

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate  
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 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

### 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

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Gospel (John 14:23-29) this Sunday radiates a calmness and peace and reassurance which we all need so much.

Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make an abode with him.

John 14:23

The proof of our “love” for Jesus is that we keep His “word” and in turn we will experience the “love” of the Father, and the Father and Jesus will “abide” (make their home) in us. If we only had those words from Jesus and nothing else, they would be enough to guide us through life and point us in the right direction. Love, as has been said, is not a feeling – it is a verb. “There is no love in our marriage any more”, “There is no love in our family... our office... our group.” What is really being said is that there are no feelings of “love” for the simple reason that there is no love going on. There can be no love (feeling) without loving (doing).

**“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.”**

For most of us, peace is understood as the absence of conflict. We long for “peace and quiet.” Jesus gives us the gift of peace but not as the world gives peace. The peace of Christ is that state of being that exists when heaven and earth (God's will and our lives) connect in our hearts.

### Family Connection

Parents are always helping their children prepare for something, whether that consists of getting ready for school, preparing for an exam, or making preparations to go on vacation. In today's Gospel, Jesus prepares His disciples for His Passion, death, and Resurrection. He promises His Holy Spirit, gives them the gift of His peace, and tells them not to be troubled. **Talk about how, as a family, you can prepare for Pentecost** (only 2 weeks away), when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate.

Our body has this defect that, the more it is provided care and comforts, the more needs and desires it finds.

**St. Teresa of Ávila**

### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

May 23 – Rev. Kevin D’Souza  
 May 24 – Rev. Piotr Golinski  
 May 25 – School Sisters of Notre Dame (S.S.N.D.)  
 May 26 – Rev. Andrew Czarny  
 May 27 – Rev. Phillip E. Cook  
 May 28 – Rev. Peter Ciallella  
 May 29 – The Ascension of the Lord

### Vocations

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter May 22, 2022

Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we will come to Him. How will I respond to that love? Am I being called to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life? If God is calling you, 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/>

or

#### Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate Vocation Office

71 Indian Trail, Toronto, ON M6R 2A1  
[vocations@omiap.org](mailto:vocations@omiap.org)

### 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.

**The Divine Mercy Chapel** – Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Divine Mercy Chapel, **Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.** Please see the Chapel Guidelines as you enter the chapel. If you would like to sign up for one of the hours, please call the parish office at 519-743-4525.

**Lectors/Ushers** – We are currently in need of more volunteers to Lector and/or Usher at the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. If you would be willing to serve in either capacity, please call the parish office. Thank you.

**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 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.

## May - The Month of Mary

During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts a fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration.

**Following each Mass in our church we will have a short Marian devotion meditating upon the virtues of our Blessed Mother and recite the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** I would like to invite all our families to pray, at home, at least one decade of the Rosary during this month, in union with those praying in the church, to prepare yourselves for the Act of Consecration that will take place on the last Sunday of the month and on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**May Crowning of Mary** – We invite all children to honour Our Blessed Mother by presenting either a coloured page of Our Blessed Mother, a coloured crown or a crown made out of flowers. Children should bring their masterpieces, showing their love for Our Blessed Mother to Mass on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. During this celebration, we will recite the Act of Consecration to Our Blessed Mother and two children will be selected to crown Our Blessed Mother.

## Mass Intentions May 23, 2022 – May 29, 2022

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**  
**Intentions of Ken & Betty Skinner** – *Theresa & Anniyah*

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**  
+ **Theresa Hutflusz** – *CWL*

Thursday, May 26, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**  
**Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest**  
+ **Mary Fetter** – *Jim Fetter*

Friday, May 27, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**  
+ **Helen Mueller** – *CWL*

Saturday, May 28, 2022 –  
**9:00 a.m.** – + **Delmar Ferreira** – *Citelia Ferreira*  
**5:00 p.m.** – + **Joe Straus** – *Angela Straus & Family*

Sunday, May 29, 2022 – **10:00 a.m.** –  
**The Ascension 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>

**Attention all gardeners** – We are seeking volunteers to help tend to our beautiful church gardens. We can accommodate the days and times that work best for you. If you would like to assist us, please contact the parish office at 519-743-4525. Thank you.

## Victoria Day

The Parish Office will be closed for the Victoria Day Holiday on Monday, May 23, 2022 and reopen Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

*Have a Blessed and Safe Weekend!*



**Confirmation Students** – During Mass on **Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022**, our Confirmandi will receive their certificates signed by His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. We invite them, their parents and students from St. Teresa School to join us for this celebration.

