

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

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Parish Secretary: Mary Steffler

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Custodian: Scott Piggott

Baptism Preparation Team:

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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.

Pentecost Sunday

Today we celebrate what is often called the birthday of the Church. Happy birthday to all! We also bring to completion our celebration of the Paschal Mystery – the suffering, death, resurrection, ascension and coming of the Spirit on Jesus' disciples. Although this 'mystery' is really one great reality, we have stretched its celebration over a period of more than 7 weeks. Most of us are more familiar with the account given in the Acts of the Apostles, which is the First Reading of today's Mass. In this account, the apostles are all gathered in one room at the time of the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which in the Jewish calendar traditionally falls 50 days after the Passover or Easter in our Christian calendar.

Full of symbols

What follows is a scene filled with scriptural symbols. First, there is the sound of a mighty wind from heaven filling the whole house. The word in Greek for 'spirit' and 'wind' is the same, so the wind clearly indicates the Spirit of God. Then there appeared tongues of fire which rested on the head of each one present. Again we have a symbol of God's presence. All present are then filled with the Spirit. The sign of this presence is their ability to speak in different languages.

A message for all

Immediately, the apostles go out and begin to speak to the crowds of people. The meaning is clear. What the apostles are preaching is a message destined for the whole world and not just for one people. A long time ago, as described in the book of Genesis, men tried to build a tower right up to heaven. For such arrogance they were punished by having to speak in a myriad of languages, unintelligible to others. Humanity became deeply divided. Today, Babel is reversed. All are speaking and hearing the message with full understanding; people are being brought together in unity, under God.

7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Do you know the meaning of these gifts?

Wisdom helps us recognize the importance of others and the importance of keeping God central in our lives.

Understanding is the ability to comprehend the meaning of God's message. **Knowledge** is the ability to think about and explore God's revelation, and also to recognize there are mysteries of faith beyond us. **Counsel** is the ability to see the best way to follow God's plan when we have choices that relate to Him. **Fortitude** is the courage to do what one knows is right.

Piety helps us pray to God in true devotion. **Fear of the Lord** is the feeling of amazement before God, who is all-present, and whose friendship we do not want to lose.

9 Fruits of the Holy Spirit

“But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control**. Against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23

Mass Intentions

May 29, 2023 – June 4, 2023

Tuesday, May 30, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Intentions of Ken & Betty – A Friend

Wednesday, May 31, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Intentions of Magie

Thursday, June 1, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr

+ **Edna & + Howard Weber – Sue Weber Bell**

Friday, June 2, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Intentions of Rosemary Mussar – Ken & Betty

Saturday, June 3, 2023 – **Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs**

9:00 a.m. – Intentions of William Barrett, Jr. – Dad

5:00 p.m. – Deceased members of the Weiler Family – Dan & Pat Weiler & Family

Sunday, June 4, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – Year A – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.

Vocations

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.” Send forth workers into your vineyard. If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate, religious and 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

vocations@omiap.org

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

May 29 – **Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

May 30 – Rev. Ken Miskiewicz

May 31 – **The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

June 1 – Rev. Msgr. Dennis Noon

June 2 – Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P.

June 3 – Rev. Fidelis Umukoro, O.P.

June 4 – **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

VOCATIONS - HEALING MASS – 1st FRIDAY

June 2, 2023

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.

(Confession will be available)

The holy hour will be led by the **Serra Club** which is an organization that prays for vocations and will consist of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, quiet prayer and Benediction. The Healing Mass will follow at 7 p.m. Father Mark Morley will join us for Mass; and the meeting to follow in the parish hall. There will be refreshments and lots of information about what the Serra Club does throughout the world.

Father Jonathan Reitzel

On the weekend of June 3rd/4th we will welcome Father Jonathan Reitzel to our parish to celebrate the Eucharist. Father Reitzel was baptized in our parish and would like to return to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving, now that he has been ordained a priest. We look forward to him joining us and wish him well in his priestly ministry!

Mass Intentions – For **Father's Day, June 18th** we will accept multiple Mass intentions. Call the office if you would like to make a request at 519-743-4525.

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.

Flowers and Gardens – Thank you to all those who have volunteered to assist with maintaining our church gardens. We are still in need of about 3 families. Please contact the parish office at 519-743-4525, if you would like to assist. For those who would like to aid in covering the costs of the flowers, envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Pierogies Fundraiser in support of World Youth Day

A reminder that we continue with our Pierogies Fundraiser in support of WYD this weekend - **May 27th/28th**. Please come and support our young people who will be attending WYD later this summer! There are 5 kinds of frozen pierogies and they are available in the parish hall. We thank Supreme Pierogies (Mr. Joseph Wilk) and all of you for supporting this project!

Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to all of you, in the St. Teresa Parish Community, for assisting me when I had a fall during Mass on April 23rd. Your help and kindness are all very much appreciated and the power of your prayers are without a doubt aiding me in my healing journey.

With gratitude and love, Barb Hergott.

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.



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 this weekend.

Stewardship Report – May 21, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 2116.45
Votive Candles	\$ 38.60
Building Fund	\$ 10.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 543.45

**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. Interac e-Transfers can be made via the following:
stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com

Catholic Women's League - You are invited!

Mon., June 5th - St Teresa of Avila Elmira CWL invites us to the Carmelites, in St Agatha! **Mass at 4:30 p.m.** with Father Peter Meyer. Dinner will follow at Swiss Chalet on Ira Needles Blvd. Fresh veggies & fruit, canned goods and cleaning supplies for the Sisters are appreciated. **IMPORTANT!** Please reply to: stteresacwl@gmail.com or 519-635-2604 (Leave a message) if you would like to attend Mass and dinner. If there is interest, we will carpool from St. Teresa, Kitchener. **Men are welcome!**

St. Agnes Education Café - Sometimes we stubbornly cling to a list of hurts, struggling to forgive. Sadly, relationships suffer & precious life moments pass by. On **Sunday June 4th from 2-3:30 p.m.**, join us as Fr. Luke Kopaniak, speaks on **"Freedom Through Forgiveness: The Road to Peace"**. For details visit Events at: www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org

Prayer Vigil - Thursday, **JUNE 1, 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