

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022

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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Stella Lemieux, Fatima Pacheco,
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Baptism Preparation Team:

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St. Teresa School

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Today’s Gospel (J 2:1-11) comes from John and the theme of this gospel is that Jesus is the source of life. In chapter 10 Jesus says: **“I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness.”** If, then, you are one of those people who feel that to be a Christian is a burden, then it seems that you have not yet grasped the meaning of Christ’s message. To be a Christian is to experience a real sense of liberation – to experience a new life, a new sense of happiness, a new peace, a new relationship with people.

**“His mother said to the servants,
“Do whatever He tells you.” John 2:5**

In today’s Gospel we read a story about Jesus and His mother and His disciples taking part in a friend’s wedding party. Do we feel that Jesus should have just attended the wedding ceremony (the ‘religious part’) and kept away from the festivities? When the wine runs out, Jesus is the one who sees that there is a plentiful supply. Through the intervention of Jesus, the water in these jars is transformed into wine and a first-class wine at that (**“You have kept the best wine until now.”**). This wine represents the Christian Testament, the new life, the new Way of Jesus. One clear message of today’s readings is that our Christian religion is a religion of joy. The genuine Christian really knows how to enjoy life.

Why did Jesus choose the wedding at Cana for His first miracle?

It seems that Jesus’ family had close connections to the event in Cana. The fact that Jesus’ mother, Mary, is concerned with the lack of wine (John 2:3) suggests that she was involved in the planning and organization of the wedding. The fact that after the wedding Jesus’ brothers travel with Him to Capernaum (John 2:13) indicates that Jesus’ whole family was present for the wedding. Could the wedding have been that of a relative of Jesus or a family friend? It is quite possible. Such a connection would explain Jesus’ presence at the wedding but not His decision to perform His first miracle there.

Jesus’ earthly ministry had begun at His baptism by John the Baptist. The wedding occurred over a month later after Jesus had gathered about half of His disciples (John 1:43). Although He had never performed a miracle in public, it was time to demonstrate who He was. The fact that the miracle was performed at a wedding is also significant. By His attendance, Jesus places His stamp of approval on the marriage covenant, and with His miracle He shows from where the blessings in a marriage spring.

Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul.
St. Teresa of Ávila

Diocese of Hamilton
Prayer Calendar

- January 17 – Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.
- January 18 – Rev. Jungheon (Francisco) Kwak
- January 19 – Youth Ministers
- January 20 – Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.
- January 21 – Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
- January 22 – Rev. Timothy Higgins
- January 23 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations

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Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? If He is, 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 the Perseverance of Vocations

O God, You have constituted Your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of Your majesty and the salvation of mankind: grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations

God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve You through the life which is Your gift. May Your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

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

Confirmation –

Jan. 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. – Catechetical Session 2: *“Reconciliation the gift of God’s Mercy”* – *Postponed – to be rescheduled in February.*

First Reconciliation and First Communion –

Jan. 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. – Catechetical Session 2: *“Discovering the gift of the Eucharist”* – Part I – *Postponed – to be rescheduled in February.*

The Divine Mercy Chapel is 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. **Please note: the chapel will be closed January 17, 2022 – January 21, 2022.**

Children’s Choir – Our parish is organizing a Children’s Choir. Those who would like to join this group and develop their talents, are asked to please contact our parish office. The deadline for registration is January 31, 2022.

2022 Offertory Envelopes – The 2022 Offertory Envelopes are ready for pick up. Please pick up your envelopes after Mass, on the table at the back of the church. For those who have signed up for Pre-Authorized Giving, please ensure that you pick up your box of envelopes for 2022, as well. To ensure our parish records are up-to-date, we ask that you please put your name, address and phone number on the first envelope you use. Thank you for your assistance.

Mass Intentions for 2022 – 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. In order to provide an equal opportunity to all members of our parish, who would like to request Mass intentions in 2022, I would propose the following: Each family may reserve 1 Saturday Mass and 1 weekday Mass. This is based on the number of registered families. Please make your requests over the next several weeks. After January 21, 2022, we will accommodate any available request, for as many Mass intentions as you wish. In 2020, I introduced a Mass with Multiple Intentions, in order to respond to the needs of our parishioners. These will continue, on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Thank you.

**Mass Intentions
January 17, 2022 – January 23, 2022**

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**
No Mass

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
No Mass

Thursday, January 20, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
No Mass

Friday, January 21, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
No Mass

Saturday, January 22, 2022 –
9:00 a.m. – No Mass
5:00 p.m. – + Nancy Schlarlach – Pat Wilkins

Sunday, January 23, 2022 – **10:00 a.m.** –
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – *Word of God Sunday* – 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

Please Note: There will be no Masses Monday to Friday of this week. During this time, I would encourage parishioners to attend other parishes.

TAX RECEIPTS – I would like to thank all those who use envelopes and so generously support our parish community. By using envelopes, you can file your contributions along with your personal income tax return. Please make sure that we have your updated address information to mail your 2021 tax receipt. If not, please contact our parish office.

