

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 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
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
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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.

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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

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The central figure in today’s Gospel is John the Baptist. This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. **John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.** We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

During the season of Advent, John the Baptist reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. Each one of us is invited to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in order to be reconciled with God and other people.



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.

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.

“Don't let your sins turn into bad habits.”
St. Teresa of Ávila

Diocese of Hamilton
Prayer Calendar 2021

- December 6 – Rev. Lajos Angyal
- December 7 – Rev. Joseph Durkacz
- December 8 – Order of Preachers (Dominican) (O.P.)
- December 9 – Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P.
- December 10 – Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I.
- December 11 – Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
- December 12 – **Third Sunday of Advent**

Vocations

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Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? 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.

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 click on the following link: http://stteresakit.ca/?page_id=2434

Preparing for Confirmation and First Communion & Reconciliation – Important Dates:

Confirmation –

December 10, 2021 – Deadline for “Actions speak louder than words” to be handed in.

December 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. - Holy Mass: “Actions speak louder than words” - Confirmation Candidates will present their projects. Each candidate will receive a Sunday Missal for Young Catholics.

December 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. - Catechetical Session 1: “Discovering the grace of prayer” (parents & candidates)

First Reconciliation and First Communion –

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

December 15, 2021 – Deadline for “Actions speak louder than words” to be handed in.

December 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. - Catechetical Session 1: “Discovering the grace of prayer” (parents & candidates)

December 19, 2021 - Holy Mass: “Actions speak louder than words” (presentation of projects that FC candidates selected as a way of building relationship with the parish)

Sunday, December 12th – All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on **Sunday, December 12th** at the 10 a.m. Mass to be blessed as we too celebrate Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your ‘Bambinelli’ home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas Day - as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

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
December 6, 2021 – December 12, 2021**

Tuesday, December 7, 2021 – **7:00 p.m.**
Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Group Mass Intentions
+ **Zofia Czyzak** – *Krystyna Krolak*
For healing for Theresa Schaefer – *K-W Right to Life*

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
+ **Larry Wismer** – *Joan Wismer*

Thursday, December 9, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**
Holy Souls – *Moser Family*

Friday, December 10, 2021 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ **William & + Dorothy Barrett** – *Bill & Odessa Barrett*

Saturday, December 11, 2021 –
9:00 a.m. – + **Sister Anne Rektor** – *Moser Family*
5:00 p.m. – + **Leona Grobe** – *Peter Grobe*

Sunday, December 12, 2021 – **10:00 a.m.** –
Third Sunday of Advent – (National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples) – 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

Stewardship Report November 28, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 1097.00
Loose	\$ 169.00
Building and Maintenance	\$ 455.00

Thank you to those who continue to remember the parish through financial donations - We appreciate your continued support!

Offertory Collection – Please note that we have resumed the usual manner of taking up the collection, by the Ushers, during the Offertory, at Mass. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!

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. Following diocesan protocols, admittance to the parish office is by appointment only and you are required to wear a mask. For an appointment, please call or email the parish office, 519-743-4525 or st.teresa@stteresakit.ca

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. To view: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/evangelization-catechesis/young-adult-ministry>

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>.

Year of Amoris Laetitia Family - Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series

- The kick off to the Diocesan speaker series, meant to celebrate the year, will be in January, with a special three-part presentation by Bishop Lobsinger, with input from the Pastoral Offices staff. The evening sessions will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Jan. 12th, 19th and 26th, and will unpack the great wisdom in Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love in Families and Church. The presentations, by Zoom, are meant to engage all members of the Diocese in looking at both the challenges and blessings of families in the world today. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information about both the year and the Diocesan Speaker Series. Online registration will be necessary to receive the link, where you can join in by phone or internet. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

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.

Canadian Food for Children Collection

- This year we are collecting hygiene products for Canadian Food for Children. There is a desperate need for toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo and hand soap. Bins will be at the main entrance of the church for the next few weeks until Christmas. Please be generous to those who have so, so much less than we do.

CWL Membership

- the membership fee is \$25 and young ladies 16 and over are eligible to be members. For those who pay their membership by December 15, 2021 we will have a draw for a free membership. We welcome and appreciate the participation of young women.

Silent Auction – OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Our Online Silent Auction can be found here:

<https://www.32auctions.com/StTeresaCWL2021>

The auction will be closing on Sunday December 5th at 5:00 PM. Get your final bids in!

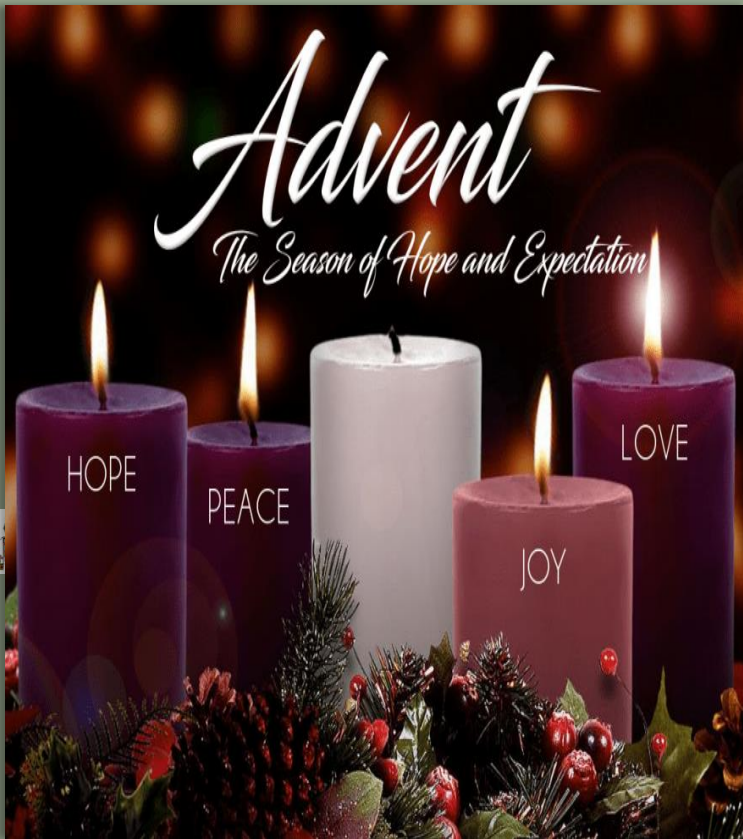
Visits to Shut-Ins at their Home and in Retirement/Nursing Homes

- our ladies are resuming visits to those who are not able to attend Church services. At Christmas and Easter, Father Marian comes with us to attend to their spiritual needs as they request. Our visitors must be double vaccinated and practice all Covid protocols. Those we visit must not have any symptoms. If you know anyone who would like a visit or if you would like to help, please contact the parish office.

Prayer Shawls Ministry

- If you or anyone you know would like a blessed prayer shawl, hand-made by members of St. Teresa Parish, please contact the office and someone from the Prayer Shawl Ministry will contact you. Our CWL gives knitted and crocheted prayer blankets to newly baptized babies. All prayer shawls and blankets have been blessed by a priest. If you would like to help out by making prayer shawls, or baby blankets, please contact the office.

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



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.