

# 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).

**Adoration and Mass:** First Friday of each month  
Adoration – 6:00 p.m.; Mass – 7:00 p.m.



**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The parable of today’s Gospel (Mt 21:28-32) depicts three characters: a father and two sons.

Jesus’ hearers sensed immediately that the father represents God, but they are surprised by the fact that he has two sons. The Son of God is only one, Israel; through the prophet Hosea, the Lord said: “Out of Egypt I called my son” (Hos 11:1) and to the Pharaoh, he said: “Israel is my firstborn son” (Ex 4:22). To hear about the two sons of God is disconcerting for an Israelite, but it is only the beginning, the continuation of the parable is even more provocative.

At the invitation of his father to go to work in the vineyard, the firstborn zealously and readily answered: Yes, but then he did not go. He simply changed his mind to ‘no’, even when he had said ‘yes’; he was not at all in accord with the program of his father. He had only spoken empty words.

The provocations of the parable are not over. The father turned to the second son the request to go to work in the vineyard and the answer was: “I don’t want to.” But then, overcome with remorse, he went (v. 30).

The conclusion of the parable (vv. 31b-32) contains what is perhaps the most provocative statement of Jesus: “The tax collectors and the prostitutes are ahead of you in the Kingdom of God.” The verb is in the present; it is a fact: the public sinners who have no religious screen to hide themselves, those who cannot pretend because their condition is obvious to everyone, even to themselves, are at an advantage compared to those who consider themselves righteous.

Lip service of God will not merit heaven. Nominal Christians are not working in the Lord's vineyard.

**Taking it Home:**

How have you responded to God’s invitation to work in His vineyard? Jesus died for us so we can live for Him. Do your actions reflect the life of a worker in His kingdom? Reflect on how you can better say “yes” to God’s invitation. What do you need to repent of in order to better serve Him? God is merciful and is willing to forgive you and offer you a second chance. Even if you have been saying “no” to God, it’s not too late to change that “no” to a “yes”.

<b>Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar</b>	
October 2	– Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.
October 3	– Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.
October 4	– Felician Franciscan Sisters (C.S.S.F.)
October 5	– Rev. Robert Love
October 6	– Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.
October 7	– Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski (Our Lady of the Rosary)
October 8	– <b>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

<b>Mass Intentions</b>	
<b>October 2, 2023 – October 8, 2023</b>	
Tuesday, October 3, 2023	– <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Group Mass Intentions</b>	
<b>Healing for Dane Skinner – Dad</b>	
<b>Intentions of Ken and Betty Skinner – Donnell Lucien</b>	
Wednesday, October 4, 2023	– <b>8:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi</b>	
+ <b>Wayne &amp; Della Skinner – Ken &amp; Betty</b>	
Thursday, October 5, 2023	– <b>8:30 a.m.</b>
+ <b>Edna &amp; Howard Weber – Sue Weber Bell</b>	
Friday, October 6, 2023	– <b>7:00 p.m.</b>
+ <b>John Forthuber – Helene Meier</b>	
Saturday, October 7, 2023	– <b>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</b>
<b>9:00 a.m. – + Leon &amp; Genowefa Ziolkowski – Ken &amp; Betty</b>	
<b>5:00 p.m. – Living &amp; deceased members of the Beaupre Family – Pat &amp; Dan Weiler</b>	
Sunday, October 8, 2023	– <b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.</b>	

**Vocations**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 1, 2023**

The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? Consider ministry as a priest, deacon, religious or consecrated virgin. Are you being invited? Contact:

**Fr. Mark Morley**, Director of Vocations  
905-528-7988; [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<b>Installation of Father Stefano (Moung Kyu) Lee</b>
Thank you to everyone who came to my Installation Mass. A very special thank you to His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby for presiding; to the priests and deacons in attendance and to the St. Teresa Catholic Women’s League for hosting the reception. It was a very special evening.
<i>Thank you!</i>

**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.

**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.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** – October 5, 2023 in the Rectory. Time to be determined.

