

# 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.

## Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

This week we returned to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today, on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons. In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals Himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent His Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; He does not condemn the world but acts to save it: "Jesus said to Nicodemus: **“God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life.”**" J 3, 16

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

### Holy Trinity

The Bible clearly speaks of: God the Son, God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit, but emphasizes that there is only ONE God. If we were to use math, it would not be,  $1+1+1=3$ . It would be  $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$ . God is a triune God. Thus, the term: "Tri" meaning three, and "Unity" meaning one, **Tri+Unity = Trinity**. It is a way of acknowledging what the Bible reveals to us about God, that God is yet three "Persons" who have the same essence of deity.

### Family Connection

Pray together, thanking God for His gift of love. Then read together today's Gospel, John 3:16-18. Conclude by praying the Glory Be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit...

### Mass Intentions June 5, 2023 – June 11, 2023

Tuesday, June 6, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

#### Group Mass Intentions

+ **Pierre Richard** – *William Barrett*

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

+ **John Forthuber** – *Helene Meier*

Thursday, June 8, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

**Intentions of Donnell & McGill Lucien** – *Ken & Betty*

Friday, June 9, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

+ **Earl Romeo & Ferdinand Gallant** – *Stella Lemieux*

Saturday, June 10, 2023 –

**9:00 a.m.** – + **Frank & Rose Lehmann** – *Lehmann Family*

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

Sunday, June 11, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

**Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – Year A – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.**

### Vocations

"God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son..."  
How can you best serve God in a response to that love? 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](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)

### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

June 5 – Rev. Edward Mahony

June 6 – Very Rev. David Walter

June 7 – Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood (R.P.B.)

June 8 – Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou

June 9 – Rev. Ian Duffy

June 10 – Rev. Vernon Boyd, S.J.

June 11 – **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

## 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.

## 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.

### Father Jonathan Reitzel

This weekend, June 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> we are pleased to have with us Father Jonathan Reitzel to celebrate the Eucharist. Father Reitzel was baptized in our parish and is returning to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving, now that he has been ordained a priest. We welcome him and wish him well in his priestly ministry!

**Mass Intentions** – For **Father's Day, June 18<sup>th</sup>** 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

Thank you to all those who purchased pierogies in support of World Youth Day. A special thank you to Supreme Pierogies (Mr. Joseph Wilk) for supporting this project and to all those who have made donations. A summary of our fundraising efforts will be coming soon. **There are 5 kinds of frozen pierogies and they are available in the parish hall.**



**St. Teresa Quilting Group** - The St. Teresa Quilting Group continue to remain active. A couple of weeks ago, they were very happy to donate 10 quilts to A.R. Goudie Seniors' Home.

**Cura Pastorum Collection** – There will be a second collection next weekend, June 10/11, 2023. This collection is taken up on the second Sunday in June and provides support for the retired priests in the Diocese of Hamilton.

**The Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle** for the Religious and Laity - All are invited to this Cenacle Prayer on **Tuesday evenings** from **7:30 - 8:30 p.m.**, following the evening Mass. 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". For more info: <https://mmpcanada.ca/> or join us Tuesday evenings.

### Stewardship Report – May 28, 2023

Sunday Offerings .....	\$ 2377.25
Votive Candles .....	\$ 43.85
Building Fund .....	\$ 679.05
Building Fund – In Mem – L. O'Donnell .....	\$ 20.00
Pope's Pastoral Works .....	\$ 110.00
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](mailto:stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com)

**Mental Wellness Support Group** - Mental wellness is a challenge for many people. A support collective for those supporting loved ones afflicted with mental health issues, continues to meet **every 1st Wednesday of each month**, in St. Teresa Parish Hall, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please note that this is a peer directed group and that support comes from peers sharing lived experience, information and resources with each other; and discussion is not guided by a professional. We welcome all those who wish to join us.



**The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild** invites all members, families and friends to attend the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass to be held at the Carmel of St. Joseph Monastery, St. Agatha on July 16, 2023 at 2 p.m. The Mass will be preceded by the Rosary.

Celebrant: Most Rev. Wayne L. Lobsinger

**St. Boniface Church, Maryhill** - You are invited to their **Traditional Annual Corpus Christi Procession** to the two outdoor altar houses - Sunday, June 11th, 2023 immediately after the 11 a.m. Mass; followed by St. Boniface Festival Picnic on the old School grounds. Bring a lawn chair and picnic lunch. BBQ hamburgers available. All are welcome!

### Banns for Ordination

**Mr. Lukas John ČASTA** is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the **Diocese of Pembroke** on **June 9, 2023** at **St. Columbkille Cathedral, Pembroke, ON.**

Please remember him in your prayers.

Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.