

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

June 12, 2022

St. Teresa of Ávila

“To have courage for
whatever comes in
life - everything lies
in that.”



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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

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

This week we returned to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today, on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons. In the context of today’s focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the readings call our attention to the action of God, who reveals Himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent His Son into the world in order to save it.

The readings of today do not make explicit reference to the Trinity and neither could the word ‘Trinity’ be found in the Bible – this for me is part of the mystery we celebrate. The first reading reminds us that God is wisdom and existed before the foundations of the world and in the Gospel (J 16:12-15) Jesus makes reference to the Holy Spirit and concludes by saying that all the Father has is His. So, while the word Trinity cannot be found explicitly in the Bible, references to the Trinitarian God abound from the Old Testament to the New Testament.

The mystery of God far surpasses the capacity of the human mind such that it had to be revealed gradually to us. It is like receiving a long SMS text message, with only part of it initially showing; and later on, getting the full message. Thus, the Letter to the Hebrews says: “God has spoken in the past to our ancestors through the prophets in many different ways, although never completely, but in our times, He has spoken definitively to us through His Son” (Heb. 1:1-2). It is in the Son of God, Jesus Christ, that we have the full message that God, though One, is Three Persons: Father and Son and Holy Spirit. This is what we call the Holy Trinity.

Holy Trinity

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Family Connection

Pray together, thanking God for His gift of love. Then read together today’s Gospel, John 3:16-18. Conclude by praying the Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit...

“If Christ Jesus dwells in a man as his friend and noble leader, that man can endure all things...”

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Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

June 13 – Rev. Michael King
 June 14 – Rev. Gary Schlack
 June 15 – Discalced Carmelite Fathers (O.C.D.)
 June 16 – Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
 June 17 – Rev. Edward Hinsperger
 June 18 – Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
 June 19 – The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Vocations

Trinity Sunday June 12, 2022

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Listen to what Jesus says: “When the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth.” What is the 'truth' of your life? How can you best serve God? 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

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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.

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.

Coffee Sunday – Thank you!

Thank you to Bernie & Rosemary Pickett and Ken & Ellie Fields for organizing and hosting our Coffee Sunday last weekend. Thank you also to the bakers and those who provided the delicious treats – Ken & Ellie, Helene Meier, Ann Onn, Bernie & Rosemary, Wendy Schuster, Betty & Ken Skinner and Marta. It was a wonderful celebration! Thank you!

Sanctuary Flowers – Thank you!

Thank you to the two families, who wish to remain anonymous, for your donation of the flowers and floral arrangements that have looked so beautiful in our Sanctuary! We are most appreciative and thank you for your generosity!

Mass Intentions June 13, 2022 – June 19, 2022

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**
Living and deceased members of the CWL – CWL

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ Tom Hennebry – Chris Hennebry & Family

Thursday, June 16, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ Delmar Ferreira – Citelia Ferreira

Friday, June 17, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ Herbert Bierhals – Brigitta & Family

Saturday, June 18, 2022 –
9:00 a.m. – + **Theresa Hutflusz – Estate of Theresa Hutflusz**
5:00 p.m. – + **Dan Strauss & + Patrick Strauss – Anna Lou Strauss**

Sunday, June 19, 2022 – **10:00 a.m.** –
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – 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>



St. Teresa Quilting Group

The St. Teresa Quilting Group continue to remain active. Last week

they donated 15 quilts to Innisfree Hospice and 15 quilts to Lissard Hospice and one fancy quilt as a fund raiser to Innisfree Hospice.



STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

St. Teresa Catholic Women's League invites you to join us for our Strawberry Social on Thursday June 23rd from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Free will offerings will be appreciated to help cover costs. If you would like to help, please contact Barbara at 519-635-2604.

CWL Online Auction - Fall 2022 – With the success of our online auction in November, we are looking forward to another this year. We are looking for BRAND NEW items for the auction. Start collecting now! If you have or know of a business that would make a donation towards this fundraiser, please email stteresacwl@gmail.com to obtain a letter for requests.

Stewardship Report June 5, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 1663.00
Loose	\$ 145.30
Building and Maintenance	\$ 2015.00
Baptism	\$ 60.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 5.00
Candles	\$ 135.10

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



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Cura Pastorum Collection – There will be a second collection this weekend, June 11/12, 2022. This collection is taken up on the second Sunday in June and provides support for the retired priests in the Diocese of Hamilton.

Bishop Farrell Library Open House! Join us June 25th 2:00 – 5:00 and June 26th 10:00 – 3:00. Located at 698 King St. West, on the beautiful grounds of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Learn about The Saint John's Bible and our Library resources. Free books available!

