

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:

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Lector Co-ordinator: Mary Steffler

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Kim Voelzing

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Elizabeth Heydel- Quintanilla –
519-590-5348

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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.

The Ascension of the Lord

(World Day for Social Communication)

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives His disciples in today's Gospel. Here we are told that the eleven disciples go to the mountain in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed, through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both, worship and doubt, at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, **"to make disciples of all nations."** The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.

The Ascension is not to be understood literally, as if Jesus floated up into space on His way to "heaven". **Where is "heaven"?** Is it above Jerusalem? Is it in the whole sky encircling the earth? Heaven should be conceived, not as a place, but as a relationship with God and God is everywhere, in the whole universe. Jesus did not have to 'go' anywhere to be with His Father. The Ascension is part of what we call the Paschal Mystery. There are four inter-related parts: suffering and death; resurrection; ascension; and the sending of the Spirit. They are closely interlocked as one reality. If the resurrection says that the crucified Jesus is alive, the Ascension says that the living Jesus has entered into glory, sharing on an equal level the glory of His Father.

Family Connection

Just as Jesus sent His disciples to make disciples; our family, the domestic Church, is called to bear witness to the life of discipleship. That act of witnessing can take many forms. First and foremost, our family should call people to discipleship, by the example of our love for one another. That example, is only the beginning - our love must extend beyond the family, reaching out to others and to the world. **Pray as a family for the grace to be witnesses to the world, of the life of discipleship. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.**

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 19th after Mass.**

Mass Intentions

May 22, 2023 – May 28, 2023

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

+ **Lucy Baker** – *Euchre Friends*

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

+ **Carolyn Weber** – *Jean & Brian Giles*

Thursday, May 25, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

+ **Regina Maloney** – *The Zister Family*

Friday, May 26, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Memorial of St. Philip Neri, Priest

+ **Thomas Dillon** – *Theresa Coles*

Saturday, May 27, 2023 –

9:00 a.m. – **Intentions of Mary Pfeifer** – *Catherine Mackid*

5:00 p.m. – + **Joe Straus** – *Angela Straus & Family*

Sunday, May 28, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Pentecost – Year A – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.

Vocations

Jesus said, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." If you are discerning God's call for the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life, 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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Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

May 22 – Rev. Peter Meyer

May 23 – Rev. Emmanuel Olusola

May 24 – Barnabite Fathers (C.R.S.P.)

May 25 – Rev. Gordian Okpuruka

May 26 – **St. Philip Neri, Patron Saint of Canadian**

Home Mission Work

May 27 – Rev. Robert Héту

May 28 – **Pentecost Sunday**

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

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.

Reminder: The Divine Mercy Chapel will be **closed on Monday, May 22, 2023** for Victoria Day.

Building Fund Collection – There will be a second collection next weekend – May 27th/28th.

Coffee Sunday: A special thank you to the St. Teresa Catholic Women’s League for hosting the Coffee Sunday on Mother’s Day; and to Sue Weber Bell and friends who provided the entertainment. What a wonderful way to celebrate Mothers!

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 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 to all those who have already supported financially and prayerfully our young people who will be attending World Youth Day. If you wish to support this initiative, please contact the parish office or cheques may be made payable to St. Teresa Parish. Donations 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 this weekend - **May 20th/21st** and next weekend - **May 27th/28th**. 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.

Victoria Day

The Parish Office will be closed for the Victoria Day Holiday on Monday, May 22, 2023 and reopen Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Have a Blessed and Safe Weekend!

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.

Stewardship Report – May 14, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 2293.20
Votive Candles	\$ 66.50
Building Fund – In Memory – L. O’Donnell ...	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Pope’s Pastoral Works	\$ 100.00
Indigenous Reconciliation Fund	\$ 100.00

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 via the following: stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com

Vocations: The Serra Club is an organization that prays for Vocations. Join the Serra Club on June 2, 2023 (first Friday) at 6 p.m. for a Holy Hour consisting of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, quiet prayer, and Benediction. Mass will follow. There will be refreshments in the Parish Hall after Mass with lots of information about what the Serra Club does throughout the world.



The Kitchener Knights of Columbus Roses for Life Program freely distributes small roses at parish Masses,



which attach to the lapel. It is designed to increase awareness of Pro-Life issues. If you wish to make a donation, this helps the Knights support Pro-Life issues. The Knights will be at our parish May 27th/28th.

KW Walk for Life - Saturday, May 27th, 2023 - Gather at 9:30 a.m. Start Time: 10 a.m. from St. Louis Church Hall, 53 Allen St. East Waterloo. Call KW RTL at 519-746-5433 for pledge forms and information.

Reel Justice Film Festival - May 25, 2023 from 7–9 p.m. Join us for an exciting youth-led film screening featuring the Laudato Si’ Movement film The Letter. This documentary follows the journey of four individuals called by Pope Francis to lend their voices to the global conversation about the environmental crisis. The screening and discussion will be online. R.S.V.P. and view our schedule at: reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/ A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace.