

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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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

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Elizabeth Heydel- Quintanilla –
519-590-5348

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Herb Altman – 519-893-4793
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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.

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter
(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

This Sunday is called “**Good Shepherd Sunday**” or “**Vocations Sunday**”, a day when our Church prays especially for new shepherds and pastors, to lead the Christian communities. The image of God as the shepherd of His people has a long tradition in the history of God’s people. In today’s Gospel passage, which consists of the first 10 verses (J 10, 1-10), there seem to be two separate parables. The first is a warning against people who would want to steal the sheep and the second focuses on the relationship between the sheep and their shepherd. The central image, too, is not so much that of the shepherd, as of the gate. In fact, later on in the passage, Jesus says, “**I AM the Gate**”. Today, He presents Himself twice as the door (v. 7). To this image, others are added: the fence, the thieves and robbers, the guardian and strangers. Who are they? Whom do they represent? The feature that sets Jesus apart is tenderness: He knows His sheep by name; and calls them “one by one.” He takes interest in each of His disciples. He understands their difficulties, does not force the issues but evaluates the condition of each, and helps and respects them.

READ: The parable of the good shepherd involves faith. The sheep hear his voice and they follow. The good shepherd promises food and security. He knows each by name. He is also the door, through which, by faith, they enter.

REFLECT: Do you hear the voice of the good shepherd? Since he knows you by name, does this make you feel good?

PRAY: The good shepherd calls you by name. Pray for the grace to listen to his voice in your daily life. Pray for people involved in great disputes, especially those in the land in which Jesus lived.

ACT: Pay attention to names when you meet new people. Learn people’s names and use them.

Scarra Prayer for Vocations

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph her spouse, Saint Junipero Scarra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for Your Church, fellow labourers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.

Amen.

Mass Intentions
May 1, 2023 – May 7, 2023

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 – **7:00 p.m.**

Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Group Mass Intentions

Intentions of Bill Barrett – Ken & Betty

Intentions of Chris & Kathleen Hinton – Ken & Betty

+ **Catharine Thompson – Kathleen & Christopher Hinton**

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

Intentions of Mary Barrett – Dad

Thursday, May 4, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Cora Reyes**

Friday, May 5, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Barbara Fabina – Family & Friends**

Saturday, May 6, 2023 –

Memorial of Saint François de Laval, Bishop

9:00 a.m. – + **Carolyn Weber – Jean & Brian Giles**

5:00 p.m. – + **Leona Grobe – Peter Grobe**

Sunday, May 7, 2023 – **10:00 a.m.**

Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year A – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

May 1 – Rev. Joe Selvanayagam

May 2 – Rev. William Foote

May 3 – Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (S.S.M.I.)

May 4 – Rev. Terence Sehl

May 5 – Rev. Scott Whitfield

May 6 – **St. François de Laval, Patron of the Bishops of Canada**

May 7 – **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Vocations

The Good Shepherd calls His own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. 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

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HEALING MASS – FIRST FRIDAY

May 5, 2023

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Devotions & Crowning of Mary - During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of their home, offer up to Mary a fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. **Following each Mass in our church we will have a short Marian devotion** meditating upon the virtues of our Blessed Mother and recite the Litany. **Crowning of Mary will take place on Sunday, May 7th at the 10 a.m. Mass.** I would like to invite you to join us for this ritual by bringing your flowers and placing them in the vase in front of the altar. I also encourage all our families to pray, at home, at least one decade of the Rosary during this month.

This Sunday, April 30th after the 10 a.m. Mass, please join us for **coffee and fellowship**. A special thank you to the **St. Teresa Catholic Women's League** for hosting!

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. – The Sacrament of Reconciliation & Rehearsal for First Holy Communion students.

Sunday, May 7, 2023 – 10 a.m. – First Holy Communion & Crowning of Mary

Parish Pastoral Council – We would like to introduce our 2 new members of the Parish Pastoral Council. Arinze Okonkwo and Pierre Rouleau will be introduced and installed at the 10 a.m. Mass, today. In addition to our 2 new members, the Parish Pastoral Council consists of the following members – Barbara Daly, Chair; Magie Navaleza, Merline Raj and Stefan Sebastian.

Visiting and Holy Communion to the Sick – All those who are visiting the sick and taking Holy Communion to them or family members are asked to come to the Sacristy before Mass and sign in. Please leave your pyx in the Sacristy. You will receive the pyx in the new hand-painted pouches after the Communion Prayer, before the Final Blessing.

On Mother's Day, May 14th and Father's Day, June 18th we will accept multiple Mass intentions. Please call our parish office if you would like to make a request. All the requested intentions on this occasion will be listed in the bulletin.

Stewardship Report – April 23, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1395.90
Votive Candles	\$ 75.90
Building Fund	\$ 500.00
Easter	\$ 40.00
Indigenous Reconciliation Fund	\$ 438.45

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 using the following email account:

stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com

World Youth Day 2023

We now have 3 young people who will represent our parish at World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, later this summer. They are:

Angelina Raj, Jeanine Rouleau and Robert Sebastian

We would like to thank our parishioners for their prayerful and generous financial support. Thus far we have raised the following:

Fundraising (Honey sales and Nativity sets): \$ 824.00

Monetary Donations: \$ 3440.00

Grand Total: \$ 4264.00

Our Goal is: \$8100.00

Thank you so much for your generosity!!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - The Eucharist is the center and origin of the life of the Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., in our Divine Mercy Chapel. All are welcome!

The Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle for the Religious and Laity - All are invited to this Cenacle **Prayer, Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.** A Cenacle: Invitation to Prayer, consists of the rosary, hymns, various prayers for priests, a reading and short meditation on one or more messages in the book, "To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons" (Blue book). In Her messages to Fr. Stefano Gobbi, Our Lady insistently calls upon priests, religious and faithful to gather together with her in fervent prayer. Please contact Magie Navaleza or Parish secretary to purchase Blue Book - \$10 each. For more info: <https://mmpcanada.ca/>

Prayer Vigil - Thursday, MAY 4, 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

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

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Catholic Education Week 2023

begins on Sunday, April 30, 2023. Catholic schools will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "We are Many, We are One." Please see today's insert for Bishop Crosby's message. For more resources: <https://www.hamiltondiocesecew.com/>.