

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 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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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

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“If anyone comes to me without hating father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life, that person cannot be my follower/disciple.” The Jews, like a number of other ethnic communities, are recognized for their close family ties. What were they and what are we to make of such an extraordinary statement?

“None of you can be my disciples unless he gives up all his possessions.”

It is the ability to let go, even of health and life itself. Any aspect of a person or anything that lessens that freedom to follow truth and love is to be “hated” and transcended. Are we ready for that? That is the meaning of the two parables, which Jesus gives as illustration. ‘Great crowds’ were following Jesus with enthusiasm but were they ready? Did they realize what it really meant? If not, they are like a general who goes out to war totally unprepared to deal with the opposing side. They are like a man who started out to build a house and then ran out of funds or material. He becomes a laughing stock. If we try to walk on the Way with Jesus without being aware of what is involved, we will not exactly become a laughing stock (there will be so many people with us!). However, we will miss the joy and happiness of a totally fulfilled life that Jesus, despite the apparently negative language of today’s Gospel, is holding out to us.

Family Connection

Provide your children with a list of things that they are responsible for interspersed with things that they like to do—for example, make their beds, take out the garbage, go to the park, do homework, watch television, have a snack, feed the cat. The list should reflect their responsibilities and favourite recreations. Tell them to pretend that company is coming and ask which of the things listed should be done first. Explain that this is called setting priorities.

Paraphrase the Gospel story for the children. Ask them what Jesus says is the most important thing for them to do. Jesus tells us that the number-one priority is to follow Him. But just as it is not always easy to do the things we are supposed to do before doing the fun things, it is not always easy to be a follower of Jesus. Yet when we put Jesus first, we will be truly happy.

If I were to give advice, I would say to parents that they ought to be very careful whom they allow to mix with their children when young; for much mischief thence ensues, and our natural inclinations are unto evil rather than unto good.
 St. Teresa of Ávila

Diocese of Hamilton
Prayer Calendar

- September 5 – Rev. Marko Stefanec
- September 6 – Rev. Joseph Akanbi
- September 7 – Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate (S.O.L.I.)
- September 8 – Rev. Charles Jordan
- September 9 – Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I.
- September 10 – Rev. Archange Kebe
- September 11 – **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Vocations

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4, 2022**

Having a loose grasp on those things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled by God and overflowing. Can you let go? 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. **We are currently in urgent need of someone for Mondays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.** If you can assist with this hour or would like to sign up for one of the other hours, please call the parish office at 519-743-4525.

Records/New Parishioners – If you are new to the parish – Welcome! Please call the office and we would be pleased to forward a Parish Registration form to you. If you are a parishioner, it would be greatly appreciated if you could notify the office of any changes.

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.

Pamphlets, Posters, Articles – If you wish to leave articles, posters or pamphlets in the narthex or on the bulletin board, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Stewardship Report August 28, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 1343.00
Loose	\$ 177.00
Building and Maintenance	\$ 186.00
Votive Candles	\$ 30.25

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

Labour Day

The Divine Mercy Chapel and Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022 and reopen on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 9 a.m.

**Have a safe and enjoyable
Labour Day Weekend!**

Mass Intentions

September 5, 2022 – September 11, 2022

Tuesday, September 6, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**

No Mass

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

No Mass

Thursday, September 8, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Mass

Friday, September 9, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

Intentions of Elisabeth Heydel-Quintanilla – Ken & Betty

Saturday, September 10, 2022 –

9:00 a.m. +Jane Lamka – Children

5:00 p.m. – + Leona Grobe – Peter Grobe

Sunday, September 11, 2022 – **10:00 a.m. –**

**Twenty-fourth 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>

**Healing Mass - First Friday
September 2, 2022**

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.

Confession will be available

Mass at 7 p.m.



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

Evenings with His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, continue this fall at St. Ann's Parish, Ancaster. Class is the second Friday of each month, beginning September 9th at 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit the Parish website: <https://stannparish.ca/>.

Hamilton Diocese Marian Days 2022 – Join brothers and sisters from around the Diocese in honouring Our Blessed Lady, for the last Marian Day of the year, with Bishop Crosby, on October 1, 2022, at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. Join us for Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Holy Mass with Bishop Crosby at 10:00 a.m., the Solemn Crowning of Our Lady with Rosary at 11:00 a.m., and The Queen's Tea at 12:00 p.m., honouring the crowning of the image of Our Lady. Cost for lunch is \$20.00 payable at the door. Call the Basilica to reserve your spot: (519) 824-3951.



