

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20, 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:**  
Magie Navaleza - 519-588-8668

**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

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus in today’s gospel (Luke 6.27-38) tells His disciples: **“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you...”** But there is worse to come: **“To the one who slaps you on one cheek, give the other. To the one who takes your cloak, give your tunic [the rest of your clothes]. Do not ask your property back from the robber.”**

**“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?”**  
Lk 6: 31

Many people desire to have power:

- Power that having money gives.
- Power of being influential, having prestige.
- Power of the politician.
- Power of having access to the inside track, “friends” in high places.
- Power of the blackmailer.
- Power of the teenage bully in school.

In general it is seen as the ability to force people to do what I want. However, the Gospel today speaks of another kind of power – the power of love and justice. In this power, both the giver and receiver benefit.

**Thoughts on Today's Gospel**

- Christians must make peace even when they feel that they are victims of those who have struck and hurt them unjustly. This was how the Lord Himself acted. He expects His disciple to follow Him, and in this way cooperate in redeeming His brothers and sisters. (St. John Paul II)
- The enemy is someone I must love. In the heart of God there are no enemies, God has children. We build walls, build barriers and classify people. God has children (Pope Francis)
- We have never preached violence, except the violence of love, which left Christ nailed to a cross, the violence that we must each do to ourselves to overcome our selfishness and such cruel inequalities among us. (Oscar Romero)
- We shall love, forgive and embrace others only if our heart is magnified by our love for Christ. (Fr. Josep M. Bombardó)

**“I had many friends to help me to fall; but as to rising again, I was so much left to myself, that I wonder now, I was not always on the ground.”**

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Diocese of Hamilton  
Prayer Calendar

- February 21 – Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
- February 22 – Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.
- February 23 – Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (R.S.J.C.)
- February 24 – Very Rev. Cornelius O’Mahony, E.V.
- February 25 – Rev. Felix Nwatu
- February 26 – Rev. Piotr (Peter) Machnacki, S.A.C.
- February 27– Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Vocations**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 20, 2022**

The Lord Calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. 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](mailto: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.

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

**Confirmation –**

**Feb. 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** – Catechetical Session 3: “*Eucharist – the gift of God’s Love*” (parents & candidates)

**March 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** – Catechetical Session 4: “*Confirmed in the Spirit*” (parents & candidates)

**First Reconciliation and First Communion –**

**Feb. 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** – Catechetical Session 3: “*Discovering the gift of the Eucharist*” – Part II (parents & candidates)

**March 6, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** – *Holy Mass – blessing of the Rosary and Medallions* (parents and candidates)

**The Divine Mercy Chapel** – Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament has resumed in the Divine Mercy Chapel, **Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.** We look forward to our Adorers continuing with their hours, however, we will once again be limited to 2 people in the chapel, in order to adhere to Covid protocols. As we have been doing in the past, if there are more than 2 people, those visiting (not the scheduled Adorer), are most welcome to spend time in prayer in the narthex. Please see the Chapel Guidelines as you enter the chapel. To sign up, please call the parish office at 519-743-4525.

**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. Please call the parish office if you would like to request a Mass.

**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 June 30, 2022.

**Mass Intentions**

**February 21, 2022 – February 27, 2022**

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**

***Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle***  
+ **Julia Micko** – *Chris Hennebry & Family*

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

***Memorial of St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr***  
+ **Brenda Haskins** – *Jean Giles*

Thursday, February 24, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

**Holy Souls** – *Magie & Marlowe*

Friday, February 25, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Howard & Catherine Kurt** – *Moser Family*

Saturday, February 26, 2022 –

**9:00 a.m.** – + **Brenda Haskins** – *CWL*

**5:00 p.m.** – + **Marie Miller** – *Larry & Helen Miller*

Sunday, February 27, 2022 – **10:00 a.m.** –

**Eighth 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>

**Family Day**

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 21, 2022 to observe Family Day and reopen on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

**Happy Family Day Weekend!**

## 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](mailto:stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com)

### CanadaHelps

To support our parish via **credit card** or **PayPal** please visit [canadahelps.org](http://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 February 13, 2022

Envelopes .....	\$ 1395.00
Loose .....	\$ 70.00
Building and Maintenance .....	\$ 200.00
Initial Offering .....	\$ 5.00



**CWL** - Reminder to our members that membership dues of \$25.00 for 2022 are due. We have received dues from more than 1/2 of our members but hope that we can receive the remainder soon. Please place your membership in an envelope with your name and CWL membership written on it and place it in the collection basket.



**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON**

**Join us February 24, 2022 – 7:00 – 9:00 PM for “After the Storm: Building the Pope Francis Village”, part of the Reel Justice Film Festival!** The film documents the transformational journey of 550 families in Tacloban, Philippines following the devastation of Super Typhoon Haiyan in 2013. In the aftermath of this natural disaster, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, supporting local organizations, transformed a piece of land into new homes, a new community, and new lives. This documentary is a celebration of the fruits of your solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Global South. The **Reel Justice Film Festival** is a partnership between Development & Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Visit us online at <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. Individuals are also welcome to book out the “Cottage” for a personal retreat experience. For more information, please visit: [www.mountmary.ca](http://www.mountmary.ca)

**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](mailto: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: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php> to see the programs we offer and to find out dates of the new programs for 2022. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**Sacred Heart Parish 100th Anniversary** – This June 15th, Sacred Heart Parish in Hamilton, will be celebrating 100 years. We ask former and present parishioners to please send photos of memories at Sacred Heart either by email: [sacred.heart@cogeco.ca](mailto:sacred.heart@cogeco.ca) or to bring them to the parish rectory. Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., and this will be followed by brunch at Michaelangelo's. Further details to follow.

**The Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region** invites you to join in on a virtual event – “Tech Meets Parenting: A Balancing Act” on Thursday February 24th from 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. This family-focused event will explore our relationship with technology. We will discuss the importance of and tactics around being a good role model and setting boundaries at all ages. Space is limited, register today! <https://www.cfowr.org/speaker-series>



## WELCOME NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

CHILDREN BORN IN 2018 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR YEAR 1 KINDERGARTEN AND CHILDREN BORN IN 2017 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR YEAR 2 KINDERGARTEN

**REGISTRATION IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
FEBRUARY 1-28, 2022**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**  
Your Neighbourhood Catholic Elementary School or the Waterloo Catholic District School Board

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## Extended Day Programs

### Paint a bright future with us!

- Provide before and after school learning for students in kindergarten to Grade 6 on a full/part-time recurring weekly schedule
- are available from 7:00 am to bell time and bell time to 6:00 pm
- Incorporate the same play-based, inquiry and exploration approach taken in the regular school day
- Offer parents a convenient school location allowing for a consistent and secure environment for young students with no waiting lists
- Are run by knowledgeable Registered Early Childhood Educators
- Are available at an affordable fee offering a variety of payment options
- Are eligible for Region of Waterloo Child Care Subsidy
- For more information please email [extended.day@wcdsb.ca](mailto:extended.day@wcdsb.ca)



**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
Register online for Extended Day Programs at [www.wcgsb.ca](http://www.wcgsb.ca)  
Questions can be emailed to [extended.day@wcgsb.ca](mailto:extended.day@wcgsb.ca)  
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