

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 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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Kim Voelzing

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519-749-1501

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Principal: Mr. Brian Goodyear
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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

First Sunday of Advent

Today we begin a New Year in the liturgical calendar. This first period is appropriately called “Advent”. It comes from the Latin word *adventus* which simply means ‘coming’. But who’s coming are we talking about? We are beginning to prepare to remember God coming to be a human being among us, with us and like us.

We can speak of three comings of God.

The first, is when Jesus, the Son of God came to be born in the stable at Bethlehem. **The second is the final coming of Jesus at the end of the world.** And there is still **a third kind of coming** we need to be aware of, namely, when God enters our lives every day. Concentrate on today, on the present hour, the present situation and respond to it in truth and love and the future will take care of itself. Then we do not have to fear no matter when Jesus makes His final call.

Today's Gospel (Luke 21:25-28,34-36) is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to His disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ’s return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Luke’s Gospel, we must also stay alert and watchful. To be alert and to keep watch are the keywords of this passage: **“Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”**

What does it mean to ‘be alert’? There is a secret to keeping oneself awake, it is prayer understood as a constant dialogue with the Lord. The one who does not pray dozes off. He will eventually end up resigned and will adapt, like unbelievers, to the darkness that envelops the world (Mk 14:37-40).

Advent Wreath

Shape: The circular shape of the wreath, without beginning or end, symbolizes God's complete and unending love for us—a love that sent His Son into the world to redeem us from the curse of sin. It also represents eternal life which becomes ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

Number: The Advent Wreath traditionally holds four candles (symbolizing: **Hope, Peace, Love and Joy**), which are lit, one at a time, on each of the four Sundays of the Advent season. Some Advent wreath traditions also include a fifth white "Christ" candle, symbolizing purity, that is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Colour: Violet is a liturgical color that is used to signify a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice and is used during Advent and Lent. Advent, is also called "little Lent".

“Truth suffers, but never dies.”

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Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2021

November 29 – Rev. Tony O’Dell, O.M.I.

November 30 – Rev. Kiwook Kim

December 1 – Discalced Carmelite Fathers (O.C.D.)

December 2 – Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.

December 3 – Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.

December 4 – Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.

December 5 – **Second Sunday of Advent**

Vocations

First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton, (905-528-7988).

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



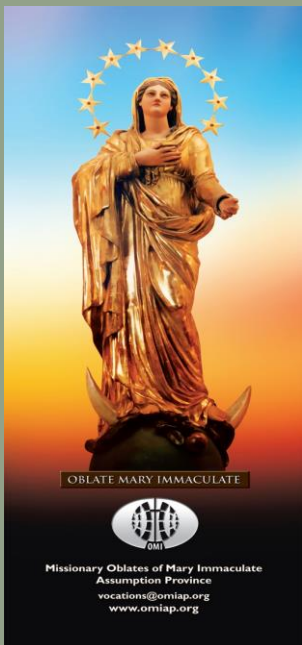
The Divine Mercy Chapel is now open for Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament,

**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.



OBLATE FEAST DAY - on December 8th, 2021 about 4,000 Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate around the world will celebrate their patronal Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This religious community was founded by St. Eugene de Mazenod in 1816 in France. The first Oblate missionaries came to Canada in 1841. At this moment, they work in 68 countries including Canada where they have three Oblate Provinces and about 500 members working in different ministries.

Mass Intentions

November 29, 2021 – December 5, 2021

Tuesday, November 30, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.**

Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle

Living and Deceased Members of the CWL – CWL

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Sister Anne Rektor** – *Moser Family*

Thursday, December 2, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

Holy Souls – *Moser Family*

Friday, December 3, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

+ **Zofia Czyzak** – *Krystyna Krolak*

Saturday, December 4, 2021 –

9:00 a.m. – **Holy Souls** – *Moser Family*

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

Sunday, December 5, 2021 – **10:00 a.m.** –

Second Sunday of Advent – Year C – **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

HEALING MASS – FIRST FRIDAY

December 3, 2021

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.

Confession will be available.

Mass at 7 p.m.

The Immaculate Conception Novena

This Novena will take place in our parish from November 29th – December 7th, following each Mass. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is an important day for us to reflect on Mary's life. It is vital to strive to imitate Mary as the ideal example of the Christian life lived for God. This Novena will give us the opportunity to ask Mary to give each of us the grace to imitate her profound love of God. Please join us for this special spiritual journey.

**PREPARING FOR
FIRST COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION**

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

CATHOLIC GIFTS SHOP

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

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.**

Sunday Missals – 2021-2022 – The Living with Christ Sunday Missal is available on the table at the back of the church. The charge is \$5 and we ask that you please bring the exact change.

Christmas Season – Mass Registration – Due to ongoing Covid protocols, we are requesting that you register for the Christmas Masses. Please call the parish office or watch for the link and more information in next week’s bulletin.

CWL Silent Online Auction - Update

We have decided to shift the auction to the week of **November 28-December 5**. Please see posters and attachment with today’s message and bulletin.



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. We ask that you please include your name on the envelope, as well. Thank you.

BINGO Volunteers – We are currently looking into the possibility of resuming Bingo, and would require volunteers to commit to one Saturday a month from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you would be willing to assist, please call the parish office at 519-743-4525.

