

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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

November 14, 2021

## St. Teresa of Avila

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## 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

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel (Mk 13:24-32) invites us to consider Jesus’ predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark’s Gospel, Jesus’ words about this are spoken to His disciples as He prepares them for His passion and death. Jesus continues this teaching by offering His disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel.

**“In those days, after the time of suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory.”** Mk 13:25-26

Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark’s Gospel, Jesus continues to warn His disciples to be on watch for this end time. Jesus’ words are not spoken to frighten His disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus’ words and God’s never-ending love for us.

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**Prayers for the Faithful Departed** – Masses were 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. Throughout the month of November, we will be praying the rosary, before each Mass, in the intention of our loved ones. Please join us in these spiritual exercises.

**Plenary Indulgence** – The Vatican has extended the period of time when people can earn a plenary indulgence for visiting a cemetery and praying for the souls of the faithful in purgatory. The indulgences traditionally obtained during the first week of November can be gained throughout the entire month of November. Indulgences are granted when a Catholic, visits a cemetery to pray for the dead, goes to Confession, attends Mass and receives the Eucharist and prays for the intentions of the pope.

An indulgence is a remission of the temporal punishment one deserves for one's sins; people often will seek the indulgence on behalf of a loved one who has died or, for an unknown soul in purgatory. The church teaches that prayer, particularly the Mass, and sacrifices may be offered on behalf of the souls in purgatory.

Diocese of Hamilton  
Prayer Calendar 2021

- November 15 – Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba
- November 16 – Rev. Andrew Quarshie
- November 17 – Deceased Consecrated Brothers and Sisters
- November 18 – Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.
- November 19 – Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
- November 20 – Rev. James Link, C.R.
- November 21 – Feast of Christ the King

**Vocations**

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If we dare to trust God with our lives, great things happen. Give God your total self, for, when the end of times comes, the wise and those who work for justice will shine forever. Dedicate your life to furthering the reign of God. If you feel God may be calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon in His Church, 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,

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

### PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION

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

### Mass Intentions

**November 15, 2021 – November 21, 2021**

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

#### Group Mass Intentions

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.

*Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary,  
Religious*

+ **Carmelita Shirley Alejandro** – Mila, Lito & Magie Navaleza

Thursday, November 18, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.

**Birthday Blessings for Mila Navaleza** – Magie & Marlowe

Friday, November 19, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.

**For healing for Mike Lefevre** – Ken

Saturday, November 20, 2021 –

**9:00 a.m.** – + **Maria Forthuber** – Helene Meier

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

Sunday, November 21, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. –

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** – *World Day of Youth* – 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:

**Benjamin Paul Ciliberto**

son of

**Johnathan and Katelin Ciliberto**

**Sunday Missals – 2021-2022** – The Living with Christ Sunday Missal will be available beginning this Sunday. We encourage parishioners to purchase a copy of the 2021/2022 Sunday Missal, as we begin the new Liturgical Year on November 28, 2021. The missals will be available on the table at the back of the church. The charge is \$5 and we ask that you please bring the exact change.

**Hamilton Seminarians 2021-2022 – Prayer Cards**  
The Seminarian cards are now available at the back of the church. Please remember to keep our seminarians in your prayers; and if you pick up the prayer card, you can pray for each of them by name.



**One Heart One Soul Pledges**

We have received a number of inquiries regarding pledges to be fulfilled over the 3-year period for our One Heart One Soul Campaign. We have been in contact with the diocese and they will be sending out reminders with a return envelope. Once again, thank you to all who have supported our parish through this campaign.

**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 November 7, 2021**

Envelopes .....	\$ 2260.00
Loose .....	\$ 117.00
Building and Maintenance .....	\$ 100.00
Baptism .....	\$ 100.00
All Souls' Day .....	\$ 20.00

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

**CWL Silent Online Auction - Update**

Thank you to all who have donated already and continue to send items! We have decided to shift the auction to the week of **November 28-December 5**. We will be sending out and posting information on how to participate in the auction, the week prior. Items can be dropped at 862 Union St. or for pick up please email [stteresacwl@gmail.com](mailto:stteresacwl@gmail.com) Thank you for your ongoing support.



**CWL Membership**

November is membership month. The membership fee continues to be \$25. Please place your membership into the envelope provided with your parish envelopes, into the collection basket.

**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.

## CATHOLIC GIFTS

**November 28, 2021**  
**(after the 10 a.m. Mass)**

Father Gil has invited the crew from Catholic Gifts in Mississauga to our Parish, on November 28, 2021 – the First Sunday of Advent.