Stewardship Report

It is a wonderful blessing to be able to 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.

We have several ways to support our parish –

Pre-Authorized Giving

A digital copy of the form may be found on our parish website. Simply print the form and complete it. For those unable to print the digital copy, please contact the Parish Office. Completed forms can be returned to the Parish Office via the slot in the Parish Office door or can be mailed to: St Teresa of Avila Parish, 44 Leonard St., Kitchener, ON N2H 6C8

E-Transfer

To donate through E-Transfer, please use the following email account:

stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com

CanadaHelps

To support our parish via **credit card** or **PayPal** please visit canadahelps.org You can access our parish directly by following this link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119110450RR0053-st-teresas-parish/>

Please note that donations made through the CanadaHelps website, will receive a tax receipt directly from CanadaHelps, via email.

If you are attending Mass, donations may be placed in the collection basket, during the Offertory, which is once again taken up at the usual time.

Gifts may also be sent directly to our parish through the mail: **St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 44 Leonard St., Kitchener, ON N2H 6C8** or you may drop off **cash or cheque**, securely, at the Parish Office, through the mail slot in the wooden door, behind the white storm door. Please be sure to include your name, address and phone number or use your donation envelope.

Continuing support of our parish is an act of generosity and faith. We are very grateful for any contributions you may be able to make at this time.

Stewardship Report December 31, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 848.00
Loose	\$ 3.00
Building and Maintenance	\$ 120.00
Christmas	\$ 720.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$ 40.00
Diocese of Hamilton (Canada Helps) ..	\$ 96.50

Stewardship Report January 1 & 2, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 1598.00
Loose	\$ 383.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$ 563.00
Initial Offering	\$ 330.00



The **Reel Justice Film Festival** is back! We are excited to offer another year of engaging films, which spotlight issues of social, political, and economic injustice. **Join us January 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for “There’s Something in the Water”.** The film documents environmental racism in Nova Scotia, revealing a portrait of ecological and social disaster, where rural areas are plagued by toxic fallout from industrial development and your postal code determines your health. The **Reel Justice Film Festival** is a partnership between Development & Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Visit: <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/> to view our 2022 schedule or to secure your spot at any of our virtual screenings!

Bible Sunday - The Diocese of Hamilton celebrates Bible Sunday on January 23, 2022. Bishop Crosby has chosen the third Sunday of Ordinary Time each year as our day to emphasize how #TheBibleSpeaks and how #WeListen. We encourage you to visit our Diocesan webpage dedicated to Bible Sunday 2022. Here you will find resources for adults, youth and children to help foster a relationship with God’s living Word:

www.hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks

Laetitia Family - Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series - We are excited to present the Year Amoris Laetitia Family Diocesan speaker series designed to look at various topics that impact families with one speaker per month from January to June. In January we will have a special three-part presentation on the document itself. The first two sessions will be presented by Bishop Lobsinger, with the final session led by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett. The evening sessions will be held from **7-8:30 p.m. on Jan. 12th, 19th and 26th**. The entire series will be presented by zoom, so you must register, but can join in by internet or phone. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for information and to register. Join us for the entire series, or for a topic of interest to you! Contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting Tip 136. Our children are, in many ways, like sponges absorbing all we say and do. Even when we think they aren't watching or listening, they are often taking in our comments, actions and attitudes. In fact, our influence lasts their entire lives and impacts them throughout their lifetime. Equally important is what we don't say about something they are seeing or hearing or doing, since silence is considered consent. Parenting takes constant work, which is why it is considered a vitally important vocation. The rewards, however, of seeing your children grow into healthy, strong adults is worth the effort.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip 116. Some people drift into their relationships over a number of years, but it can also be said that people drift out of their relationships as well. We can become complacent and take for granted all the nice things our spouse does for us and/or sometimes we stop doing nice things for them. Over time we compliment less, spend less time together, stop sharing our day, feelings, or hopes and dreams and suddenly lose sight of the other. When we continue to treat our relationship as new, taking the time to discover who the other is and complimenting them for it, we stay firmly attached instead of drifting apart.

Marriage Support - Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

ReStart – Starting over after separation or divorce with support, care and tools for your journey. We invite you to check out the Diocesan website at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php> to see the programs we offer and to find out dates of the new programs in early 2022. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre is now open and accepting group and personal retreat bookings for 2022! With a large Chapel and acres of untouched green space Mount Mary is an ideal location for those seeking a retreat experience. Groups of all types are welcome for a day or for an overnight stay. For more information please visit: www.mountmary.ca

Youth ministry online learning – There are spaces open for new learners in the upcoming cycles of the Youth Ministry Certification program. If you are interested in participating in Vision for Catholic Youth Ministry – A Canadian Perspective or Relational Ministry with Youth - A Canadian Perspective, please email: nmccowell@hamiltondiocese.com