**First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Meeting** – The first gathering of parents and candidates for First Holy Communion & Reconciliation will take place, in the parish hall, on November 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. If your child is wishing to receive the sacraments and attends a school other than St. Teresa, please call the parish office so that we can ensure we order enough books ahead of the meeting.

**Mass Intentions for Mondays** – Father Stefano would be pleased to offer Mass, privately, on Mondays, for your intentions. Please call the parish office if you would like to request a Mass.

### *Baptism*

On Wednesday, September 27, 2023, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed:

**Aleron Cezar Wyldes Martinez**

son of

**Allan Martinez and Natalie Wyldes**

### **FIRST FRIDAY MASS**

**October 6, 2023**

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.

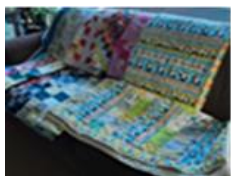
Confession will be available. Mass at 7 p.m.

**Sunday Children's Liturgy** – We are planning to begin the Sunday Children's Liturgy on the first Sunday of October. If you would like to assist with this program by volunteering, please speak with Father Stefano or call the parish office.

### **RCIA and Evangelization**

If you are thinking about or wishing to join the Roman Catholic Church, please speak with Father Stefano or call the Parish Office. We are hoping to begin the RCIA program for 2023-2024 sometime in October.

Father Stefano would also like to make this an opportunity for parishioners to take part in the RCIA program as a means of evangelization, to gain more knowledge of our faith and grow spiritually.



**St. Teresa Quilting Group** – The St. Teresa Quilting Group continue to keep busy. This past week the group donated 12 baby/toddler quilts to the children's ward at K-W Hospital.

**St. Teresa School – Thanksgiving Mass and Feast of St. Teresa** – We would like to invite all parishioners to join the St. Teresa School Community for the celebration of Mass on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

**Carmel of St. Joseph** – Mass in honour of the 150th anniversary of the birth of St. Thérèse (1873-2023) will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at the Carmelite Monastery, in St. Agatha. Eucharistic Adoration: 6:00 p.m. Mass: 7:00 p.m. Please write to the Sisters, if you plan to attend: [saintagatha@thecarmel.ca](mailto:saintagatha@thecarmel.ca). 519-884-6700.

### **Stewardship Report – September 24, 2023**

Sunday Offerings .....	\$ 1302.75
Building Fund .....	\$ 176.00
Building Fund – In Mem – L. O'Donnell .....	\$ 20.00
Votive Candles .....	\$ 94.85
Needs of the Canadian Church .....	\$ 276.00

**Continuing support of our parish is an act of generosity and faith. We are very grateful for any contributions you may be able to make at this time.**

**DIOCESAN MARIAN DAYS** – The Diocesan Marian Days continue on the first Saturday of the month (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.

**FORWARD TOGETHER IN CHRIST** – This was initiated to assist the Bishop of Hamilton in discerning the best way to move the Diocese forward after the struggles and limitations imposed by the COVID 19 Pandemic. The conversations continue, and discussions will be taking place in each Deanery. On Saturday, October 14th, Waterloo Deanery will hold its meeting. It was hoped that each parish would have 6 representatives and the priest(s). Our parish will be represented at this meeting and the participants will be invited to share their thoughts on ways the Diocese can put into action the seven growth areas. The ideas expressed will be gathered and documented, so that they may become part of the process to create a Diocesan Plan. For more information: [Diocese of Hamilton \(hamiltondiocese.com\)](http://Diocese of Hamilton (hamiltondiocese.com)) and click on:

**Forward Together in Christ**

### **WISDOM OF THE SAINTS**

“The Eucharist! That is your centre, your life, your death. It is God with us in person.”

– *St. Peter Julian Eymard*

“Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received... but only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.”

– *St. Francis of Assisi*