**Coffee Sunday** – We are planning another Coffee Sunday for **Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022** and are seeking volunteers who would be willing to bake cakes for this occasion, as we have a nice social with our Confirmation students. Please call the office, at 519-743-4525, if you would be willing to assist. Thank you!

**Stewardship Report May 15, 2022**

Envelopes .....	\$ 1859.90
Loose .....	\$ 580.00
Building and Maintenance .....	\$ 260.00
Easter .....	\$ 50.00
Indigenous Reconciliation Fund ..	\$ 60.00
Candles .....	\$ 137.25

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

**Building Fund Collection** – This Sunday, May 22, 2022, there will be a second collection for the Building Fund.



**Catholic Women's League in April!**

April 1 & 2 – Members led the Stations of the Cross on Friday evening and prayed the rosary for Helen Mueller's funeral on Saturday.

Visits to Retirement/Nursing homes/private homes – several visits were made while others had to be postponed/cancelled due to COVID restrictions. Thank you to members who gave their time.

April 20 – Zoom Executive Meeting to discuss future of in person meetings and events. We are hoping to have a Strawberry Social in June and a 'Mom's Night Out' in the fall; also considering speakers.

April 23 – presented Confirmandi with gift

April 30 – started to collect salt for Canadian Food for Children

**Strawberry Social!**

Mark your calendar for the St. Teresa CWL Strawberry Social on **Thursday, June 23**. More details to come!

**St. Teresa CWL Bursary Opportunity** – St. Teresa CWL offers a bursary to young people graduating from high school, that are active members of St. Teresa Parish. If you are interested in applying for this bursary, please email [stteresacwl@gmail.com](mailto:stteresacwl@gmail.com) to receive an application form.



**Pope's Pastoral Works Collection** – There will be a second collection next Sunday, May 29, 2022 for the Pope's Pastoral Works. This collection is taken up in the Easter Season to support the Pope's Pastoral Services as Head of the Church and to contribute to his works of charity.

**Wedding Anniversary Mass 2022 Registration** – The Wedding Anniversary Mass, which would normally have been scheduled for June of 2022, will not occur this year due to the continued concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> and we will be happy to send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass. The Wedding Anniversary Mass is listed on the home page under Upcoming Events.

**Grief Relief** - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will be offering a four week online grief program on **Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8:30 p.m. May 17, 24 & 31, and June 7, 14 & 21st**. Find out more on the Diocesan website and register to receive the zoom link at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support>, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**ReStart** – Starting over after separation or divorce with support, care and tools for your journey. We invite you to our upcoming zoom sessions one on **Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** and one session **Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 p.m.** Check out the Diocesan website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php> to register and find out more detail. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**The Office of Youth Ministry is pleased to present Accompanying Forward – An Afternoon with Roy Petitfils** on May 27 at 1 p.m. for a virtual conversation about accompanying young people as they try to navigate their new realities and their mental health. Roy is a Catholic author, speaker and psychotherapist with more than 25 years of experience ministering to youth and young adults. Registration can be found by [clicking here](#) or on our Diocesan website under Youth Ministers Events and Resources.

**Join the Reel Justice Film Festival May 26, 2022 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM** for our last screening of the season, He Named Me Malala. This documentary provides an intimate portrait of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded by gunfire as a 15-year-old. She miraculously survived and is now a leading campaigner for girls' education globally as co-founder of the Malala Fund. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between Development & Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Register at: <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/>

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip 120:** It is true to say that no two people think exactly alike and that is why being married can sometimes be challenging! What makes complete sense to one person, may not make sense to the other; what one likes the other may not; what is funny to one, may be anything but to the other! It is important for married couples to constantly remind themselves that marriage does not mean you are exactly the same. Allow room for differences and don't judge your spouse on your own likes and desires, but instead try to move together to a more neutral place that you can both live with. And sometimes, agree to disagree! Your spouse has many diverse qualities, embrace them when you can and work to negotiate when you can't, so love will flourish and provide a strong foundation for all of it! From: Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting Tip 140:** As the buds begin to sprout and the weather allows us to head outdoors more often, take some time to discuss the importance of God's created world with your children. Point out the connectedness of each of us to nature and our dependence on it to survive. Help them understand that every person is tasked with being a steward of God's world. Explain how we can each participate in caring for nature and remind them that when we each do our part, nature thrives and so do we.

Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250

**ON-LINE LEARNING OFFERED THROUGH DAYTON UNIVERSITY (VLCFF)** - The Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to have The University of Dayton: Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) as a partner in adult faith formation. The VLCFF is a living adult faith community offering online learning opportunities to address the learning needs of adults in our Diocese. *To Inform, Encourage and Heal* is a NEW four-week online seminar in which you will have opportunity to engage meaningfully in the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Following the course texts and online discussions, you will gain a greater understanding of your role as a Catholic Christian in the work of reconciliation and solidarity in support of Indigenous communities. For more information or to register for the June 2022 session, visit <https://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com/> or email [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com).



