

# 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.

**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.

**Second Sunday of Lent**

On the second Sunday of Lent the Gospel reading (*Mt 19:1-9*) proclaims the story of Jesus’ Transfiguration. Jesus takes three of His disciples - Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. Suddenly a cloud overshadows them (cf. *Exod 40:35; 1 Kgs 8:10-11*). On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed His Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them.

We do not need man-made tents. Rather, we need the presence of the living God, who now speaks words that thunder with authority and are filled with meaning: **“This is My beloved Son; listen to Him!”** The statement recalls Jesus’ baptism (*Mk1:11*). This is God’s beloved, one-of-a-kind Son. We are to listen to Him and only Him. When the cloud disappears, Elijah and Moses vanish, and “Jesus alone” remains. Moses and Elijah were great revealers of truth along with all the other prophets, but the voice of God commands us to listen to His Son, Jesus. **Give Him your ears. Have eyes only for Him** (*Heb 12:2*). **He can give you what neither Moses nor Elijah could ever give.**

**Transfigured before their eyes!**

- The story of Jesus’ transfiguration is full of symbolism.
- The images of cloud and mountain suggest God’s appearance at the covenant-making on Mount Sinai.
- Moses, the major figure in the Exodus and Sinai covenant represents the law; and Elijah, the great ninth-century prophet of Israel, represents the prophets.
- Jesus is the fulfillment of the law and the prophets.

**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!**

**Prayer is an act of love; words are not needed.**  
St. Teresa of Ávila

**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

**Mass Intentions**  
**March 6, 2023 – March 12, 2023**

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

**Group Mass Intentions**

- Intentions of Andy & Tanya Ziolkowski – Ken & Betty**
- Intentions of Stan Ziolkowski – Ken & Betty**
- Intentions of Edward Ziolkowski – Ken & Betty**
- Intentions of Sharon Barrett – Bill Barrett**

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

+ **Frank & + Rose Lehmann – Lehmann Family**

Thursday, March 9, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Delmar Ferreira – Citelia Ferreira**

Friday, March 10, 2023 –

**8:30 a.m. – +Elisabeth & +Wilhelm, and +Marianne Lamers – Lamers Family**

**7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, March 11, 2023 –

**9:00 a.m. – Healing & Birthday Blessings for Jolanta Dabrowska – Artur & Ewa Miciula**

**5:00 p.m. – + Florence Cybulski – Marie Gemmell & Family (Ottawa)**

Sunday, March 12, 2023 – **10:00 a.m.**

**Third Sunday of Lent – Year A**

– **Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

**Daylight Saving Time Begins**

**Sunday, March 12, 2023 - 2:00 a.m.**

Remember to turn your clocks ahead **one** hour before retiring for the evening, on Saturday.

**Vocations**

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. 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 6 – Rev. Michael Downey
- March 7 – Rev. Pawel Jamroz
- March 8 – Disabled Persons
- March 9 – Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
- March 10 – Rev. Pablito Labado
- March 11 – Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
- March 12 – **Third Sunday of Lent**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Preparing For First Communion & Reconciliation:

**March 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** – Catechetical Session 4: “We Prepare for Reconciliation” (*parents and candidates*)

### Preparing For Confirmation:

**March 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** – Catechetical Session 4: “Confirmed in the Spirit” (*parents and candidates*)

**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.

**Mass Intentions 2023** – The offering of Mass is an act of deep faith and a most excellent way of remembering a loved one. We have many availabilities for March and the rest of the year. Please call the parish office if you would like to request a Mass.

**Income Tax Receipts for 2022** – Those receipts that were not picked up were mailed out early last week.

### Coffee Sunday - Thank you!

Thank you to Ken & Ellie, Don & Brenda, Betty and Ann for organizing and assisting at our Coffee Sunday on February 19, 2023. It was wonderful to have this opportunity to socialize, as a parish family! Thank you!

### Chalice & Ciboria Restoration

Recently we had restoration work done on the chalice and 2 ciboria. A special thank you to all those who have contributed to the restoration fund – your generosity is greatly appreciated! A total of \$1750.00 has been raised.

### Turkey & Syria Relief

The special collection in support of the victims of the recent earthquakes will take place this weekend March 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>.

**Church Bulletin Advertising** – Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2023 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

**Mass of Chrism** – The Mass of Chrism will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on **Monday, April 3, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** This is a most beautiful liturgy in which the holy oils used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick are consecrated and distributed to the parishes in our diocese; and the priests of our diocese gather around our Bishop, and in communion with him, renew the promises of their Ordination. All are invited to attend!

### Stewardship Report – February 26, 2023

Sunday Offerings .....	\$ 2219.20
Votive Candles .....	\$ 58.85
Building Fund .....	\$ 613.00
Building Fund – In Mem - L. O’Donnell .....	\$ 40.00
Turkey & Syria – Earthquake .....	\$ 215.00
Seminary Education .....	\$ 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)

**Altar Servers** – We continue to look for Altar Servers. We would like to invite families with children, who have received First Holy Communion, to sign up their children to serve at Mass. If you are interested, please pick up a registration form at the back of the church. We will have a formation session on **Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.**



**Save the Date!** - the next card party in St. Teresa Parish Centre will be on **Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** We hope to see you there!

**Solemnity of St. Joseph** - Mass on Monday, **March 20<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**World Youth Day at Home** - We know many young people are unable to make the international pilgrimage to celebrate World Youth Day this summer in Lisbon. We invite any young person who is interested in gathering together to celebrate World Youth Day, here at home, in the Diocese of Hamilton this August to let us know by completing the survey at: <https://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com/>. This survey of interest closes March 10th, 2023.

### Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

(EPC) Since 1999

**Alex Shadenberg will speak at the**

**Columbus Conference Centre 145 Dearborn Pl, Waterloo, ON Saturday, March 18th, at 1pm. (Fireplace Lounge)**

**Concerned about the rapid expansion of euthanasia shocking limits in Canada? Is it the best Canada can do for the Citizenry?**

**See the expert on the subject—Alex Shadenberg**

**Reserve seat(s) Now: 519.746.5433 or jane@kwrtl.ca**

Executive Director of EPC-USA since January 1, 2023

Chairperson for EPC-International since November 2007.

Authored articles published in newspapers world-wide.

Maintains the world's most widely-read blog on issues related to euthanasia and assisted suicide: [www.epcblog.org](http://www.epcblog.org)

Co-produced the Fatal Flaws film and the Euthanasia Deception documentary.

Published the book, *Exposing Vulnerable People to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide*, re-printed by Connor Publishing in Australia. A book on great articles on euthanasia and assisted suicide published in 2020.

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