

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

May 29, 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
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Principal: Mr. Brian Goodyear
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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

Ascension of the Lord
(World Day for Social Communications)

Luke tells us in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1:3) that Jesus was seen in His risen form for forty days. After those forty days, Jesus was no more seen in His risen body. The feast of today marks this stage of transition in the story of incarnation and resurrection – that Jesus is not visible in His earthly body as such. Luke describes this “withdrawal” of Jesus (Lk 24:51) in terms of being “lifted up” (Acts 1:9).

“While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven”.

Lk 24: 52

Christians know it is not about a change of place. It is a change of the way of existence; Jesus finished His earthly life and returned to the Father. This is the belief which we profess each Sunday. “He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father”. To be together with the Father is to be in the love of the Father. From that day we, the followers of Jesus know our final goal. It is to be where Jesus is.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE
ASCENSION & ASSUMPTION
OF OUR LORD OF OUR LADY



Jesus ascended to Heaven
by **His own power.**



Mary was assumed
(taken) into heaven
by **God's power,**
not by herself.

World Communications Day 2022

This Sunday Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication. The main theme of the Pope’s message is: **“Listening with the ear of the heart”** – ‘Last year [wrote Pope Francis] we reflected on the need to “Come and See” in order to discover reality and be able to recount it beginning with experiencing events and meeting people. Continuing in this vein, I would now like to draw attention to another word, “listen”, which is decisive in the grammar of communication and a condition for genuine dialogue.’

“Life passes so quickly that we ought to think more of how to die than how to live.”

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Diocese of Hamilton
Prayer Calendar

May 30 – Rev. Tim Theriault
May 31 – Rev. Msgr. Martin Vallely
June 1 – Barnabite Fathers (C.R.S.P.)
June 2 – Rev. Paul Patrick, O.M.I.
June 3 – Rev. Robert Sims
June 4 – Rev. Godwin Pinto, O.C.D.
June 5 – **Pentecost Sunday**

Vocations

Ascension of the Lord

May 29, 2022

The Lord said, “...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Pray for an increase of vocations to the ordained and 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

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

or

**Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
Vocation Office**

71 Indian Trail, Toronto, ON M6R 2A1

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 31st.

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 29th. 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 30, 2022 – June 5, 2022

Tuesday, May 31, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

+ **Herbert Bierhals** – *Brigitta & Family*

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr

+ **Mila Navaleza** – *Navaleza Family*

Thursday, June 2, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **John Forthuber** – *Helene Meier*

Friday, June 3, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Holy Souls – *The Mosers*

Saturday, June 4, 2022 –

9:00 a.m. – **Intentions of Ron & Alice Paleczny & Family** – *The Mosers*

5:00 p.m. – + **Ludwig Ceh** – *Theresa Ceh & Family*

Sunday, June 5, 2022 – **10:00 a.m.** –

Pentecost Sunday – 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 June 3, 2022

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.

Confession will be available

Mass at 7 p.m.

Baptism

This Sunday, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome:

Tessa Anastasia Kuenzler

daughter of

Timothy and Stacey Kuenzler

&

Everly Louise Martin

daughter of

Michael and Melissa Martin

&

Vinessa Varghese

daughter of

Sean Varghese and Alana Miriam John

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.

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 22, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 1805.10
Loose	\$ 87.60
Building and Maintenance	\$ 295.00
Indigenous Reconciliation Fund ..	\$ 160.00
Candles	\$ 40.60

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



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 to receive an application form.



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Pope's Pastoral Works Collection – There will be a second collection this weekend, **May 28/29, 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 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.



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 St. on Saturday, June 18 – 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.

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: 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



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!