CYO Camp Brébeuf in Rockwood, ON is hiring teenagers and young adults as camp counsellors for this summer. For more information, please visit: [www.campbrebeuf.ca/employment](http://www.campbrebeuf.ca/employment)

**The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild** invites all members, families and friends to attend the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass, to be held **Sunday, July 17, 2022 at 2.00 p.m.**, at St Agatha Catholic Church, 1839 Notre Dame Dr., St Agatha. The Rosary will precede the Mass. The celebrant will be Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton. Reception with light refreshments to follow.

**Corpus Christi Procession** – You are invited to **St. Boniface Church** in Maryhill for our traditional, annual Corpus Christi procession to the two outdoor altar houses. The procession will take place immediately after the 10 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone is welcome!



### The Kitchener Knights of Columbus Need Your Help

Santa's elves are back after taking some time off and are anxious to begin creating K of C Christmas remembrances with their hallmark Nativity Scenes, snowmen, angels and Christmas trees. The Kitchener Knights are asking for your help. To aid in construction, they are requesting donations of any plywood that may be taking up space and is not needed. All plywood sizes with a minimum of 12" X 24" will be accepted. Santa's elves will be at **K of C House, 797 Guelph Street on Saturday, June 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** to receive your plywood donations. Please help the Knights of Columbus get back into the Christmas Spirit to support their charitable works.

### *Domestic Church Family Retreat*

**When:** June 24 - 26, 2022. Friday evening to Sunday evening.

**Where:** St. John Paul II Retreat Centre, Port Burwell  
**Topic:** Engaged and sacramentally married couples seeking to grow in holiness together and want to learn more about the Domestic Church.

**Highlights:** Sports and activities for children and youth. Food and lodging included. Time with your spouse to encounter God. Time for prayer and adoration. Fun for the whole family.

**Cost:** \$400 per family.

**Contact:** Marta & Jacek, 519-896-8979,  
[domestic.church.ontario@gmail.com](mailto:domestic.church.ontario@gmail.com)



We are currently accepting applications for the following opportunities:

- Registered Early Childhood Educators AND the Graduating class of 2022
- Occasional Teachers

Please visit our website for job details and application criteria: [www.wcdsb.ca](http://www.wcdsb.ca)

### MARILLAC PLACE 2022 Baby Bottle Campaign Mother's Day to Father's Day

St. Teresa of Avila Parish is proud to participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign, in support of Marillac Place. Marillac Place relies heavily on the donations from our community to help mothers and mothers-to-be who are facing homelessness. The Baby Bottle Campaign will be virtual once again this year. Please provide your support through our virtual campaign by donating online or sending a cheque directly to **Marillac Place, 109 Young St., Kitchener, ON N2H 4Z2**. This is Marillac Place's most important fundraiser. For more information on Marillac Place call 519-571-0722, ext. 202 or send an email to [admin@marillacplace.ca](mailto:admin@marillacplace.ca) or [www.marillacplace.ca](http://www.marillacplace.ca)



To donate online scan this QR code with your smartphone camera and it will take you directly to our donate page.

Thank you for your continued support!

## The Anger Iceberg



**Saturday, June 11, 2022**  
**Led By Anna Racine**  
**Cost: \$65 (includes lunch)**  
**9:30am-3:30pm**

Getting Angry is only the tip of the Iceberg. Anger is a secondary emotion. Understanding the cause of anger is the first step to managing it.

This Workshop will identify the causes of anger and explore our own beliefs and patterns of response. Learn how to respond to anger on a day-to-day basis in a healthy, constructive, and creative ways.

Presenter bio at [www.annaracine.org](http://www.annaracine.org)

Register at 905 356 4113 x4200  
OR [reservations@carmelniagara.com](mailto:reservations@carmelniagara.com)

**Mount Carmel Spiritual Center**  
7020 Stanley Avenue  
Niagara Falls, Ontario  
[www.carmelniagara.com](http://www.carmelniagara.com)



## First Holy Communion 2022

Congratulations to all the children who last Sunday, received for the first time, Jesus, into their hearts. We pray for you, that you continue this journey with the Eucharistic Jesus and become little apostles of Jesus. Please join us every Sunday for Mass at 10 a.m.



A PRAYER FOR  
FIRST COMMUNION

MAY YOU ALWAYS

*know the*

PEACE OF JESUS,

the **LIGHT** of  
HIS LOVE

& the joy

of His

**LIFE**

Within You.