

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
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Finance Council Chair:
Don Pickett, Jr.

Pastoral Council Chair:
Barbara Daly

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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

Weekday Schedule

Please check inside for
weekly schedule

Saturday Liturgy:

9:00 a.m. (except in August)
5:00 p.m.

Sunday Liturgy:

10:00 a.m.

Confession: 30 min. before Mass; Sat., 4:15 – 4:45 p.m.
No Sunday Confession

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).

Healing Mass: First Friday of each month
(September – June) – 7:00 p.m.



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel passage (Mt 14:22-33), the disciples, nourished with the bread offered by Jesus now receive the order to get moving, to get into the boat to the other side. The second part of the passage (vv. 28-33) contains the dialogue between Jesus and Peter. It starts with the request of the apostle: **“Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water”**. As long as he keeps his eyes fixed on the Master, he is able to go to Him. When his faith diminishes, when he begins to doubt the choice he made, he sinks and is afraid of being overwhelmed, of losing his life.

READ: Jesus reaches out to the disciples in trouble, walking up to them on the water. Those in the boat bowed down before Jesus saying, “Truly, You are the Son of God.”

REFLECT: Jesus asks Peter, “Why did you doubt?” Jesus challenges the sudden loss of faith, of Peter, in the midst of turbulence. What would God be asking us when we meet Him face-to-face? **PRAY:** Let us ask God to probe our innermost being and lead us to conversion. **ACT:** Today is a good day to make a confession of faith regarding who Jesus is for me. I will take some time and proclaim with my whole being that Jesus is my Lord and Savior.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s Gospel includes a beautiful dialogue between Jesus and the Canaanite woman who, indifferent of what others might think or say, insistently cried out for Our Lord’s mercy to cure her daughter who is severely possessed by a demon. At first Jesus ignores her; He says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that He was sent to minister to the Jews alone. The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, “dog.” But the woman cleverly turns Jesus’ insult into an affirmation of faith: **“Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”** Then Jesus answered her, **“O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.”** The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God’s abundant mercy.

READ: Healing and feeding seem to go together. Jesus does both, and people of faith see the meaning of His actions. **PRAY:** Avoid looking down on others who are different. Make this an intention in your prayer, especially when you are tempted to be prejudiced against some group or individual. **REFLECT:** Why do people refer to others they do not like as dogs? Are Jesus’ words to the Canaanite woman out of character for Him? **ACT:** Do not just tolerate different people but accept them and acknowledge their gifts. When the opportunity occurs, celebrate life with people who differ from you.

Mass Intentions

August 14, 2023 – August 20, 2023

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Group Mass Intentions

+ Dominic Hennebry – Siblings

Birthday Blessings and graces for Bartholomew

Miciula – Parents

+ Avis Onn – Ann & Michael Onn and Family

+ Simpson Raj & + Retna Mary Raj – Raj Family

Intentions of Betty Skinner – Donnell Lucien

+ Scott Weiler – Dan & Pat Weiler and Family

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

+ Tom Nakluski – Family

Thursday, August 17, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

+ Delmar Ferreira – Citelia Ferreira

Friday, August 18, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Healing for Mike Lefevre – Ken & Betty

Saturday, August 19, 2023 –

9:00 a.m. – No Morning Mass

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

Sunday, August 20, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

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

Mass Intentions

August 21, 2023 – August 27, 2023

Tuesday, August 22, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Mass

Wednesday, August 23, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

No Mass

Thursday, August 24, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Feast of Saint Bartholomew

No Mass

Friday, August 25, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

No Mass

Saturday, August 26, 2023 –

9:00 a.m. – No Morning Mass

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

Sunday, August 27, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A –
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.

Please note: The week of August 21-August 27, 2023, Father Stefano will be attending the Priests’ Retreat. Please keep Father Stefano and our priests in your prayers. There will be no weekday Masses, here at St. Teresa’s.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Sundays: mark your calendars for August 20 (*next Sunday*) 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.

Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations to:

Diana Valdes Valle & Michael Felinczak

who will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage, here at St. Teresa of Avila Parish on August 26, 2023

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

August 14 – Rev. Piotr Jurzyk
 August 15 – **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 August 16 – Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ (I.H.M.M.C.)
 August 17 – Rev. Arpee Nicolas Urquico
 August 18 – Rev. Gregory Merkley
 August 19 – Rev. David Avila
 August 20 – **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 August 21 – Rev. Tony O’Dell, O.M.I.
 August 22 – **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 August 23 – Ursuline Sisters (o.s.u.)
 August 24 – Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.
 August 25 – Rev. Rafal Golina, C.R.
 August 26 – Rev. Joseph Durkacz
 August 27 – **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Vocations

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 13, 2023 - “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” We can sometimes be afraid of God’s call to priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life. Get hold of yourselves!

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 20, 2023 - “Woman, great is your faith!” It takes faith to hear God’s call in our lives and sometimes it may not be what we expect.

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

Baptism

This Sunday, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome:

Maya Belle Watkins

daughter of

Ian and Joanna Watkins

Building Fund Collection – There will be a second collection the weekend of August 26th/27th.



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 or (519) 242-9595.

Stewardship Report – July 30, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1942.05
Votive Candles	\$ 48.20
Building Fund	\$ 698.00
Building Fund – In Mem – L. O’Donnell	\$ 20.00
Pre-Authorized Giving – July 2023	\$ 1747.00

Stewardship Report – August 6, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1825.20
Votive Candles	\$ 44.00
Building Fund	\$ 80.00
Building Fund – In Mem – L. O’Donnell	\$ 20.00
Christmas	\$ 5.00

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

WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

“Dear Blessed Mother, lend me your heart. I look for it each day to pour my troubles into.” – *St. Gemma Galgani*

“Be humble in this life, that God may raise you up in the next.” – *St. Stephen of Hungary*

“Every Saint belongs to the court of the Queen of All Saints.” – *St. John Eudes*

“All love is not friendship; for we may love without being loved. Then love but not friendship exists. Friendship is mutual love, and unless it is mutual, it is not friendship.”

– *St. Francis de Sales*