

# 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

**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.

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of His teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables. The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God. The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

### Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 17:1-9. On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

July 31 – Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.  
August 1 – Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos  
August 2 – School Sisters of Notre Dame (S.S.N.D.)  
August 3 – Rev. Mark Gatto  
August 4 – Rev. Kiwook Kim  
August 5 – Rev. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.  
August 6 – **Transfiguration of the Lord**  
August 7 – Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba  
August 8 – Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis  
August 9 – Legionaries of Christ (L.C.)  
August 10 – Rev. Lajos Angyal  
August 11 – *St. Clare, Virgin*  
August 12 – Rev. Stefano Lee  
August 13 – **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Mass Intentions

July 31, 2023 – August 6, 2023

Tuesday, August 1, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

*Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

### Group Mass Intentions

+ **Odessa Barrett** – *Bill*

Wednesday, August 2, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

+ **Stephanie Mack** – *Theresa Coles*

Thursday, August 3, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

**Healing for Tommy Sparks** – *Ken & Betty*

Friday, August 4, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

*Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest*

+ **Michael Santos** – *Magie Navaleza*

Saturday, August 5, 2023 –

**9:00 a.m.** – **No Morning Mass**

**5:00 p.m.** – + **Hans Forthuber** – *Helene Meier*

Sunday, August 6, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

**Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord – Year A – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.**

### Mass Intentions

August 7, 2023 – August 13, 2023

Tuesday, August 8, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

*Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest*

**Living and deceased members of the CWL – CWL**

Wednesday, August 9, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

+ **Frank & Rose Lehmann** – *Lehmann Family*

Thursday, August 10, 2023 –

*Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr*

**8:30 a.m.** - + **Alfred Novak** – *Helene Meier*

Friday, August 11, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

*Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin*

**Intentions of Elizabeth Heydel-Quintanilla** – *Ken & Betty*

Saturday, August 12, 2023 –

**9:00 a.m.** – **No Morning Mass**

**5:00 p.m.** – + **Scott Weiler** – *Dan & Pat Weiler & Family*

Sunday, August 13, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

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

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Parish Priest - In cases of Emergency** – If you have an emergency and are unable to reach someone in the parish office and urgently need a priest, please call Father Stefano at 647-960-4078 (cell phone).

**Coffee Sundays:** mark your calendars for August 20 and plan to join fellow parishioners for refreshments and socializing. Time spent with friends and neighbours is the best part of Coffee Sundays.

**Adoration Chapel** – We are in need of an Adorer on Fridays from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. If you would like to volunteer for this hour, please call Elizabeth, 519-590-5348.



**St. Teresa Quilting Group** - The St. Teresa Quilting Group continue to remain active. They will be donating 10 baby/toddler quilts to Grand River Hospital for their children/preemie wards.

### World Youth Day 2023

Please continue to keep Angelina, Jeanine and Robert in your prayers as they attend World Youth Day, August 1-6<sup>th</sup>, in Lisbon, Portugal. As you know, they left on July 26<sup>th</sup> and during this time have been experiencing Days in the Dioceses. We wish them a safe journey and a time filled with many graces and blessings! Thank you to all for your prayerful and financial support!

**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. Our next gathering is this Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

#### Stewardship Report – July 16, 2023

Sunday Offerings .....	\$ 1210.05
Votive Candles .....	\$ 98.30
Building Fund .....	\$ 35.00
Mission Co-op – PIME Missionaries.....	\$ 1020.45
Pre-Authorized Giving – June 2023 .....	\$ 1747.00

#### Stewardship Report – July 23, 2023

Sunday Offerings .....	\$ 1512.00
Votive Candles .....	\$ 36.20
Building Fund – In Mem – L. O’Donnell .....	\$ 20.00
Mission Co-op – PIME Missionaries.....	\$ 45.00

**We are most appreciative of your ongoing prayerful and financial support.**

## Vocations

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 30, 2023** - “Give your servant therefore an understanding mind...”

**Transfiguration of the Lord – August 6, 2023** - “This is my Son, the Beloved...listen to him!”

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)



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**Heritage Day**  
**Sunday, September 17, 2023**

11 a.m. Mass – 11:45 Mary Grotto - 12 noon – car tour of the area shrines – 1:00 p.m. lunch (hosted by the CWL), Presentations, 50-50 Draw & Silent Auction.

Email: [maryhillroots@gmail.com](mailto:maryhillroots@gmail.com) or (519) 242-9595 or any board members.



**PRAYER VIGIL** – Thurs., August 3, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 11 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.pravervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.pravervigil@rogers.com)

**Diocesan Marian Days** – The Diocesan Marian Days are scheduled on the first Saturday of the month from July to October 7, 2023, at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The day starts with Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m. and a Rosary Procession at 11:00 a.m. Guided Tours of the Basilica are available during lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis start at 1:00 p.m. followed by the closing Benediction at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to join! Please bring a lunch. Contact the Basilica for more information: (519) 824-3951. **Next date:** August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Young Adults Night - August 5<sup>th</sup> – Hespeler/Cambridge** - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.), Social with Food (7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.), and Compline (9:00 p.m.) on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary of the Visitation (16 Cooper St, Cambridge, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).