

# 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

**Secondary Chapel Co-ordinators:**

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

**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.

### 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

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

As we approach Holy Week, we see Jesus come closer to the climax of His life and mission. As He comes near to Jerusalem, the setting for the final drama of His life, the threats of His enemies increase by the day. They are rallying their forces to get rid of Him once and for all.

The Gospel reading, St. John 11:1-45, opens up in front of us a scene of unprecedented sorrow. The Lord Jesus receives the message from the sisters of Lazarus who, when confronted with the gravity of his condition, tried the only thing possible, they turned to the Lord of who it was said:

**‘Everything He does is good, he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak’ (Mk 7:37).**

It is the cry of each one of us who would like their loved ones to live forever without ever leaving us.

The Lord Jesus, inexplicably, waited a further two days before heading for Lazarus’ home. Even then, He only left with His disciples when He divinely knew of His friend’s death. This particular detail from the Gospel tells us that the Word of God was made Man for the love of all of us. Also that His look of love is always upon us waiting for that meeting of immense joy that will happen in eternity. In this last sign, worked by the Lord before His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, everything seems to flow to that ‘new reality’ inaugurated by Emmanuel, God with us.

### Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2023

**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**

**Wednesday, April 5 – 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Holy Thursday – April 6:**

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

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**

**Easter Sunday – April 9:**

**10:00 a.m. – Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**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**

### Mass Intentions March 27, 2023 – April 2, 2023

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 – **7:00 p.m.**

+ **Michael Rowbottom** – *Rosemary & Bernie Pickett & Family*

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Basil Krusky** – *Bill Barrett*

Thursday, March 30, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Lucy Baker** – *CWL*

Friday, March 31, 2023 –

**8:30 a.m. – Birthday Blessings for Anna Quintanilla – Mom**

**7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, April 1, 2023 –

**9:00 a.m. – + Maria Forthuber** – *Helene Meier*

**5:00 p.m. – + Dave Tschirhart** – *Pat Wilkins*

Sunday, April 2, 2023 – **10:00 a.m.**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year A**

– **Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

### Vocations

“Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Do you believe that your plan is God’s plan? 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

March 27 – Very Rev. Stephen Murrin

March 28 – Rev. Kevin D’Souza

March 29 – Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada (C.S.J.)

March 30 – Rev. Andrew Czarny

March 31 – Rev. Msgr. Martin Vallely

April 1 – Rev. Michael King

April 2 – **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Adoration 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

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Preparing For First Communion & Reconciliation:

**April 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** – Catechetical Session 4: “We Prepare for Reconciliation” (*parents and candidates*)

### Preparing For Confirmation:

**April 1, 2023 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** – Confirmation Retreat

**Stations of the Cross at St. Teresa Parish** – Please join us for the Stations of the Cross during our Lenten season on **Fridays at 7 p.m.** Thank you to the Prayer Group, Parish Pastoral Council, St. Teresa Catholic Women’s League and the Choir, our Lectors and the parents of our First Holy Communion candidates who have led over the last few weeks; and to the St. Teresa St. Vincent de Paul who will lead on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**LENTEN EXERCISES AT OUR PARISH:** Dedicate ONE HOUR or half an hour for prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament in our Divine Mercy Chapel... **Participate** in Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7:00 p.m. **Pray & reflect** upon the text which you will receive each Sunday following the liturgy or **read** each day a short passage from the Bible. Choosing one of these commitments will help you to have a deep, powerful and unforgettable Lent! **It’s not what you give up... It’s what you want to give!**

### World Youth Day

At this time, we have 2 young people in our parish who will be attending World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal this summer with Pope Francis. Their names are:

#### Angelina Raj and Robert Sebastian

If any parishioners would like to make a financial donation to assist in covering their costs for the trip to Lisbon, it would be greatly appreciated. Income Tax receipts will be issued and any cheques should be made payable to St. Teresa Parish with a notation that it is for World Youth Day. The goal is to raise as much as possible so as not to burden their parents, as Angelina and Robbie will be representing our parish community.

### Stewardship Report – March 19, 2023

Sunday Offerings .....	\$ 1787.85
Votive Candles .....	\$ 58.15

### 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)

**Share Lent** – There will be a second collection this weekend, March 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> for Share Lent.

**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.

**Lenten Workshop on the Eucharist** – Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., at St. Michael’s Parish Hall, 80 University Ave., Waterloo. There will be small group discussion and presentations. The goal is to grow in faith together and to give us a deeper understanding of the Mass. Facilitated by: Fr. Pawel Jamroz.

**Young Adults Night – April 1st – Guelph** - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.), Social with Food (7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.), and Compline (9:00 p.m.). Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**Act II (Separated & Divorced Support Group)** - Third Tuesday of every month following 7 p.m. Mass at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo.

Our Act II monthly informal support group will continue to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. With the support of others, you can begin to heal the emotional, social and spiritual devastation of divorce. Join us when you can. Visit our website ([www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced](http://www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced)), or contact our Parish office for more information.

### Peer Family Support Group

**Where:** St Teresa Church, 44 Leonard St., Kitchener  
(located between Margaret Ave. and Lancaster St.)  
Church Hall - Enter hall from Leonard Street. Free-parking.

#### in person meetings

**When:** First Wednesday of every Month

**Time:** 7 PM-8 PM

**Cost:** There is No charge

**Contact:** [stteresacaregivergroup@gmail.com](mailto:stteresacaregivergroup@gmail.com)

Are you searching for help for yourself while supporting a loved one struggling with Mental Health issues or crisis? We are a Peer family support group that welcomes you to share your concerns, fears and successes. We have been there.

Are you searching for resources and reliable information sources such as ODSP, the support line (here 24/7) and to share your lived experiences and where to find information?

This will be a safe environment to share your information.

We are a non-profit self-help advisory committee. You are welcome to bring your own refreshment and snack.