Come to the Parish Hall and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to browse or purchase that perfect gift or religious article you have been looking for!

**Rosaries, Bibles and Other Religious Articles will be available.**



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### World Meeting of Families – Hamilton Diocese Speaker Series

- On March 19<sup>th</sup> we entered into the Amoris Laetitia Year of Family. Pope Francis, in calling this special year, reminded us that this is “a great opportunity for Catholics to renew their commitment to family ministry.” **Beginning in January of 2022**, the Diocese will be organizing a speaker series with a new topic each month through until June. The presentations will be by Zoom to allow for more involvement throughout the Diocese and to avoid any issues that COVID may cause for in person gatherings. We will start with a three-part series on Amoris Laetitia in January. Check the Diocesan website for more information about both the year and the Diocesan Speaker Series at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

### Arise and bear witness: A Young Adult Celebration of Diocesan World Youth Day 2021

- Join the young adults of Hamilton Diocese as we gather to celebrate the Diocesan Day of Prayer for Young People on the Feast of Christ the King.

**When:** Sunday, November 21, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Where:** St. Margaret Mary Parish –  
 20 Idlewood Ave, Hamilton

**What:** Evening Mass with reflection by  
 Msgr. Murray Kroetsch, PH, VG

This is an in-person and virtual event – for more details and registration please go to:

<https://bit.ly/DOHyoungadults>.

**The 2021 – 2023 Synod of Bishops** brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>.

**ReStart: A Separation and Divorce Recovery Program** – Feeling the need for support, healing and/or hope after a separation or divorce? The Diocesan ReStart Programs support your journey, providing you with tools to remain healthy. While the program has not been able to run due to COVID restrictions, we will be offering an evening session by Zoom on Tuesday, Dec. 14th: Coping with Christmas When Divorced or Separated. To register for this event or see the dates for future courses, please check the program information online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php>. For more information contact Teresa at the Family Ministry Office - (905) 528-7988, ext. 2250

**TAKE-OUT FISH FRY** – Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 8192, on **Friday, November 19, 2021**. Pick up will be at the St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall Entrance, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Cost: Adults \$20; Children (12 & under) \$10. Orders can be picked up from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Tickets are available until November 17<sup>th</sup>** and can be purchased at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office, Elmira between 9:00 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call **(519) 669-3387**. Please indicate the time you plan on picking up your order. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.



**The Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region**

invites you to join in on a virtual event - **Fundamentals for a Bright Future: Building Resilient Families** on **Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** This family-focused event will explore and define current mental and physical health challenges for people in all stages in life. Space is limited, **please register today!**

<https://www.ccfowr.org/speaker-series>



On Sunday, 21 November 2021, the universal Church will celebrate World Youth Day on the *Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*. This year the Holy Father, Pope Francis has encouraged young people to pray and reflect on the theme “: **Stand up! I appoint you as witnesses of what you have seen**” (Acts 26:16).

Pope Francis announced this change during his homily last year on the Solemnity of Christ the King.

[Click here to read Pope Francis' Homily.](#)

This year His Holiness Pope Francis invites young people to stand up and be witnesses of what they have seen. The entire Church is invited to pray and celebrate our young people on this day and recognize their importance within our Church. His Holiness recently released a letter to young people in preparation for this day of prayer and celebration.

[Click here to read Pope Francis' Letter to Young People](#)

For more information pertaining to the celebration of World youth day please visit: [www.hamiltondiocese.com/worldyouthday](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/worldyouthday)

Learn more about the International World Youth Day Gathering:

**WYDCANADA** 



### **A Prayer for Young People**

Loving Father, in every age you seek holy souls and make them friends of God. We pray for all young people in the Diocese of Hamilton that they may encounter the loving gaze and voice of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

May Christ's call to "Come and See" resonate in their souls. May Christ reach them, speak to, embrace, and console them, heal their wounds, and dissolve their doubts and fears. As they journey through this world, give them strength and a willing heart to face important challenges, to take decisive steps along the path of change.

May they give their lives over to His merciful love and be agents of justice and peace.

Entrusted to Mary of Nazareth, may they allow her to guide them to saying fully and generously, "Here I am!"

Together, with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, may we be faithful cooperators with the joy of our young people, and grow in unity with them, so that you may be all in all.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Inspired by Pope Francis' Message to Canadian Catholic Youth.

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## The Rite of Enrollment of Confirmation Candidates

On Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 our Confirmation candidates attended the Rite of Enrollment. This marks their official commitment to enter into preparation for Confirmation, which will take place on April 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton, Wayne Lobsinger will preside over the Sacrament of Confirmation. We invite our parishioners to pray for our candidates.