World Youth Day 2023: Lisbon & Fatima, Portugal July 28th – August 7th, 2023

Bishop Crosby is sending a delegation of 40 young adults to World Youth Day in the summer of 2023. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the world. All young people aged 18-35 are welcome to join this pilgrimage experience.

The registration deadline for WYD 2023 has been extended until **Friday, September 16, 2022**. We encourage all interested candidates between the ages of 18-35 to fill out a registration form and contact our office (wyd@hamiltondiocese.com) about payment details before that deadline. Spots are limited.

For more information about WYD in the Diocese of Hamilton visit: <https://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com/>

Marriage Support - Your marriage does not have to feel like it is more trouble than joy, that is feels stagnant or disconnected and/or that it is causing you constant stress. 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. The next Retrouvaille weekend is Oct. 21-23. For more information call 905-664-5212 or teamrecine@gmail.com.

ReStart – Start over after separation or divorce with care and tools for your journey. We invite you to check the Diocesan website at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php> to see the programs and to find the dates of programs for the fall of 2022. Finding support and gaining strength can help as you journey forward. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton has grief programs to help. Find out more on the Diocesan website:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support>, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Struggling After an Abortion?

Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. **Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.**

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting Tip 142. As parents, we love our children unconditionally, but the tasks involved are still challenging. There are many moments when our children can annoy us, test us and even defy us! Our response can be the difference between positive learning and damage to our relationship. What is a parent's best strategy? Learn to pause between the time a problem occurs and the time you respond. Take a moment to count to ten, take a deep breath, close your eyes, say a quick prayer, or take your own time out. When you are calm and collected, address the issue in the way you feel will work best to solve the issue, not one based on high emotions. Family Ministry Office: 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

ST TERESA OF AVILA'S ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY will be held on **Friday, September 16th, 2022** at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Enjoy our Community BBQ in the hall from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., an Outdoor Snack Booth with chips, soft drinks, fresh-made popcorn and candy. Lots of fun for young and old – penny table, silent auction, bouncies, tombola, 50/50, music, inside and outside activities, play area for children 5 and under and much more. Come and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship. Fun starts at 4:30 p.m. and ends with fireworks at dusk. All are welcome!

That Man is You! returns Saturday mornings from **September 10th, 2022 – April 2023**, at St. Mark's Parish, Kitchener.

That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! Visit www.tmiy.org for more information. This year will feature a new multi-speaker format covering topics at the forefront of our Christian lives: The Life of Prayer, Sexual ethics, Biblical Scholarship, Faith and Science among others. It's the best year yet and not to be missed. Breakfast begins at St. Mark's Parish Hall at 7:15 a.m. followed by a video presentation and group discussion. Contact ian.kangaloo@gmail.com with your questions or to sign up.

Career Opportunity: St. Francis of Assisi Parish is now accepting resumés for the position of Administrative Assistant/ Bookkeeper at St. Francis Parish, Kitchener. You can view the [Job Description by clicking here](#). Interested parties, please send your resumé to stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com.

Rosary to Pray for Canada with a statue of Our Lady of Fatima – Every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the corner of King and Benton St., Kitchener.

40 Days for Life, Kitchener – This year, the Fall campaign will take place between September 28-November 6th.

Life Chain – October 2, 2022 – in front of Kitchener City Hall, 200 King St. W. from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Pilgrimage Mass at St. Agatha Shrine of Our Sorrowful Lady will be held September 18th at 3 p.m., inside and outside the Chapel Shrine. The Seven Sorrows Rosary will precede the Mass at 2:30 p.m. The celebrant will be Father George Nowak, C.R. Bring a lawn chair, as the chapel has limited seating. Archangels Sacramentals will have a table set up, should you wish to purchase precious Sacramentals. Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine is open every Sunday from 1-4 p.m. until the end of September.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Heritage Day

Sunday, September 18, 2022

11 a.m. Mass – 11:45 a.m. Mary Grotto – 12 noon car tour of the area shrines – 1:00 p.m. lunch (hosted by the CWL). Presentations, 50-50 Draw & Silent Auction. Tickets required for lunch – \$15. Email: maryhillroots@gmail.com or (519) 242-9595 or any board members.



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