

# 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.”



## 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

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**Prayer Group:**

Magie Navaleza – 519-588-8668

**Finance Council Chair:**

Don Pickett, Jr.

**Pastoral Council Chair:**

Barbara Daly

**St. Vincent de Paul:**

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.

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

### Readings for Palm Sunday

Today's liturgy combines both a sense of triumph and tragedy. Very importantly, we are reminded at the beginning, that we are about to commemorate the triumph of Christ our King. We do this through the blessing of palms, the procession and joyful singing, and the red vestments of the celebrant. We need to keep this in mind as we proceed in the second half to hear the long tale of the sufferings and indignities to which Jesus was subjected. A tale not relieved — yet — by the proper end of the story: the Resurrection to new life. So as we listen to the Passion story unfolding, let us keep in mind the Hosannas, as Jesus our King entered Jerusalem, His city. Very soon it will be difficult to recognize our King in the battered, scourged, crowned-with-thorns, crucified remnant of a human being.

What we see in today's readings, is God using perfectly human situations, in order to convey, in dramatic fashion, His relationship to us. And it is only with genuine faith that we are able to see the work of God in the tragic death of Jesus. As Paul says, for many of the Jews it was a stumbling block, and for many non-believers sheer nonsense, but to those who believe, He is "the power of God and the wisdom of God".

### Holy Week

It is most definitely a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it. Historical documents tell us that as early as the fourth century, the Church celebrated this "Great Week" with a feeling of profound sanctity. It begins with

**Palm Sunday**, which marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The central feature of the service, proper to this day, as it was in the earliest times, is the procession of palms. The other notable and very ancient feature of the present Palm Sunday service, is the reading of the Gospel of the Passion by three readers.

### Easter Triduum

Especially important for Catholics is the Easter Triduum. This is the three days just before Easter. On **Holy Thursday**, we re-enact the Lord's Last Supper, which He shared with His apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. At the Mass, the priest will wash the feet of twelve men, just as Jesus did. Also on this night, priests all over the world will renew their sacred vows. This is because, at the Last Supper, Jesus not only instituted the Mass (Eucharist) but also the ministerial priesthood.

On **Good Friday**, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have the veneration of the Cross. A service is held at three o'clock in the afternoon (the hour He is believed to have died) and another later in the evening. We go forward and kiss the Cross, in order to show honour and respect for Christ's sacrifice, for our sake. There is no consecration of the Eucharist on this day, and the Communion we receive will be from the night before, which has been reserved in the tabernacle.

**Holy Saturday** is a vigil. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Saviour. This was the day He went down into the netherworld, in order to bring back up with Him, into heaven, those who had died before His coming. Up to this time, the gates to heaven were closed, and no one could go there, because of the original sin of Adam. Jesus changed all that. By paying the price for our sins on the Cross, He gained for us our eternal salvation, and heaven was opened once more. Also on this night, persons who have spent months of preparation will be received through Baptism and Confirmation into the Catholic Church for the first time. It is a joyous occasion.

### Easter Sunday

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb, on the third day after His crucifixion. Easter is the fulfilled prophecy of the Messiah who would be persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day. (Isaiah 53). Remembering the resurrection of Jesus is a way to renew daily hope that we have victory over sin.

### Vocations

"Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin? 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

or

**Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate Vocation Office**

71 Indian Trail, Toronto, ON M6R 2A1

[vocations@omiap.org](mailto:vocations@omiap.org)

### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

April 3 – Rev. Paul Patrick, O.M.I.

April 4 – Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre

April 5 – Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)

April 6 – **Holy Thursday**

April 7 – **Good Friday**

April 8 – **Holy Saturday**

April 9 – **The Resurrection of the Lord**

## Holy Week Schedule & Mass Intentions

**Monday, April 3 – 2:00 p.m. Mass of Chrism**  
Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

**Tuesday, April 4 – 7:00 p.m. Mass**  
**Group Mass Intentions**

**Healing for Brooke – Friends from St. Teresa**

**Wednesday, April 5 – 8:30 a.m. Mass**  
**+ Katharina & + Miljia and +Stephen Vukovic –**  
*Lamers Family*

**Holy Thursday – April 6:**

**7:00 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper**

For vocations to the priesthood

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight**

**Good Friday – April 7:**

**2:30 p.m. – Divine Mercy Novena**

**3:00 p.m. – Good Friday Liturgy**

**7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross**

**Holy Saturday – April 8:**

11:00 a.m. – Blessing of Easter Food

6:30 p.m. – Divine Mercy Novena

**7:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass**

**– Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

**Easter Sunday – April 9:**

**10:00 a.m. – Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord –**  
**Year A – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

**Divine Mercy Sunday – April 16:**

**10:00 a.m. – Mass**

**1:00 p.m. – Sacrament of Confirmation**

By Bp. Fred Colli

**3:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Divine Mercy Chaplet**

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes prior to each Mass (except Sunday)

**There will be no Confession during the Holy Triduum**

## Holy Week & Easter Hours of Adoration



The Divine Mercy Chapel will be open for Adoration during Holy Week until **Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 12 noon**. The chapel will then close and reopen on **Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.**

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**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Easter Flowers** – Envelopes are available at the back of the church for those wishing to make a contribution to assist with the cost of flowers. Thank you for your generosity.

**Good Friday Collection** –The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution. This Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday liturgy, on April 7, 2023. Those who are unable to attend or who prefer to contribute online, may do so by Interac e-transfer or CanadaHelps by visiting [www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us](http://www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us)

**Tool Organizer** – We are looking for a tool organizer. If you have one and would like to get rid of it, we would have a use for it. Please call the office – 519-743-4525.

### Stewardship Report – March 26, 2023

Sunday Offerings .....	\$ 1787.85
Votive Candles .....	\$ 57.70
Share Lent .....	\$ 731.05
Easter flowers .....	\$ 100.00
Building Fund .....	\$ 565.00
Building Fund – In Mem – L. O'Donnell .....	\$ 25.00
Easter .....	\$ 20.00
Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeal .....	\$ 10.00

**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](mailto:stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com)

### PUBLICATION OF BANNES OF ORDINATION

**Reverend Mr. Carlos Diaz** is scheduled to be ordained to the Priesthood at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, Ontario. If anyone knows of a serious cause why this ordination should not take place, please notify your Parish Priest.

Let us all pray that Reverend Mr. Carlos Diaz will be a good and faithful servant of the Lord and His Church.

**Prayer Vigil - Delayed one week to Thursday, April 13, 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.prayervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com)