

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 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,
Betty Skinner

Baptism Preparation Team:

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Magie Navaleza - 519-588-8668

Finance Council Chair:

Don Pickett, Jr.

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Barbara Daly

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519-749-1501

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

St. Teresa School

Principal: Mr. Brian Goodyear

Secretary: Mary Lavigne

519-743-2131

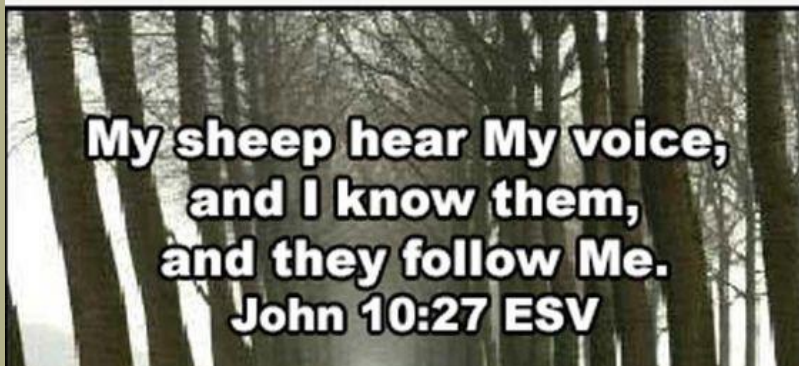
**Fourth Sunday of Easter
(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)**

Commonly known as “Good Shepherd Sunday” because the Gospel is taken from Jesus’ teaching in John’s gospel about Himself as the Good Shepherd. It is also known as Vocation Sunday because on this day we pray especially that more may answer the call to serve the Church in a special way, particularly as pastors and religious. The first thing we need to say on this day is that every single person here has a vocation, every single person here has been and is being called by God through the Holy Spirit to offer their special gifts to the rest of the community. **What is your vocation? What is your special gift? What contribution are you making to the life of this parish – inside the Church and outside it?**

In our parish we might ask, “Are all priests? Are all sisters? Are all Scripture readers? Are all choir directors or choir members?” But we can also ask each one here: “What is your charism? What have you been given so that you can make a personal contribution to the life of this community?” Maybe it is as a parent forming children; maybe it is as a teacher educating young people, not just to know mathematics and geography but to become constructive members of our society and Church; maybe it is as a civil servant, a policeman, a fireman, or a businessman, an engineer, or architect... The question is: how do you express your Christian faith through your daily work? How do you serve the Christian community by what you do? **If we all actively responded to that call what a wonderful community we would be!**

Lord, let me know clearly the work
which you are calling me to do in life.
And grant me every grace I need to answer your call
With courage and love and lasting dedication to your will.
Amen.

**Follow the Shepherd
not the flock**



Diocese of Hamilton
Prayer Calendar

- May 9 – Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.
- May 10 – Rev. Pawel Jamroz
- May 11 – Congregation of the Resurrection (C.R.)
- May 12 – Rev. George Stortz
- May 13 – Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
- May 14 – Rev. Robert Héту
- May 15 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Vocations

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2022
World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. 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/>

or

**Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
Vocation Office**

71 Indian Trail, Toronto, ON M6R 2A1
vocations@omiap.org

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.

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. Please see the Chapel Guidelines as you enter the chapel. If you would like to sign up for an hour, 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.

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.

First Holy Communion & Reconciliation
Important Date!

A reminder to parents and candidates of the upcoming rehearsal and First Reconciliation, this **Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

First Holy Communion 2022

The following children will receive their First Holy Communion, on Sunday, May 15, 2022, at the 10 a.m. Mass. We congratulate them and embrace them & their families in our prayers.

Quentin Amorim	Oliver Brown
Emma Evans	Keaton Fernandes
Jacob Jobst	Anniyah Milligan
Hudson Nash	Layla Nobre
Maxine Onn	Avangelina (Ava) Orosz
Sienna Royall	Niko Sprenger
Abel Tesfaldet	Isaac Vokey
Leeam Warner	Alexa Weiler

Mass Intentions
May 9, 2022 – May 15, 2022

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**
Living and Deceased Members of the CWL – CWL

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ Frank & + Rose Lehmann – Lehmann Family

Thursday, May 12, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
Holy Souls – The Mosers

Friday, May 13, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima
+ Mila Navaleza – Navaleza Family

Saturday, May 14, 2022 –
Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle
9:00 a.m. – + Klaus Basler – Sue Weber Bell
5:00 p.m. – + Ludwig Ceh – Theresa Ceh & Family

Sunday, May 15, 2022 – **10:00 a.m. –**
Fifth Sunday of Easter –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
May 6, 2022

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.
Confession will be available
Mass at 7 p.m.

Thank you!

I would like to thank all parishioners for their prayers and sympathy cards, as I lost my sister, Cecilia. May God reward you abundantly for your kindness and your prayers.

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 31st.

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.

Stewardship Report May 1, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 1114.00
Loose	\$ 109.00
Easter	\$ 70.00
Building and Maintenance	\$ 40.00
Needs of the Canadian Church ...	\$ 5.00

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



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 to receive an application form.

CWL is collecting for Canadian Food for Children

This month we are collecting salt for Canadian Food for Children. There is a desperate need for this item. Bins will be at the main entrance of the church until May 15, 2022. Please be generous to those who have so much less than we do



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Indigenous Reconciliation Fund – Special envelopes will be available this weekend in preparation for the collection taking place next weekend, May 14th/15th, for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. See the attachments with today's bulletin for more details.

