

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 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  
**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

**January 1, 2022 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a liturgical feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary honouring her divine motherhood to Jesus Christ. It is celebrated by the Catholic Church on the 1st of January, the Octave day of the Christmas season. **For Roman Catholics, this day is designated as a Holy Day of Obligation.**

**“Mary is the road that God travelled in order to reach us, and the road that we must travel in order to reach Him... Through Mary, we encounter God the way He wants us to: in tender love, in intimacy, in the flesh. For Jesus is not an abstract idea; He is real and incarnate; He was 'born of a woman,' and quietly grew.”**  
*Pope Francis 2021*

**January 2, 2022 - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

The word ‘epiphany’ comes from Greek and it means a ‘showing’ or ‘manifestation’. We call today’s feast the Epiphany of our Lord. The first of these four manifestations we already celebrated on December 25, when God revealed, manifested Himself to us in the form of a helpless, newly-born infant. He is presented as born homeless and in poverty and surrounded by the poor and outcasts (that is what the shepherds represented). Here are strangers, foreigners, total outsiders coming to give royal homage to this tiny child.

Who were these “wise men” and where did they come from? In the Greek text they are called magoi (magoi) which is usually rendered in English as “Magi”. We are not told what their names were or how many of them there were. Tradition settled on three, presumably because there were three kinds of gifts. And they were also given names – Caspar, Balthasar, and Melchior. We are told, too, that they came “from the east”. This could be Persia, East Syria or Arabia – or indeed any distant place. We might ask ourselves, what are the stars in my life? The wise men saw the star and followed it. The people in Jerusalem did not. How and to what is God calling me at this time? Where does He want me to find Him, to serve and follow Him?

**An Epiphany House Blessing 2022**

During our liturgy the chalk will be blessed. Using the blessed chalk write above the home’s entrance, **20 + C + M + B + 22**. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross and 2022 is the year.

**“In this house all must be friends, all must be loved, all must be held dear, all must be helped!**

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Diocese of Hamilton  
Prayer Calendar 2021

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Prayer Calendar**

January 3 – Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.

January 4 – Rev. Vivek Trindade

January 5 – Diocesan Priests

January 6 – Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.

January 7 – Rev. Stanley Zaryczny, C.R.

January 8 – Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R.

January 9 – Baptism of the Lord

**Vocations****Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord  
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“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary His mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name?

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton, (905-528-7988).

[vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers, support and involvement in the life of our parish community during 2021 and I would like to wish all of us a healthy, blessed and Happy New Year 2022!*

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

**Confirmation –**

**Jan. 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** – Holy Mass – The Baptism of the Lord

**Jan. 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** – Catechetical Session 2: “*Reconciliation the gift of God’s Mercy*” (parents & candidates)

**First Reconciliation and First Communion –**

**Jan. 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** – Catechetical Session 2: “*Discovering the gift of the Eucharist*” – Part I (*parents & candidates*)

**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.

**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** – 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 3, 2022 – January 9, 2022**

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**  
**Group Mass Intentions**  
**Intentions of Laurie Dougherty – Sandra Nakluski**

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**  
**Holy Souls – Moser Family**

Thursday, January 6, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**  
**Intentions of Ann Snyder – Ken & Betty**

Friday, January 7, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**  
**+Barry Fowlie – William & Odessa Barrett**

Saturday, January 8, 2022 –  
**9:00 a.m. – Holy Souls – Moser Family**  
**5:00 p.m. – +Laurretta Bauer – Pat & Dan Weiler**

Sunday, January 9, 2022 – **10:00 a.m. –**  
**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – 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

**Daily Readings:**

Lectors may find daily readings at this link:

<https://readings.livingwithchrist.ca>

**HEALING MASS – FIRST FRIDAY**  
**January 7, 2022**  
Adoration begins at 6 p.m.  
Confession will be available.  
Mass at 7 p.m.

