

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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“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

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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).

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



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Today’s Gospel (Mt 22:1-14) Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast. The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king’s invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again, to the listeners’ great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king’s wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king’s invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. **God invites us to His feast, giving us His salvation.** Yet He asks us to repent for our sins. **All are invited, but few have the courage to take the decisive step.** The majority hesitates, dithers, and slackens. They are uncertain, not entirely convinced, that inside they will find a laden table. It’s faltering to give up the security that comes from what they already have. Jesus warns against the risk of losing valuable time.

Vocations

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct. 15, 2023

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him 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

- October 16 – Rev. Hayden Starczala
World Food Day
- October 17 – Rev. John Van Hees
- October 18 – Congregation of the Holy Cross (C.S.C.)
- October 19 – Rev. Patrick Ohl
- October 20 – Very Rev. Lawrence Parent
- October 21 – Rev. Gerald Mulhall
- October 22 – **Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
World Mission Sunday

Prayer for Vocations - God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as married couples, priests, consecrated virgins, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

Mass Intentions
October 16, 2023 – October 22, 2023

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 – **No Mass**
Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 – **No Mass**
Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

Thursday, October 19, 2023 – **No Mass**

Friday, October 20, 2023 – **No Mass**

Saturday, October 21, 2023 –
9:00 a.m. – No Mass
5:00 p.m. – + Gil Lemieux – Stella Lemieux & Family

Sunday, October 22, 2023 – **10:00 a.m.**
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 on Wednesday thru Friday at 8:30 a.m. Please keep Father Stefano and his parents in your prayers. We wish him a wonderful and safe vacation!!

Vacation Coverage – While Father Stefano is away, we welcome Monsignor Earl Talbot who will celebrate the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass on the weekend of October 21/22 and Father George Nowak, C.R. who will be with us on October 28/29. We are very grateful to Msgr. Talbot and Father Nowak for their assistance while Father Stefano is away! Thank you both!

Sunday Missals – 2023-2024 – The Living with Christ Sunday Missal will be available beginning next Sunday. We encourage parishioners to purchase a copy of the 2023/2024 Sunday Missal, as we begin the new Liturgical Year on December 3, 2023. The missals will be available on the table at the back of the church. The charge is \$5 and we ask that you please bring the exact change.

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.

All Souls' Day – Prayers for the Faithful Departed – November 2, 2023 – Mass at 7:00 p.m. There will be envelopes available at the back of the church as well as a book – In Hope of the Resurrection, to place the names of your loved ones to be prayed for. We will also remember all those who have passed away since last November 2, 2022.

Sunday Children's Liturgy – It was our hope that the Sunday Children's Liturgy would begin the first Sunday in October. Unfortunately, we were not able to start the program at that time. Children's Liturgy Volunteers are required to be screened and the process is taking longer than we had hoped. We are optimistic that we will be able to begin in November. We are still looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please call the parish office.

Thank you!

A special thank you to Scott Berwick, Tim Pickett, Hugh Stroeder, Dan Weiler and Bill Zister of our Maintenance Committee for their assistance and hard work in restoring the finish on the church doors. They spent hours sanding, staining and sealing the doors. They look great! Thank you for a job well done!!

A special thank you also to Pat Weiler for her hard work in decorating our sanctuary for Thanksgiving. The arrangement of the fall bounty and foliage looks beautiful!! Thank you, Pat!

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. It was hoped that each parish would have 6 representatives and the priest(s). Our parish will be represented at an upcoming 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://hamiltondiocese.com) and click on:

[Forward Together in Christ](#)

2024 Calendars- Fundraiser

We are currently looking for sponsors for a parish calendar for 2024. Families are invited to choose a bible verse and include their names and these will be inserted in the calendar. Family advertising is \$100 and commercial ads are \$150. We are hoping that this will be a very successful fundraiser for our parish. Father Stefano has already received almost \$8000 from his friends toward this project. Please call the parish office if you would like to participate.

Coffee Sunday/Feast Day

This Sunday after the 10 a.m. Mass, we will have Coffee Sunday to celebrate our parish Feast Day. The Feast Day of St. Teresa of Avila is October 15th. As a parish family, let's enjoy this special day together with coffee and cake!! Happy Feast Day!!

Liturgical Items – Donations toward the costs of items recently purchased and which are still needed would be greatly appreciated.

Beeswax Candles – 1 candle - \$60

Altar Wine – 1 bottle - \$20

Hosts – \$40

Sacramentary - \$300

Please, we need your generosity of heart. Thank you!

Stewardship Report – October 8, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1414.25
Building Fund	\$ 225.00
Flowers	\$ 10.00
Votive Candles	\$ 46.00
Calendar Fundraising	\$ 2260.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 20.00

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.

Cursillo Men's Weekend

Oct. 26 – Oct. 29 at Kottongnae

Please contact Deacon TJ for more information

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Parenting Tip 153

October is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving, a time to reflect on all God has blessed us with in our world. The harvest is evident at this time of year, but remind your children of the intricate way God created the world so humans could live. Remind them that they are part of his creative plan and their gifts and talents are like food allowing the world to thrive. And remind them that God ensured they would have faith and family to support them throughout their lives. There is so much to be thankful for, and an attitude of gratitude can provide a positive impact on our emotional and mental health, so help your children give thanks for all they have been given!

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

“Live in such a way that you bear outwardly as well as inwardly the image of Christ crucified, the model of all gentleness and mercy.”
– St. Paul of the Cross

“Where love exists, it works great things.”

– St. Gregory the Great