

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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



Parish Staff & Organizations

Pastor: Fr. Marian Gil, OMI

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Taek Jong (TJ)
Maximus Han

Parish Secretary: Mary Steffler

Business Administrator: David Agnew

Custodian: Scott Piggott

Baptism Preparation Team:

CWL President:

Lector Co-ordinator: Mary Steffler

Eucharistic Minister Co-ordinator:
Kim Voelzing

Adoration Chapel Co-ordinator:
Elizabeth Heydel- Quintanilla –
519-590-5348

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Herb Altman – 519-893-4793

Rosemary Mussar – 519-743-5656

Prayer Group:

Magie Navaleza – 519-588-8668

Finance Council Chair:

Don Pickett, Jr.

Pastoral Council Chair:

Barbara Daly

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Bernie & Rosemary Pickett
519-749-1501

St. Teresa School

Principal: Mr. Chris Luciani
Secretary: Connie Rawski
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.

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

Weekday Schedule

Please check inside for
weekly schedule

Sunday Liturgy:

10:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Lent

We have now entered the great season of Lent. For those of us who are old enough to remember, Lent in the past was not, in some respects, a time we looked forward to. Fasting and abstinence, not to mention other forms of penance, were in force and it was a serious business. Easter was looked forward to with real anticipation. Our attitudes toward Lent tended to be on the gloomy and negative side. Perhaps nowadays we have gone to the other extreme where Lent hardly means anything at all. “You mean Lent has started already? Really, I had no idea! Easter will be on top of us before we know where we are and I haven’t bought a thing!”

The gospel of today’s Mass features the temptations of Jesus in the desert. It clearly links with the Lenten themes of fasting, penance and reconciliation with God and with our brothers and sisters. There is a striking contrast between Jesus in the Gospel and our First Parents in the Garden of Eden (First Reading), while the Second Reading connects the two events: it was the sin of our First Parents which brought about the coming of Jesus to restore our relationship with God. Note that Jesus is led into the desert by the Spirit of God. **The purpose clearly is not to lead Him to do evil but as a testing of His fitness for His coming mission.** Will He fail like our First Parents or like the Israelites of old? Or will He prove Himself worthy of the mission He has been given?

“We need no wings to go in search of him, but have only to look upon him present within us.”
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Vocations

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, 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

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar
February 27 – Rev. Jim Valk, C.R.
February 28 – Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.
March 1 – Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (R.S.J.C.)
March 2 – Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.
March 3 – Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.
March 4 – Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C.
March 5 – **Second Sunday of Lent**

Mass Intentions
February 27, 2023 – March 5, 2023
Tuesday, February 28, 2023 – **7:00 p.m.**
For graces and healing for Magdalena Sendeka – Ewa & Artur Miciula
Wednesday, March 1, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**
Thursday, March 2, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ Zofia Paszek - CWL
Friday, March 3, 2023 –
8:30 a.m. – + Jan & + Janina Heydel – Daughter
7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 4, 2023 –
9:00 a.m. – Intentions of Chris & Krystyna Krolak – Ken & Betty
5:00 p.m. – + Leona Grobe – Peter Grobe
Sunday, March 5, 2023 – **10:00 a.m.**
Second Sunday of Lent – 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.

Stewardship Report – February 19, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 2284.50
Votive Candles	\$ 67.70
Building Fund	\$ 65.00
Building Fund – In Mem - L. O’Donnell	\$ 20.00
Building Fund – In Mem - F. Cybulski.	\$ 50.00
Seminary Education	\$ 320.00

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preparing For Confirmation & First Communion & Reconciliation

First Reconciliation and First Communion –
March 5, 2023 at 10 a.m. – Blessings of medallions and rosaries (*parents & candidates*)
March 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. – **Catechetical Session 4:** “We Prepare for Reconciliation” (*parents & candidates*)
Confirmation –
March 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. – **Catechetical Session 4:** “Confirmed in the Spirit” (*parents and candidates*)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - The Eucharist is the center and origin of the life of the Church. Therefore, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is taking place Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., in our church (Divine Mercy Chapel). We would like to invite our parishioners to sign up for adoration and dedicate at least one hour a week to be with Jesus and nourish your spiritual life. To sign up, please contact Elizabeth at 519-590-5348.

“If you are passing before a Church, enter to greet our Lord. Could you pass the door of a friend without saying hello?” St. Jean-Marie Vianney

Day of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Abuse – In 2019, His Excellency Bishop Crosby decreed that the Second Sunday of Lent each year would be observed in every Parish in the Diocese of Hamilton as a day of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Abuse. This year, the observance takes place next Sunday, March 5th. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with special prayers will begin at 9:30 a.m. Please join us in prayer for the grace of healing and forgiveness.

Stations of the Cross at St. Teresa Parish - We would like to invite all parish organizations, especially First Communion and Confirmation students to lead the Stations of the Cross during our Lenten season on **Friday at 7 p.m. beginning February 24th**. Please contact the parish office to let us know which Friday your group would like to lead.

Income Tax Receipts for 2022 are available at the back of the church. We would like to thank you for your generosity and continued support of our parish.

Financial Report for 2022 - The presentation of the Financial Report for 2022 will be given by our finance committee at both Masses, this weekend, February 25th/26th. Members of our finance committee will be available in the vestibule after Mass for any questions or comments. Thank you so much for your dedication and generosity shown to our community by your generous donations.

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.

Solemnity of St. Joseph - Mass on Monday, **March 20th**, at 3.00 p.m. in the newly renovated Chapel at the **Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha**. The celebrant will be Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. Light refreshments to follow.

St. Agnes Parish offers a series of short talks by priests of our Diocese & Chancery staff, on very meaningful topics to help our parishioners. These talks offer guidance rooted in our faith, on topics that are weighing heavily on people these days. **All are invited.**

“Trusting God in the Storm” – Sun., March 5, 2:00 p.m. at St. Agnes Church, 75 Bluevale St. N., Waterloo

Life’s circumstances can sometimes feel overwhelming: relationships, finances, health, family issues & loss...we may feel fearful & anxious when the future looks so uncertain. We might wonder what could possibly be God’s purpose in all of this? This event will focus on trusting in God, relying on Him to calm our internal storms of fear, doubt and uncertainty.

Guest Speaker: Fr. Vivek Trindade, St. Anthony Daniel. For details: www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org/events

St. Anthony Daniel Parish CWL Card Party - Tickets are now available for our annual card party on Wednesday, April 26th in the Parish Life Centre. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$15 per person which includes lunch, refreshments and prizes and lots of fun playing your favourite game with friends. Plan to join us. Hosted by our CWL. For tickets contact the parish office at 519-893-6960 or Linda Howey at 519-893-2534.

Turkey & Syria Relief

Those wishing to support the relief effort are encouraged to contribute to one of the following Catholic entities currently mounting humanitarian responses on the ground.

CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association) - <https://cnewa.org/ca/work/emergency-syria/>

Caritas International - <https://www.caritas.org/>
Catholic Relief Services - [Earthquakes rock Turkey and Syria | Catholic Relief Services \(crs.org\)](https://www.catholicreliefservices.org/)

ACN (Aid to the Church in Need) - <https://acn-canada.square.site/>

We were also recently notified by the diocese that His Excellency Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI has authorized a special collection in our parishes in support of the victims of these recent earthquakes. Envelopes for this purpose should be available this weekend. Please watch the upcoming bulletins for more information.



Prayer Vigil - Thursday, **March 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, please contact Cathy at:

kwc.pravervigil@rogers.com