

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

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).

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



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel reading (Matthew 18:21-35) Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of His initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

READ: In life and death, we belong to the Lord. Hence, grudge and wrath towards others shall not have a place in us. If God shows mercy to us, we are bound to show mercy to others, as the parable of the unforgiving servant says.

PRAY: Pray for the grace of humility to accept God's mercy and share the same with others. Remember those who have hurt us and need our forgiveness. Let us ask for the grace to be reconciled.

REFLECT: Why does the servant who was forgiven a huge debt get wrathful and unforgiving towards his servant who owed him very little? The truth is, being a recipient of mercy does not always evoke gratitude and humility, but sometimes results in shame and anger, especially when one is egoistic and feels lesser before the forgiving one. We can accept mercy only when we love and respect the one who shows mercy and feel a kinship with him. Then we are ready to share mercy with others and feel kinship with them as well.

ACT: Time heals but oftentimes we let opportunities pass us by. Reach out with love and compassion in heart, forgive someone who has wronged you.

Vocations

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 17, 2023 - "If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin. If God is calling you, contact:

Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations
905-528-7988; vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

September 18 – Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.
September 19 – Rev. Sunil D'Souza, O.C.D.
September 20 – Salesians of St. Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
September 21 – Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.
September 22 – Rev. Vivek Trindade
September 23 – Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R.
September 24 – **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(World Day of Migrants & Refugees)

Mass Intentions

September 18, 2023 – September 24, 2023

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 – **7:00 p.m.**

Group Mass Intentions

Intentions of Cindy Wilson – Dad

Intentions of Heather Vietch – Dad

Intentions of Anny Taka & Fokam children

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

+ **Regina Maloney – CWL**

Thursday, September 21, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Intentions of Mary Steffler – Ken & Betty

Friday, September 22, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

Intentions of Don & Olga Pickett

Saturday, September 23, 2023 – **Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

9:00 a.m. – Intentions of Bob Montreuil & Family – Ken & Betty

5:00 p.m. – + Carl Hergott – Barb Hergott

Sunday, September 24, 2023 – **10:00 a.m.**

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Installation of
Father Stefano (Moung Kyu) Lee
as Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Parish*

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 – 7 p.m.

This Wednesday, September 20th, at 7 p.m. His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby will be here to celebrate Mass and formally install Father Stefano Lee as Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Parish.

Following the Mass, a reception will be held in the Parish Hall.

We hope you will join us for this very special celebration!

Congratulations Father Stefano!

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.

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.

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.

Coffee Sunday

Please join us for Coffee Sunday, next Sunday, September 24th following the 10 a.m. Mass, in the Parish Hall.

Parish Screening Committee – Volunteers needed! We are still in need of a volunteer/volunteers for our Parish Screening Committee. As screening is mandatory in the Diocese of Hamilton, these volunteers are vital in screening all volunteers in our parish. Please speak to Father Stefano or call the Parish Office if you are willing to assist.

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

St. Teresa of Avila Parish will be joining St. Agnes Parish and St. Anthony Daniel Parish for the RCIA program for 2023-2024. If you are thinking about or wishing to join the Roman Catholic Church, please speak with Father Stefano or call the Parish Office.

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 School Liturgy of the Word September 19th at 11 a.m.

All parishioners are invited to join the staff, students and parents of St. Teresa School for the Opening Liturgy for the school year, this Tuesday, September 19th at 11 a.m., here in the church. This will be a Liturgy of the Word, not Mass.

WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

“Anger never travels alone. It is always accompanied by plenty of other sins.” – *St. John Mary Vianney*

“I have given everything to my Master: he will take care of me. The best thing for us is not what we consider best, but what the Lord wants of us!”

– *St. Josephine Bakhita*

Stewardship Report – September 3, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1662.90
Votive Candles	\$ 91.30
Building Fund	\$ 235.00
Building Fund – In Mem – L. O’Donnell	\$ 20.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 50.00
Pre-Authorized Giving – August 2023	\$ 1747.00

Stewardship Report – September 10, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1434.20
Building Fund	\$ 100.00
Building Fund – In Mem – L. O’Donnell	\$ 20.00
Votive Candles	\$ 74.60
Donation	\$ 2500.00

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.

Donations to the parish can be made through the use of Sunday Offertory envelopes, Pre-Authorized Giving, CanadaHelps and Interac e-Transfer.

Pre-Authorized Giving - A digital copy of the form can be found on our parish website or call the parish office. Simply print the form, complete it and return it to the Parish Office.

E-Transfer – To donate through E-Transfer, please use the following email account:

stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com

CanadaHelps - To support our parish via **credit card** or **PayPal** please visit **canadahelps.org** You can access our parish directly by following this link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119110450RR0053-st-teresas-parish/>

Please note that donations made through the CanadaHelps website, will receive a tax receipt directly from CanadaHelps, via email.

If you require any further information, please contact the parish office.

MORE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

“If we look forward to receiving God’s mercy, we can never fail to do good so long as we have the strength. For if we share with the poor, out of love for God, whatever God has given to us, we shall receive according to God’s promise a hundredfold in eternal happiness.”

– *St. John of God*

“Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God’s heart.

– *St. Pius of Pietrelcina*