Aging with Wisdom and Grace is the fifth talk for the **Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series**. Using her own experiences and the wisdom of her contemporaries, Dr. Elizabeth Bookser Barkley will explore some of the physical, emotional and psychological issues we face as we age. The presentation will be interactive, challenging participants to reflect on their own aging journey. Pope Francis has repeatedly spoken of the importance of the elderly in our society, so join us to embrace this important stage of every person's life. Dr. Bookser Barkley, Ph.D., is a professor of English at Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is the author of four books, including *Life After Death: Practical Help for the Widowed*, and numerous other feature articles. She is married, the mother of three daughters and the grandmother of seven. **Join us Wednesday, May 18 from 7-8:30 p.m.** To register or for more information on the series, check the diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

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 in parishes, dioceses, and schools. 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. Visit us online at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/> to register!

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 11th and one session Thursday, June 9th 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.

25th MARCH FOR LIFE - RALLY & MARCH 2022 Thursday, May 12

12:30 p.m. – Rally on Parliament Hill
1:30 p.m. – March downtown Ottawa
2:30 p.m. – Silent No More Awareness Testimonies
More info: <https://marchforlife.ca>



2022 Toronto March for Life

Friday, May 13, 2022
Queen's Park

Schedule
11:30am - Gathering
12:00pm - Rally and Speeches
1:30pm - March through downtown Toronto
3:00pm - Closing Remarks and send off
3:30pm - End

KW Right to Life will travel

by Great Canadian bus line from
Fairview Park Mall 2060 Kingsway Dr. Kit.
parking lot opposite Walmart, near
Fairway Road.

Departure time 9am.

Return home by 6pm.

Bus Seat cost is \$25.

Students ride free.

Reserve bus seat(s) now.

Call 519.746.5433 or

email jane@kwrtl.ca



C.Y.O. Camp Brébeuf
Adventure. Faith. Unplugged.

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.

COME RETREAT WITH LOYOLA HOUSE - We're back!

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Interested in learning something new? See our website at loyolahouse.com (under "Events") for more information on these upcoming retreats & programs:

- **Listening to Indigenous Voices 8-Day Retreat** - NEW! - May 18-26 - *facilitated by Shasha Sky & Dave Skene from White Owl Native Ancestry Association and Victoria Blanco, Mark Hathaway, & Trevor Scott, SJ from the Jesuit Forum*
- **Birds: Weekend Retreat** - NEW! - May 27-29
- **Amazing Friendships Weekend Retreat** - NEW! - June 3-5 - *facilitated by Kerry Wilson & Greg Kennedy, SJ*
- **Directed Prayer Weekend** - June 3-5
- **Bees: Weekend Retreat** - NEW! - June 10-12
- **Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment** - June 10-12
- **8-Day Directed Retreat** - July 20-28

These retreats are on-site at Loyola House! There have been lots of changes...20 ensuite washrooms have been added, bedrooms updated, plus much more!

Register online at loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or call 519-824-1250 ext 266.



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



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN 2022

In support of Marillac Place

May 8th - June 19th

Mother's Day to Father's Day

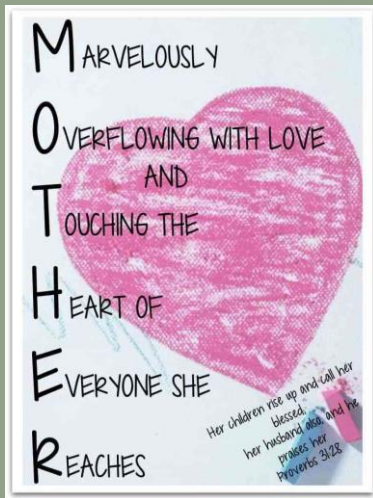
Marillac Place supports new mothers and mothers-to-be facing homelessness in Waterloo Region by providing a safe living environment, teaching parenting & life skills and developing supportive relationships.



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



Happy Mother's Day



This Sunday, May 8th, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass we will pray for all parishioners and in a special way for all mothers, on their special feast day. On this occasion, recognizing their invaluable contribution to our parish and society, we would like to offer each mother a white rose.

For our children, too, we wanted to be able to assist them in recognizing their Mother's contributions and her dedication and service to their family, and therefore, we have enclosed in the bulletin, a page for children to colour.

One of the best gifts anyone can give to someone they love, is to pray for them. In fact, it truly is our duty to lift up the people we know and love in prayer. The Bible teaches us to "Honour your father and mother..." I believe that praying for your parents, falls under this category! Build stronger families this Mother's Day, by teaching and leading kids, in prayer for their mothers, grandmothers and all the mothers they know.

Mother's Day Prayer

"Dear God, Thank you for my Mom. She is the best Mom for me! I pray that you bless her with long life, happiness and everything she needs. Help me, God, to be obedient to her so that I may have long life, as the Bible tells me. Father, please give my Mom a hug today to show her how much you love her. Amen."

"Dear God, Thank you for my Grandmother. She loves you and teaches me about you. Please bless my Grandmother with a happy day and hear her prayers today. Help me, God, to remember the great heritage you have given me. Thank you, Father. Amen"

"Dear God, I pray for all the mothers that I know. I pray that you bless them with health, long life, and peace. Bless the mothers who have sick children; bless the mothers who live alone. Please bless all the mothers with your sweet presence. Amen."



My Mom

Mom has a heart that is as big as me
 She loves us all so perfectly
 She sends her prayers to God above
 She tells us always of His love

Mom has a heart that is as big as me
 I heard about Jesus on her knee
 How He came to die but rose again
 How He will always be my friend

Thank you, Mom, for all you've said
 For praying with me when I go to bed
 Thank you for showing me God's love too
 I know that He is so proud of you!