

# 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

**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.



### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

One day, near the city of Philippi, founded by one of the sons of Herod the Great, in the extreme north of the country, Jesus addresses two questions to the apostles. The first is simple enough: “**Who do people say the Son of Man is?**” The second is more challenging: “**Who do you say I am?**” It is at this point that Peter intervenes with the surprising answer. He speaks in the name of all and shows to have understood everything. He says to Him: “**You are the Christ,**” you are Messiah, the Saviour of which the prophets spoke about and all our people are waiting for (v. 16). You are the one for whom we are willing to wager our life. Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter’s response, Jesus calls him the “rock” upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for “rock.” Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

### Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s Gospel (Mt 16:21-27) continues the story that began in last week’s Gospel. Simon Peter was called the “rock” upon which Jesus would build His Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus’ identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of His ministry: He must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him “Satan.” In opposing this aspect of Jesus’ mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God, but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ’s disciple is to follow in His way of the cross.

Christians know that this life is a period of training, which makes us ready hereafter to receive the eternal reward which Christ has won for us. Every trainee knows that one must endure certain hardships and sufferings in order to merit graduation into one’s chosen profession or trade. On our Christian graduation day we shall, please God, hear the welcome words: “Well done good and faithful servant; because you have been faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater, come and join in your Master’s happiness” (Mt. 25: 21). May God grant that every one of us will hear these words of welcome.

**READ:** You must discern the will of God: what is good, what pleases, what is perfect. **REFLECT:** God’s will—what is good, perfect, pleasing. This is our life’s aim. We need to discern it always to hit the mark. **PRAY:** We are aware of how we often miss the mark: our sins. Let us aim to do what’s more positive so we would really be praising God. **ACT:** Ponder on the difference between being really discerning and merely discriminating.

#### Mass Intentions

August 28, 2023 – September 3, 2023

Tuesday, August 29, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

*Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist*  
+ Stephen & + Theda Strauss – Lamers Family

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

+ Thomas Dillon – Theresa Coles

Thursday, August 31, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

**Healing for Murray & Audrey Brockman – Ken & Betty**

Friday, September 1, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

+ Pierre Richard – Cathy & Manfred Lamers

Saturday, September 2, 2023 –

**9:00 a.m.** – + Maria Porco – Daughter

**5:00 p.m.** – + Carolyn Weber – Jean & Brian Giles

Sunday, September 3, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

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

#### Mass Intentions

September 4, 2023 – September 10, 2023

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

**No Mass**

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

**No Mass**

Thursday, September 7, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

**No Mass**

Friday, September 8, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

*Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
**Intentions of Mary Steffler – Parishioners**

Saturday, September 9, 2023 –

**9:00 a.m.** – + Pete Richard – CWL

**5:00 p.m.** – + Regina Maloney – Pat & Dan Weiler and Family

Sunday, September 10, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

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

**Please note:** There will be no Masses celebrated on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> nor 7<sup>th</sup>. Father Stefano will be attending the Annual Priests’ Seminar. Please keep our priests in your prayers.

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

## Happy Birthday, Father Stefano!

Father Stefano celebrates his birthday on August 29<sup>th</sup>. We wish him God's richest blessings and a very Happy Birthday! Please remember him in your prayers.

**First Fridays:** Beginning **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**, there will no longer be a morning Mass at 8:30 a.m. The Mass will take place at 7 p.m. The Mass times for the other Fridays of the month will remain at 8:30 a.m.

### FIRST FRIDAY MASS

**September 1, 2023**

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.

Confession will be available. Mass at 7 p.m.

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**  
will also take place after Mass.

**Mass Intentions for Mondays** – Father Stefano would be pleased to offer Mass, privately, on Mondays, for your intentions. The offering of Mass for the deceased, the sick, a personal intention, in thanksgiving, a special intention such as an anniversary, birthday, etc. is an act of deep faith and a most excellent way of remembering a loved one. Please call the parish office if you would like to request a Mass.

### In Memoriam



*We mourn those who have died and gone before us:*

+ Edwin Enriquez  
+ Mary Krukowski  
+ Robert Crane

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...*

**RCIA** – St. Teresa of Avila Parish will be joining St. Agnes Parish and St. Mark Parish for the RCIA program for 2022-2023. If you are thinking about or wishing to join the Roman Catholic Church, please speak with Father Stefano or call the Parish Office. More information to follow soon.

**Flower Donations** – Flower donation envelopes are at the back of the church. Any donation towards the cost of the flowers in the sanctuary would be greatly appreciated!! Thank you.

### Stewardship Report – August 13, 2023

Sunday Offerings .....	\$ 1904.00
Votive Candles .....	\$ 39.05
Building Fund – In Mem – L. O'Donnell .....	\$ 20.00

### Stewardship Report – August 20, 2023

Sunday Offerings .....	\$ 1978.30
Votive Candles .....	\$ 65.05
Building Fund .....	\$ 40.00
Building Fund – In Mem – L. O'Donnell .....	\$ 25.00

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

**Labour Day – September 4, 2023** – The Parish Office and Divine Mercy Chapel will be closed for Labour Day and reopen on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 9 a.m.

### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

August 28 – Rev. Jeffery Oehring

August 29 – Rev. Patras Samuel Masih

### The Passion of St. John the Baptist

August 30 – Our Parish Community

August 31 – Rev. Andrew Quarshie

September 1 – *St. Giles*

*World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*

September 2 – Rev. Charles Jordan

September 3 – **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

September 4 – Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.

September 5 – Rev. Romelito Guillen

September 6 – Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate (S.O.L.I.)

September 7 – Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I.

September 8 – **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

September 9 – Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, S.A.C.

September 10 – **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Vocations

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – Aug. 27, 2023-** “For who has known the mind of the Lord?” Sometimes our mind is not necessarily the mind of the Lord.

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 3, 2023-** “For what will it profit anyone to gain the whole world but forfeit their life?” Isn't there more to life than chasing the dollar? Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or a consecrated virgin? Humbly ask the Lord.

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)

### WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

“Habit, if not resisted, soon becomes necessity.”

– *St. Augustine*

“God does not require of us fine prayers, but prayers which come from the bottom of our hearts.”

– *St. John Mary Vianney*

“It is not by their clothes that Christians are known, but by their works.”

– *St. Marguerite Bourgeoys*

“We are born to love, we live to love, and we will die to love still more.”

– *St. Joseph Cafasso*