**First Friday and First Saturday Devotions** – The devotions will follow Mass.

## Christmas Mass Schedule 2021

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### Mary, The Holy Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday, December 31, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 1, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

(Mass also on Zoom)

### Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 1, 2022 – NO Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 2, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

(Mass also on Zoom)

### To join us online for Mass:

Click on the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/5887658626>;  
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### January 1, 2022 – World Day of Peace

Pope Francis in his annual message for the 55th World Day of Peace, calls on all men and women of goodwill, government leaders, and decision-makers to walk together with courage and creativity on the path of intergenerational dialogue, education and work. Pope Francis singles out three paths for building lasting peace. The first, "**dialogue between generations** as the basis for the realisation of shared projects..." The second path highlighted by Pope Francis in the pursuit of peace is **education** - a primary means of promoting integral human development. The third path rests on the belief that **work** is an indispensable factor in building and keeping peace. The full text: <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bolletti/no/pubblico/2021/12/21/211221a.html>

**On the Feast of the Holy Family, Pope Francis published a letter to the families of the world, calling it his "Christmas gift" to married couples, and a sign of "encouragement" and his "nearness."**

"Families have always been in my thoughts and prayers, but especially so during the pandemic, which has severely tested everyone, especially the most vulnerable among us," says Pope Francis.

Below are the five key quotes from the letter, for your meditation.

#### 1 ABRAHAM

"We are being asked to apply to ourselves the calling that Abraham received from the Lord to set out from his land and his father's home towards a foreign land that God himself would show him (cf. *Gen* 12:1). We too have experienced uncertainty, loneliness, the loss of loved ones; we too have been forced to leave behind our certainties, our 'comfort zones,' our familiar ways of doing things and our ambitions, and to work for the welfare of our families and that of society as a whole, which also depends on us and our actions."

#### 2 THE VOCATION OF MARRIAGE

"Marriage, as a vocation, calls you to steer a tiny boat – wave-tossed yet sturdy, thanks to the reality of the sacrament – across a sometimes stormy sea. How often do you want to say, or better, cry out, like the apostles: 'Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?' (*Mk* 4:38). Let us never forget, though, that by virtue of the sacrament of matrimony, Jesus is present in that boat; He is concerned for you and He remains at your side amid the tempest."

#### 3 ABANDONMENT TO DIVINE PROVIDENCE

"Only by abandoning yourselves into the Lord's hands will you be able to do what may seem impossible. Recognize your own weakness and powerlessness in the face of so many situations all around you, but at the same time be certain that Christ's power will thus be manifested in your weakness (cf. *2 Cor* 12:9)."

#### 4 FORGIVENESS HEALS EVERY WOUND

"Remember also that forgiveness heals every wound. Mutual forgiveness is the fruit of an interior resolve that comes to maturity in prayer, in our relationship with God. It is a gift born of the grace poured out by Christ upon married couples whenever they turn to Him and allow Him to act."

#### 5 JOY

"No amount of difficulty can take away the joy of those who know that they are walking with the Lord ever at their side. Live out your vocation with enthusiasm. Never allow your faces to grow sad or gloomy; your husband or wife needs your smile. Your children need your looks of encouragement. Your priests and other families need your presence and your joy: the joy that comes from the Lord!"

Read the full message, [here](#).

## Prayer at the end of the year

Written by an American farmer - Arley Tuberquia

Lord, at the end of this year, I would like to thank you for everything I have received from you. Thank you for the life and the love that I have received and gave, for flowers, air and sun, for happiness and care, for what was possible and what was not possible.

I am giving you back everything I did this year: the work done, the things that came out of my hands and everything I managed to build with my hands.

I entrust to you the people who love me and whom I love, my new friends, those who are close, those who have strayed, those who have finished their lives,

Those who asked me for help and those whom I managed to help, those with whom I share my life, duties, sorrows and joys.

Today, Lord, please forgive me for misused time, for unwisely spent money, uttering useless words, disregarding love.

Forgive me for empty actions, for a bad job, for a life without enthusiasm, spending too little time in prayer. My forgetfulness and the fact that I was silent when it was necessary to speak. I humbly ask your forgiveness.

Lord of time and eternity, Yours is today and tomorrow, past and future. In view of the new year that is about to begin, I entrust to you once and for all, all the days that will allow me to live again.

Today I am asking you for peace, happiness, strength, courage, merciful love and wisdom for myself and my loved ones.

I want to be full of optimism and kindness every day. Close my ears to all falsehood, my mouth to lies, selfish words and other words that can hurt someone.

Instead, open my whole being to all that is good, so that your blessing may fill my spirit and that you may spread it around me.

Fill me with goodness and happiness so that those who live with me may find something of you in my life.

Lord, give me a happy year, teach me to proclaim your blessings with my life. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Happy New Year!*