

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. Stefano Lee

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519-590-5348

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St. Teresa School

Principal: Mr. Chris Luciani
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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.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

On the last two Sundays, our gospel readings have brought us the instructions of the Saviour for those He calls to share in the mission He has received from His Father. Today’s reading is the conclusion of the passage we have been reading. Not surprisingly, it takes us to the heart of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Our life as disciples has its beginning in our personal call to follow Jesus.

Now He speaks to us of the nature of the relationship He has called us to. It is a unique relationship – the absolute allegiance to which only God has a right. In presenting these words of Jesus, Matthew removes the danger of misunderstanding. A right relationship with the Saviour will not destroy our human relationships, but deepen them and make them more wholesome. **“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; (...) and whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.”** Mt 10:39-40. The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew’s Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth - choosing anything with one’s whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective.

St. Ignatius of Antioch in his letter to the Romans, written in captivity and while he was being led to his execution, wrote, **“Our task is not one of producing persuasive propaganda; Christianity shows its greatness when it is hated by the world.”**

The last part of His discourse today is about welcome. **“Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.”** Some people have a mat at their door that says ‘Welcome’. What does it mean to welcome someone? Have you ever felt welcomed, or unwelcomed? Jesus always had time for other people, even when He was feeling tired. In the reading today, Jesus tells us that when we welcome others and are kind to them, it is just as if we are welcoming Jesus.

Vocations

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 2, 2023 - “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.” Accept the invitation that is being extended, an invitation by the one who sent him.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 9, 2023 - “You are in the spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.” Is the Spirit leading you or someone you know to ministerial service?

If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life, contact:

Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations:
905-528-7988; vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed His mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today’s Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith.

This Gospel begins with Jesus’ shout of joy, not on account of the so-called “wise and learned” who do not recognize His true identity, but for the “little ones” with humble and open hearts who ‘get it.’ A ‘know-it-all’ attitude is a huge block hindering us from receiving God’s self-revelation. Jesus speaks about the special and unique relationship that exists between Him and His Father. It is really a statement about the divinity of Christ. In Jesus we find the Wisdom of God. He reveals the mind and heart of God to us.

The reading ends with Jesus’ beautiful invitation to the “heavy burdened” to come to Him. The Pharisees and scribes have made the Law of Moses a heavy burden by adding to it a multitude of legalisms. On another level, faith in Christ helps all of us to deal with the burdens of life.

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar	
July 3	– Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
July 4	– Rev. James Petrie
July 5	– Institute of Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus
July 6	– Rev. Fadi Rizk
July 7	– Rev. Francesco Cucchi
July 8	– Rev. Grzegorz Ogorzalek
July 9	– Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 10	– Rev. Msgr. Edward Sheridan
July 11	– Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos
July 12	– Society of Christ (S.Chr.)
July 13	– Very Rev. David Wynen
July 14	– Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch
July 15	– Very Rev. Adrian Lee
July 16	– Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Report – June 25, 2023	
Sunday Offerings	\$ 2221.55
Votive Candles	\$ 98.00
Building Fund	\$ 507.85
Building Fund – In Mem – L. O’Donnell	\$ 20.00
Cura Pastorum	\$ 125.00

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 using the following email account:

stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com

Mass Intentions
July 3, 2023 – July 9, 2023

Tuesday, July 4, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Group Mass Intentions

Intentions of:

Dane & Katherine Skinner – Ken & Betty

Sharon & Jean-Guy Laforest – Ken & Betty

Scott & Cindy Wilson – Ken & Betty

Andy & Heather Vietch – Ken & Betty

Wednesday, July 5, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Intentions of James Mack – Theresa Coles

Thursday, July 6, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

+ **Walter & + Manetta Schade** – Ann Snyder & Family

Friday, July 7, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Cindy Wilson – 60th Birthday – Ken & Betty

Saturday, July 8, 2023 –

9:00 a.m. – + **Anton & + Katharina and + Helmut Lautenbach** – Lamers Family

5:00 p.m. – + **Ludwig Ceh** – Theresa Ceh & Family

Sunday, July 9, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.

Mass Intentions
July 10, 2023 – July 16, 2023

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot

Living and deceased members of the CWL – CWL

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Intentions of Brendan & Carole Barrett – Bill Barrett

Thursday, July 13, 2023 –

8:30 a.m. - + **Frank & + Rose Lehmann** – Lehmann Family

Friday, July 14, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

+ **Soledad Navaleza**

Saturday, July 15, 2023 – **Memorial of Saint**

Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. – + **Anna & + Stephen Strauss** – Lamers Family

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

Sunday, July 16, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, Father Stefano Lee

On Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 12 noon, Father Stefano Lee officially became our pastor. We warmly welcome him, assure him of our prayers and wish him God's richest blessings in his ministry here at St. Teresa Parish.

Thank you from Father Marian Gil, O.M.I.

Dear Parishioners,

As a former pastor, I would like to thank you for your enthusiastic response in coming to my Farewell BBQ. I would like to thank you for your best wishes, words of encouragement, kindness and cards, as well as gifts.

Your presence and prayers were the greatest gift I received and your testimonials written in your cards were very moving and inspiring. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank you for your overwhelming support and kindness!

May God reward you abundantly with countless blessings. Please continue to pray for me as I assume my new ministry at St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish. You are also in my prayers.

Fr. Marian Gil, O.M.I.

COFFEE SUNDAY – July 2nd after the 10 a.m. Mass

Welcome to Father Stefano Lee

Please join us for Coffee Sunday after the 10 a.m. Mass **today**, Sunday, July 2nd as we welcome Father Stefano Lee to our parish as pastor. This will be the perfect opportunity, as we begin the summer months, to socialize and introduce yourself to Father Lee and wish him well as he begins his ministry here at St. Teresa Parish.

Through the Mission Co-Operative Program of the
Diocese of Hamilton:



On the weekend of July 8 and 9, Fr. George Berendt will speak at all Masses about the work of the PIME Missionaries. Founded in Italy in 1850, PIME Missionaries are priests and brothers who dedicate themselves as lifelong messengers of the Gospel to those who have not yet heard the Word of God. They live and work alongside the poorest among us in 19 countries, shedding light on the silent struggles of our brothers and sisters in the missions and connecting them to those with a spirit to help.

Find out more at: www.pimeusa.org.