

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 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
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Prayer Group:
Mila Navaleza - 519-574-8534 or
519-900-0250

Finance Council Chair:
Don Pickett, Jr.

Pastoral Council Chair:
Barbara Daly

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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

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Word of God Sunday)**

During the Ordinary Sundays of this year, it is Luke’s story about Christ that we will be following. Today’s Gospel passage is in two distinct parts. It begins with the opening paragraph of Luke’s account. It is addressed to a friend, Theophilus [‘beloved of God’]. Luke implies that Theophilus has already been instructed orally in the message of Jesus but Luke will now present him with an accurate and orderly account of Jesus’ life and teaching.

Luke clearly acknowledges that he himself never saw Jesus. His gospel was written at least 50 years after Jesus’ death and resurrection. Yet he wants to assure his friend that what he writes is accurate and is based on the experiences of people who did know Jesus personally. His first purpose – as we see in the second part of today’s passage – is to tell us the meaning of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection for our personal lives and why we should accept and follow Jesus as our King and Lord.

As Jesus stood up to read, a passage from the prophet Isaiah was given to Him. It was a passage about the coming Messiah. What happens now, of course, is that Jesus is announcing that He Himself is that Messiah. He applies the words of the prophet to Himself. **“The spirit of the Lord has been given to me [at his baptism], for he has anointed me.”** What we are seeing here is the solemn inauguration of Jesus’ public life and mission.

**Ignorance of Scripture
is ignorance of Christ – St. Jerome**

**FOR THE WORD OF GOD
IS ALIVE AND ACTIVE.**

Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

HEBREWS 4:12

Desire to see God, be fearful of losing Him, and find joy in everything that can lead to Him. If you act in this way, you will always live in great peace.

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Diocese of Hamilton
Prayer Calendar

January 24 – Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
January 25 – Rev. Brendan McGrath
January 26 – Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.)
January 27 – Rev. Jason Kuntz
January 28 – Rev. Romelito Guillen
January 29 – Rev. Grayson Hope
January 30 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 23, 2022**

You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? 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 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 –

Please continue to watch for upcoming announcements for re-scheduled dates.

First Reconciliation and First Communion –

Feb. 6, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. – Holy Mass with blessing of the Medallions ... (*parents & candidates*)

The Divine Mercy Chapel – Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will resume this Monday, January 24, 2022. As of this date, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church, so that everyone can feel safe and have enough space to pray. Adoration will resume in the chapel when the situation with Omicron is resolved. If you have any questions, please call the office – 519-743-4525.

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. We will now accommodate any available request, for as many Mass intentions as you wish. In 2020, a Mass with Multiple Intentions was introduced to respond to the needs of our parishioners. These will continue, on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Thank you.

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.

**Mass Intentions
January 24, 2022 – January 30, 2022**

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**
Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
+ **Marie Miller** – *Teresa Schmuck & Family*

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
+ **Marie Miller** – *Bill & Mary Alice Zister*

Thursday, January 27, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
Intentions of Andy & Heather Vietch – *Dad & Betty*

Friday, January 28, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious and Doctor of the Church
+ **John Novak** – *Helene Meier*

Saturday, January 29, 2022 –
9:00 a.m. – **Intentions of the Sexton Family** –
Lisa Maenpaa
5:00 p.m. – + **Leona Grobe** – *Peter Grobe*

Sunday, January 30, 2022 – **10:00 a.m.** –
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 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>

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.

KW Right to Life Candlelight Prayer Vigil: January 28, 2022 at 6 p.m. Speakers Corners, 2 Benton & King St., Kitchener. If you can't make it physically, please take some time in prayer for the conversion of our lawless country to enact a law to protect the most vulnerable babies who cannot speak for themselves.

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/1191104_50RR0053-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 January 9 & 16, 2022

(Church Closed)

Pre-Authorized Giving–December 2021...\$ 1,867.00



DIocese of HAMILTON

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

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!

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

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.

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



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