

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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St. Teresa of Ávila

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



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519-590-5348

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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.
No Sunday Confession

Healing Mass: First Friday of each month
(September – June) – 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting: Temporarily suspended

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s reading is the beginning of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew’s Gospel (Mt 5:1-12a). The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. **We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls “blessed” and “happy” are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted.** This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus’ blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness. “Blessed” is sometimes translated as happy, fortunate, or favoured. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

The Presentation of the Lord

On February 2, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus. The Gospel says: **“They took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord.’”** Simeon and Anna lived lives of prayer and fasting in the Temple, they were filled with the Spirit of God. That is why they were able to identify Jesus as the Saviour even though Jesus was only a baby. To these two holy people, He was recognizable as the Redeemer who had been promised. Simeon described Jesus as **“a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for Your people Israel.”** We too are called to recognize Jesus as our Lord.

Blessing of Candles – at the back of the church the candles will be blessed so please bring your own candle. From the entrance of the church, we will process to the altar, while all hold their lighted candles.

World Day for Consecrated Life

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. **It is also known as Candlemas Day;** the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The Holy Father asked the faithful to pray that “through their witness of life, they may radiate to the world the love of Christ and the grace of the Gospel.”

Mass Intentions

January 30, 2023 – February 5, 2023

Tuesday, January 31, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest

+ Ivan, + Mato, + Sofija Janakovic – Joseph & Lily Fabina

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

+Delmar Ferreira – Citelia Ferreira

Thursday, February 2, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (World Day for Consecrated Life)

+ Max Sleiman – Dan & Pat Weiler & Family

Friday, February 3, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Carmen Jandu – Birthday Blessings

Saturday, February 4, 2023 –

9:00 a.m. – Maryann Navaleza – Birthday Blessings

5:00 p.m. – In loving memory of Stanislaw and Zofia Siemiginowski – Andrzej & Regina Siemiginowski & Family

Sunday, February 5, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

– Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Following the Diocesan Initiative to “Come Home for Christmas” we have suspended live-streaming from our church at this time.

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

January 30 – Rev. William Trusz

January 31 – Rev. David Reitzel

February 1 – Hospitaller Order of St. John of God (O.H.)

February 2 – **The Presentation of the Lord – World Day for Consecrated Life**

February 3 – Rev. Ross Campbell

February 4 – Rev. Peter Robinson

February 5 – **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Vocations

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven...” Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering being a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin. If God is calling you, contact:

Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations
(905-528-7988); vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

or

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate Vocation Office

71 Indian Trail, Toronto, ON M6R 2A1

vocations@omiap.org

Seminary Education Collection – There will be a second collection next weekend, February 4th / 5th. This collection supports the educational needs of seminarians.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Carlos Diaz – This Sunday we are pleased to welcome back Deacon Carlos Diaz. Deacon Carlos will be the Homilist at all of the Masses.

HEALING MASS – FIRST FRIDAY

February 3, 2023

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.

Confession will be available. Mass at 7 p.m.

Preparing For Confirmation & First Communion & Reconciliation

First Reconciliation and First Communion –

January 29, 2023 – 10 a.m. Mass – Rite of Enrollment – The Rite of Enrollment for those candidates who were unable to attend on October 23, 2022 takes place **this Sunday**.

February 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. – Catechetical Session 3: “*Discovering the gift of the Eucharist*” – Part II (parents & candidates)

Confirmation –

February 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. – Catechetical Session 3: “*Eucharist – the gift of God’s Love*” (parents & candidates)

Lift Jesus Higher Rally – Empowered to Stand

Saturday, March 4, 2023 – 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Metro Toronto Convention Centre (North Building)

Come experience compelling speakers and powerful praise and worship. There will be testimonials, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions and more. Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins. **If you are interested, please sign up on the list provided at the back of the church. If we have enough people, we would organize a bus.**

Mass Intentions 2023 – The offering of Mass 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. We will now accept all Mass Intentions.

Pierogies Fundraiser – We are very grateful to all who supported our parish fundraiser and to Supreme Pierogies for donating the pierogies. We raised a total of **\$2520.00**.

Mental Wellness Support Group - A support collective for those supporting loved ones afflicted with mental health issues meets every **first Wednesday of each month**, in St. Teresa Parish Hall, beginning at 7:00 p.m.



Euchre – The games are scheduled for every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and will take place in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. For information, call Chris - 519-575-1692.

World Youth Day – If anyone would like to support this project or if you know of a young person 16 yrs. of age or older who would like to attend World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, please contact the parish office. We will have a presentation by the Oblate Youth Ministry on February 12th, at the 10 a.m. Mass.

Stewardship Report – January 22, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 1647.00
Loose	\$ 314.00
Votive Candles	\$ 74.90
Building Fund	\$ 100.00
Building Fund – In Memory of	
Laverne O’Donnell	\$ 30.00
Pierogies Fundraiser	\$ 50.00

We are most appreciative of your ongoing prayerful and financial support. Donations to the parish can be made through the use of Sunday Offertory envelopes, Pre-Authorized Giving and Interac e-Transfer. Interac e-Transfers can be made using the following email account:

stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com

Continuing support of our parish is an act of generosity and faith. We are very grateful for any contributions you may be able to make. Thank you!

Parish Registration

We encourage everyone who is regularly attending St. Teresa of Avila Parish to register. Forms can be found at the school side entrance beside the bulletin board or contact the parish office. If you have thought about becoming more involved in the parish, then please consider volunteering and call the parish office.

Celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes!

Saturday, February 11th

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo

Celebrant: His Excellency. Bishop Wayne Lobsinger

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession at 6 p.m. followed by Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick and veneration of St. Bernadette's relics at 7:00 p.m. Reception to follow in the parish hall.

Spaghetti Supper - St. Teresa Church, Elmira - Friday, February 10th from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. Cost: Adult - \$15 / Children 6-12 - \$8 / Family of Four - \$30 / 5 & Under – FREE. Takeout is also available.

Prayer Vigil - **Thursday, February 2, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com