

# 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

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

**Secondary Chapel Co-ordinators:**  
Herb Altman – 519-893-4793  
Rosemary Mussar – 519-743-5656

**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.

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Gospel this Sunday is from St. John 14:15-21. Jesus said to His disciples: "If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you forever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows Him, but you know Him, because He is with you, He is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you." In today's reading, Jesus offers encouragement to His disciples, who will soon see Him crucified. He reassures them that even though He will leave them, He will not abandon them. Instead, He will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

During these two thousand years, great empires have risen and fallen. They had large armies, vast wealth and earthly resources at their disposal, yet they disintegrated, like all things human. In the midst of all these upheavals, the Church of Christ, has continued to flourish, because it has been directed and sustained by the Holy Spirit, who abides within it. As we continue our journey through Easter, we will be blessed, with the gifts of Christ's Peace and encouraged by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Family Connection

Gather your family and invite each family member to say what he or she knows about the Holy Spirit. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 14:15-21. What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do for the disciples? Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we come to share in the love of God made known to us in Jesus. Pray together, thanking God for this gift of the Holy Spirit.

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar	
May 15	– Rev. Michael McHugh
May 16	– + Rev. Msgr. Raymond Modeski
May 17	– Seminarians
May 18	– Rev. Robert Sims
May 19	– Rev. Arthur Scidmore
May 20	– Rev. James Curtin
May 21	– <b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>

### Vocations

The Lord said, "I will not leave you orphaned." Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious and consecrated life. If God is calling you, 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)

### Mass Intentions May 15, 2023 – May 21, 2023

- Tuesday, May 16, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.  
**Group Intentions Mass**
- Wednesday, May 17, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.  
+ **Stephanie Mack** – *Theresa Coles*
- Thursday, May 18, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.  
+ **Leon & Genowefa Ziolkowski** – *Daughter*
- Friday, May 19, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.  
+ **Cathy Weber** – *Sue Weber Bell*
- Saturday, May 20, 2023 –  
**9:00 a.m. – Intentions of Ken & Betty** – *Ewa*  
**5:00 p.m. – In thanksgiving for and for the intentions of Father Marian Gil and all Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate**
- Sunday, May 21, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.  
**Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord – Year A – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.**

### Mother's Day Intentions

+ <i>Mary Theresa Dillon</i>	+ <i>Maria Porco</i>
+ <i>Maria Forthuber</i>	+ <i>Edna Wyise</i>
+ <i>Ida (Polillo) Forte</i>	+ <i>Stella Martin</i>

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mother's Day - On May 14th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass we will pray for all mothers.** This day gives us the awesome opportunity to thank all mothers for their dedication and the unconditional love that they share with their children and family. May the good Lord reward you for your care and love by showering upon you, abundant blessings.

**Happy Mother's Day!**

**Coffee Sunday: This Sunday, May 14th, Mother's Day.** There will be entertainment to help celebrate our moms.

**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. I would like to encourage all our families to pray, at home, at least one decade of the Rosary during this month.

**On 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.

### **The Novena in honour of the Holy Spirit**

This is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. Addressed to the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian. **Join us starting - Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> after Mass.**

**Pope's Pastoral Works Collection** – There will be a second collection next Sunday, May 21, 2023 for the Pope's Pastoral Works. This collection is taken up in the Easter Season to support the Pope's Pastoral Services as Head of the Church and to contribute to his works of charity.

### **Farewell BBQ for Father Marian Gil, OMI**

All are invited to our farewell BBQ for Father Gil which will take place on the last Sunday of June – **June 25, 2023** after the 10 a.m. Mass. This is an opportunity to thank Father Gil for his ministry here at St. Teresa Parish and wish him well as he leaves to take up his new pastoral duties at St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Hamilton. Thank you to the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee for organizing this event.

**Visiting & 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.



**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

### **First Holy Communion & Reconciliation -Thank you!**

I would like to thank the teachers from St. Teresa School - Karen Schropp and Alexander Battler; and our volunteers - Ellie Fields, Magda Siemiginowski and Magie Navaleza who accompanied the children over the past year. Your dedication and assistance in preparing our children is greatly appreciated! Thank you also to our parish community for praying for our First Communion children and their parents.

**Attention all gardeners** – We are seeking volunteers to help tend to our beautiful church gardens. This would be a wonderful family activity and we encourage families to volunteer. We would need about 5-7 families. We can accommodate the days and times that work best for you. If you would like to assist us, please contact the parish office at 519-743-4525. Thank you.

### **World Youth Day**

Thank you once again to all those who have already supported financially and prayerfully our young people who will be attending World Youth Day, later this summer. If anyone would like to support this initiative, please contact the parish office or cheques may be made payable to St. Teresa Parish. Donations made to this initiative will receive an income tax receipt. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Pierogies Fundraiser in support of World Youth Day**

We are planning another Pierogies Fundraiser to take place next weekend - **May 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>** and the following weekend - **May 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>**. Our last Pierogies Fundraiser was a great success and the pierogies were delicious and enjoyed by all - here and at home! Please come and support this World Youth Day Fundraiser! We thank Supreme Pierogies (Mr. Joseph Wilk) for their support.

#### **Stewardship Report – May 7, 2023**

Sunday Offerings .....	\$ 2131.25
Votive Candles .....	\$ 55.60
Building Fund – In Memory – L. O'Donnell ...	\$ 40.00

#### **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)

Mother's Day is here and St. Teresa Parish is proud to participate in the **Baby Bottle Campaign**, in support of **Marillac Place**. Marillac Place relies heavily on the donations from our community to help mothers and mothers-to-be who are facing homelessness. The Baby Bottle Campaign will be primarily virtual once again this year. Please provide your support for the campaign by donating online or sending a cheque directly to Marillac Place. Thank you so much for your support. To donate now, scan this QR code with your smartphone camera and it will take you directly to our donate page. For more information please call (519) 571-0722 x 2, or send an email to: [admin@marillacplace.ca](mailto:admin@marillacplace.ca) or visit [www.marillacplace.ca](http://www.marillacplace.ca)  
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