Stewardship Report

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 21, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 1545.00
Loose	\$ 70.00
Building and Maintenance	\$ 100.00
All Souls' Day.....	\$ 20.00
Funeral	\$ 150.00

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.



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

**PUBLICATION OF BANNS OF
ORDINATION**

Mr. Carlos Arturo Diaz is scheduled to be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, Ontario. If anyone knows of a serious cause why this Ordination should not take place, please notify your Parish Priest.

Let us all pray that Mr. Carlos Diaz will be a good and faithful servant of the Lord and His Church.

World Meeting of Families – Hamilton Diocese Speaker Series - On March 19th 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.

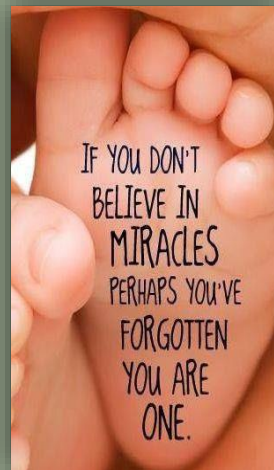
ReStart: A Separation and Divorce Recovery Program – Feeling the need for support, healing and/or hope after a separation or divorce? The Diocesan ReStart Programs support your journey, providing you with tools to remain healthy. While the program has not been able to run due to COVID restrictions, we 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

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>.

University Chaplaincy in the Diocese of Hamilton: The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis has produced a video showcasing the wonderful ministry of our Diocesan University Chaplaincy Centres. Do share this video with a young person in your life who may be preparing for post-secondary education, or someone who is looking for a faith community on campus within the Diocese. Special thanks to the Priests Chaplains, campus ministers and students who helped make this project possible. To view: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/evangelization-catechesis/young-adult-ministry>

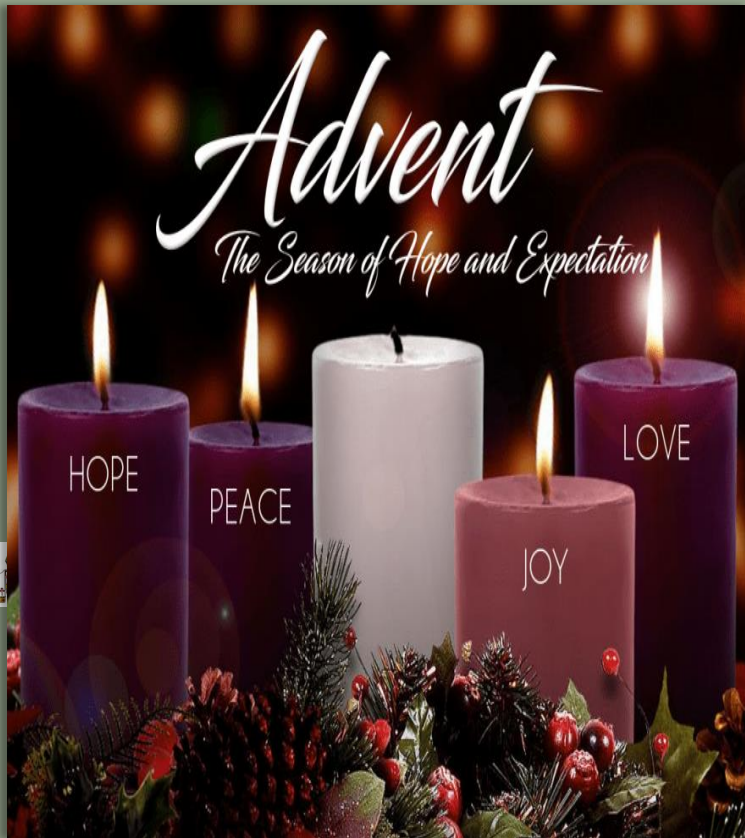
IN THE AREA



Prayer Vigil – Thursday, December 2, 2021 from 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.pravervigil@rogers.com

ADVENT



Advent with Children - Join our parish for Advent with Children. This will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, dedicate 5-10 minutes to prayer, meditation and some activities.

Every Sunday children will receive an activity material based on Sunday's Gospel to get involved in spiritual preparation for Christmas. Children who join this program and attend Mass during this Advent Season will receive, on the Fourth Sunday of Advent - a special gift – little Baby Jesus and a Christmas bookmark. **Do not miss your chance to get your gift and get ready for Christmas!**

Advent Resource for Families – The Offices for Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization and Catechesis are happy to provide a resource for families to encourage prayer and celebration in the home during the Advent Season. For suggestions, videos and a simple prayer to be prayed around the wreath each Sunday of Advent, please visit the diocese website:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/advent2021/>



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ST. AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH
75 Bluevale Street North, Waterloo
519-885-4480

In keeping with the tradition that has been celebrated for many years (though the time of day has changed) please join fellow K-W friends at St. Agnes Parish, beginning Friday, December 3rd at 7 pm.

Please note Mass times for the rest of the week:

Saturday 9 am

Sunday – your own parish or 9 am or 11 am at St. Agnes

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:00 am

Thursday, Friday: 7:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

Please invite a friend to join you in preparing for the beautiful season of CHRISTMAS 2021.

Help us spread the word!

If you, or someone you know, could assist in music ministry, please contact: Marg Weber at 519-747-5937