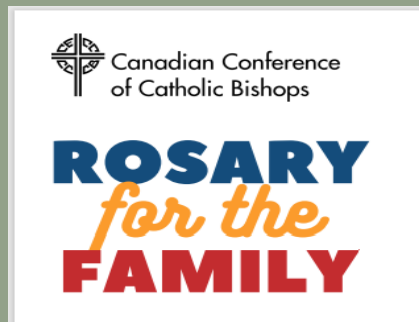
Family Love: A Vocation and A Path to Holiness is the sixth and final talk for the Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series celebrating the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family. Our guest speaker will be Most Reverend Daniel J. Miehms, Bishop of the Diocese of Peterborough and former Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton Diocese. Bishop Miehms will look at how through the life of the family and the love shared by its members, children learn about themselves and the seeds of their vocation are born. Every person is called to live in their family knowing the family itself is a call to an important vocation. Parents and children find their path to holiness with the vocation of the family. Join us **Wednesday, June 15th from 7-8:30 p.m.** Check the Diocesan website at Speaker Series – Amoris Laetitia www.hamiltondiocese.com to register. For information, contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

New: Catechist Formation Program – The Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to offer a catechist formation program through Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation. This program is open to Pastor recommended candidates. Topics covered during our year together will include:

- The New Directory for Catechesis
- The relationship between evangelization and catechesis
- Sacramental preparation
- Culture and its impact on ministry
- Additional specialized formation for ministry with all stages of life.

For more information contact your Pastor or the Evangelization and Catechesis Office:
catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com

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 six-week online grief program on **Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8:30 p.m.** You are welcome to join all or any of the sessions on 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.



**National Rosary for the Family
Sunday, June 19th, 2022**

Across the country, starting at 3 p.m. EST

This project has been planned as part of the preparation for the 10th World Meeting of Families (WMF) being held from June 22-26, 2022. The CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life is hosting this live and nationwide **Rosary for the Family** via Zoom Webinar. The virtual event will be facilitated by several families from across the country.

For resources and to register please visit:

<https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/celebrating-the-amoris-laetitia-family-year/what-are-the-plans-for-the-10th-world-meeting-of-families/national-rosary-for-the-family-19-june-2022/>



**The Kitchener Knights of Columbus
Need Your Help**

Santa's elves are back and are anxious to begin creating K of C Christmas remembrances with their hallmark angels, Nativity Scenes, snowmen and Christmas trees. To aid in construction, they are requesting donations of plywood. 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.

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 19th**. Everyone is welcome!



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

Domestic Church Family Retreat

When and Where: June 24 - 26, 2022 - Friday evening to Sunday evening at 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



**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 or 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!

Can you explain the Trinity?

You and I live in a three-dimensional world. All physical objects have a certain height, width, and depth. One person can look like someone else, or behave like someone else, or even sound like someone else. But a person cannot actually be the same as another person. They are distinct individuals.

God, however, lives without the limitations of a three-dimensional universe. He is spirit. And He is infinitely more complex than we are. That is why Jesus, the Son can be different from the Father. And, yet the same.

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Thus, the term: "Tri" meaning three, and "Unity" meaning one, Tri+Unity = Trinity. It is a way of



acknowledging what the Bible reveals to us about God, that God is yet three "Persons" who have the same essence of deity.

Some have tried to give human illustrations for the Trinity, such as H_2O being water, ice and steam (all different forms, but all are H_2O). Another illustration would be the sun. From it we receive light, heat and radiation. Three distinct aspects, but only one sun.

No illustration is going to be perfect.

But from the very beginning we see God as a Trinity. In the book of Genesis, the first book in the Bible, God says, "Let us make man in our image...male and female He created them." ¹ You see here a mixture of plural and singular pronouns.

When Moses asked God for His name, God replied, "I am" - eternally existing.

Jesus used the same phrase numerous times.

"I am the light of the world..."

"I am the bread of life..."

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Abraham is someone mentioned in Genesis, thousands of years before Jesus came to earth. Yet, Jesus said of Himself, "Before Abraham was born, I am." The Jews understood fully what Jesus was saying because they picked up stones to kill Him for "blasphemy" - claiming to be God. ² Jesus has always existed. This came up time and time again. Jesus was so clear about His unique relationship with the Father. This is why, "the Jewish leaders tried all the harder to find a way to kill Him. For He not only broke the Sabbath, He called God His Father, thereby making Himself equal with God." ³

For all of eternity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have always been in relationship and communication with each other, yet not as three gods...as one God.



“All three Persons in the Trinity have relational names. The First Person in the Trinity is called Father. You cannot be called The Father unless you have a child. And the same goes for the Second Person in the Trinity. You cannot be called The Son unless you have a Father. The Third Person in the Trinity is called both The Spirit of The Father (Matt 10:20) and the Spirit of The Son (Gal 4:4-6).” 4

If Jesus is God, who was He praying to?

On earth, Jesus continued to talk to the Father, and the Father and Spirit continued to communicate with Him.

Though not a complete list, here is some other Scripture that shows God is one, in Trinity:

- "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!" 5
- "I am the LORD, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God." 6
- There is no God but one. 7
- And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased." 8
- "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." 9
- Jesus said: "I and the Father are one." 10
- "He who has seen Me has seen the Father." 11
- "He who beholds Me beholds the One who sent Me." 12
- If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. 13
- "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit." 14
- And the angel answered and said to her [Mary], "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason, the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God." 15
- [Jesus speaking to His disciples] "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you." ... "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him." 16

Footnotes: (1) Genesis 1:26,27 (2) John 8:56-59 (3) John 5:16-18 (4) Barry Adams, *The Kingdom Belongs to Little Children*, page 40. (5) Deut. 6:4 (6) Isa. 45:5 (7) 1Cor. 8:4 (8) Matt. 3:16-17 (9) Matt. 28:19 (10) John 10:30 (11) John 14:9 (12) John 12:45 (13) Rom. 8:9 (14) Matt. 1:20 (15) Luke 1:35 (16) John 14:16-17,23