently honor these commandments in our daily lives.

“I am Yours, You made me. I am Yours, You called me. I am Yours, You saved me. I am Yours, You loved me.”
 St. Teresa of Ávila

November 1, 2021 – All Saints’ Day

Please join us for Mass at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

During this Solemnity **we will pray for the grace of healing and sanctification of our daily life.** Please bring your children or grandchildren and join our parish family to learn about the saints and celebrate them as models of love and faith. Grow in your understanding of the Communion of Saints — those in heaven and those on their way to heaven. **Learn about your patron saint and memorize your favorite quote.**

All Souls’ Day – Prayers for the Faithful Departed

November 2, 2021 – Mass at 7:00 p.m.

There will be envelopes available at the back of the church to take home and return by **Sunday, October 31st.** Please write the names of your loved ones to be prayed for and place your envelope into the basket, in front of the altar. There will be Masses celebrated from November 2 – 6, in their intention. You are also invited to light a candle in their intention and place it into the special light container in front of the altar.

Diocese of Hamilton
Prayer Calendar 2021

- November 1 – **Feast of All Saints**
- November 2 – **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**
- November 3 – Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton
- November 4 – Rev. Aurimas Paulius Rudinskas
- November 5 – Rev. Adam Voisin
- November 6 – Rev. David Wilhelm
- November 7 – Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations

**Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 31, 2021**

"To love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding, and with all the strength" and "to love one's neighbour as oneself" are the greatest commandments. If you feel that God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, religious or 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,

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

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.

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.

PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

November 7th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass with the Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation Candidates.

November 21st, 28th and Dec. 5th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass with the Rite of Enrollment for Communion Candidates.

Mass Intentions

November 1, 2021 – November 7, 2021

Monday, November 1, 2021 – *All Saints' Day*

10:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 – *The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)*

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

All Souls' Day Intentions

Thursday, November 4, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

All Souls' Day Intentions

Friday, November 5, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

All Souls' Day Intentions

Saturday, November 6, 2021 –

9:00 a.m. – All Souls' Day Intentions

5:00 p.m. – + Donald & Bill Lamka –

Theresa Schaefer

Sunday, November 7, 2021 – **10:00 a.m. –**

Thirty-second 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>

Baptism

This Sunday, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome:

Beckett Lane Garibaldi

son of

Jordan and Amanda Garibaldi

St. Teresa Parish
Catholic Women's League
Presents
An Online Silent Auction



Consider Making a Donation

Please consider donating new items, gift certificates, your skills or talents! We will be accepting items until Friday, November 12.

Donation Drop Off

Donations can be dropped off at
862 Union St. Kitchener
Please call or email Jenn before dropping off
(519) 744-8284 jennifer@yaho.com

Items can also be dropped off at
483 Anndale Rd. Waterloo (off Lexington)

Donation Pick Up

If you would prefer to have your donation picked up, please email stteresacwl@gmail.com and we will arrange a time to come by.

Auction Dates

The auction will take place between Sunday, November 21 and Sunday, November 28.

More details to come!

Supporting this event, will help us to Provide gifts for sacramentals, support Local charities, our adopted family in India, Mass cards for the deceased and shut-ins

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 24, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 1600.00
Loose	\$ 162.00
Building and Maintenance	\$ 20.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 290.00
Needs of the Church in Canada.....	\$ 5.00
September Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 1669.00

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.

Amen.

Prayer Vigil – Thursday, November 4, 2021- 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Note- new time!); in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road - Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com



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We are currently accepting applications for the following opportunities:

Registered Early Childhood Educators AND the Graduating class of 2022

Please visit our website for job details and application criteria: www.wcdsb.ca

Solemnity of All Saints



Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. In the Orthodox temples the saints who are in heaven are painted along the walls at eye level, standing, as the resurrected ones mentioned by the seer of the Revelation (Rev 7:9). It is the way in which one wants to remind all participants in the celebration that the saints in heaven, although they may be contemplated only with the eyes of faith, they continue to live alongside the saints of the earth. They are part of the community called to give thanks to the Lord.

Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness. What does Jesus mean when He uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favoured." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day. The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

All Saints' Day origin and purpose

All Saints' Day — also known as All Hallows' Day, Halloween, or Feast of All Saints — commemorates all the saints of the Church. It is celebrated on November 1st in the Western churches, and on the first Sunday after Pentecost in the Eastern churches. Last, but not the least, All Saints' Day is a feast of hope. The origin of All Saints' Day cannot be traced exactly, and it has been observed on various days in different places over the centuries. However, the event was officially established in 835 by Pope Gregory IV, the one who ordered its general observance on November 1st.

"Saints have fought to take away the stains and darkness of sin, so as to let the gentle light of God pass through [...], this is the purpose of life, even for us."

Pope Francis