

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

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Maximus Han

Parish Secretary: Mary Steffler

Business Administrator: David Agnew

Custodian: Scott Piggott

Baptism Preparation Team:

CWL President:

Lector Co-ordinator: Mary Steffler

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Kim Voelzing

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Elizabeth Heydel- Quintanilla –
519-590-5348

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Don Pickett, Jr.

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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).

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



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel reading (Mt 20:1-16) there is the parable of the day labourers in the vineyard, which Jesus recounts in order to explain two aspects of the Kingdom of God: the first is that God wants to call everyone to work for His Kingdom; the second is that, in the end, He wants to give everyone the same reward, that is, salvation, eternal life. The owner of the vineyard who represents God, goes out at dawn and hires a group of workers, agreeing with them on the day's wages. It was a fair wage. Then he goes out again later in the day — he goes out five times on that day — until the late afternoon to hire other unemployed labourers whom he sees. At the end of the day, the landowner orders that a denarius be paid to everyone, even to those who had only worked for a few hours. Naturally, the labourers who were hired first complain because they see that they are paid as much as those who worked for fewer hours.

In reality, this “injustice” of the owner serves to provoke deeper reflection in those listening to the parable. Jesus does not want to speak here about the issue of work or of a fair wage, but about the Kingdom of God! And this is the message: **there are no unemployed people in the Kingdom of God.** Everyone is called to do their part; and there will be a reward from divine justice for everyone in the end — not from human justice, luckily! —, but the salvation that **Jesus Christ acquired for us with His death and Resurrection, a salvation which is not deserved, but donated** — salvation is free — thus, “the last will be the first and the first last”.

(Excerpts from Pope Francis, Wednesday Audience 2017)

READ: This parable is not a popular one. Notice that it has several endings, as if the author did not know how to deal with this teaching of Jesus. Pay attention to all the characters and their reactions.

REFLECT: Why is it difficult to rejoice in the great fortune of another? People get jealous when they think someone has something that belongs to them—or even when they simply want what another has. What is your reaction to this parable?

PRAY: You can always find someone who has more than you and others who have less. In your prayer, ask to avoid envy. Jealousy destroys relationships. Pray to avoid it at all costs; and remember that life can be unfair. Pray for a heart that delights in the well-being of the other.

ACT: When something good happens to another, join in the celebration and try to move beyond self-centeredness. Make an act of genuine appreciation and delight in the blessings received by someone in your circle of friends.

Mass Intentions

September 25, 2023 – October 1, 2023

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Feast of Saints Jean de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs (secondary Patrons of Canada)
+ Pierre Richard

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest
Intentions of Stephan Wood – Theresa Coles

Thursday, September 28, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Healing for Mike Lefevre – Ken & Betty

Friday, September 29, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

For healing and graces for Artur Miciula – Ewa

Saturday, September 30, 2023 – **Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

9:00 a.m. – Intentions of Jane Richard – Ken & Betty

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

Sunday, October 1, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

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

Vocations

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 24, 2023 “Seek the Lord while he may be found...” While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, 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 25 – Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.

September 26 – Rev. Francisco Cruz

September 27 – Parish Staff

September 28 – Rev. Mussie A. Keflezghi, M.C.C.J.

September 29 – Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.

September 30 – Rev. Jungheon (Francisco) Kwak

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

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.



Pray to End Abortion - From September 27th to November 5th, 2023

we invite you to join together with over a million volunteers across North America who will simultaneously participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. 40 Days for Life saves the lives of children in the womb who do not have the chance to stand up for themselves. You are encouraged to get involved by **Prayer and Fasting** for an end to abortion, as well as attending a **Peaceful Vigil** outside of Freeport Hospital, for an allocated hour between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., seven days a week. We encourage volunteers to consider **Adopting-an-Hour** a week. It is vital to spread the message that human life is *sacred* and that a law needs to come into effect to stop the killing of innocent babies. You can either sign up for prayer hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by emailing/calling Ewelina at 40DaysKW@gmail.com or 519-904-2620. It is **VERY IMPORTANT**, that you **sign up BEFORE** coming to the vigil site as this prevents one of the committee or emergency back-up members from driving out to the site.

You are *also invited to join us* for the **OPENING RALLY** which will be held on **Tuesday September 25th, 2023 at Sacred Heart Parish, 66 Shanley Street, Kitchener**. We will begin with Holy Mass at 7 p.m. Refreshments and sign-ups will follow; please come to pray for the success of this Campaign and the protection of all life in our country!

Stewardship Report – September 17, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1475.25
Building Fund	\$ 30.00
Building Fund – In Mem – L. O’Donnell	\$ 20.00
Votive Candles	\$ 47.80
Flowers	\$ 10.00

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

WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

“Humility is nothing but truth, and pride is nothing but lying.”
– *St. Vincent de Paul*

“The Scriptures are shallow enough for a babe to come and drink without fear of drowning and deep enough for theologians to swim in without ever reaching the bottom.”
– *St. Jerome*

“You must be prepared for periods of darkness, anxiety, doubts, fears, of temptations that are sometimes very, very insistent, of sufferings of the body and, what is a hundredfold more painful, of the soul. For if there were nothing to bear, for what would you go to heaven? If there were no trials, there would be no struggle. Without a struggle, victory would be impossible, and without victory, there is no crown, no reward... so be prepared from now on for everything.”
– *St. Maximilian Kolbe*

Father Stefano’s Vacation – Father Stefano will be away from October 16th to October 30th. During that time there will be Liturgy of the Word during the week. We wish him a wonderful and safe vacation!!

Mass Intentions for Mondays – Father Stefano would be pleased to offer Mass, privately, on Mondays, for your intentions. The offering of Mass 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, this Sunday, September 24th following the 10 a.m. Mass, in the Parish Hall. We are planning to continue with Coffee Sunday on the second Sunday of each month, beginning in November. If you would like to assist or volunteer to host a Coffee Sunday, please sign up on the volunteer sheet at Coffee Sunday.

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

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.

Life Chain Sunday – October 1st – Please plan to attend this silent demonstration from 2-3 p.m. in front of City Hall, Kitchener to pray for babies who have been killed in the womb.

The Tenth Annual "Kitchener Public Square Rosary Rally" is planned to take place at Speaker's Corner (NW corner of King and Benton Streets) in Kitchener on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 2:00-3:00 p.m. For more information about the Public Square Rosary Rally, visit:

<https://canadaneedsourlady.org>