

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:

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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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Finance Council Chair:
Don Pickett, Jr.

Pastoral Council Chair:
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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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap Him exposes the guile of His questioners. From His first words to them, Jesus shows that He is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to Him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes His response one step further. He asks that His questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honour that we owe to God?

Vocations

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct. 22, 2023

"Give ... to God the things that are God's." That includes you! Is God calling you to service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, or consecrated virgin? Contact:

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

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

October 23 – Rev. Michael Anderson
October 24 – Rev. Robert Kaveli, O.F.M.
October 25 – Consecrated Virgins
October 26 – Rev. Stipe Rotim, O.F.M.
October 27 – Fr. Ljubo Branimir Lebo, O.F.M.
October 28 – Rev. Ilija Petkovic
October 29 – **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations

O God, You have constituted Your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of Your majesty and the salvation of mankind: grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Amen.

Mass Intentions

October 23, 2023 – October 29, 2023

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – **No Mass**

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 – **No Mass**

Thursday, October 26, 2023 – **No Mass**

Friday, October 27, 2023 – **No Mass**

Saturday, October 28, 2023 – *Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles*

9:00 a.m. – No Mass

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

Sunday, October 29, 2023 – **10:00 a.m.**

Thirtieth 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 this weekend, October 21/22 and Father George Nowak, C.R. who will be with us next weekend, 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 is now available. 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.

First Holy Communion and Reconciliation – The first parent meeting will take place on **November 8, 2023** at **7 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.

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.



Help Wanted: Tuesday, November 7 at 9:30 a.m. Bring your pails, rubber gloves and cleaning supplies. We are planning to clean the parish hall and kitchen. Many hands make light work. All are welcome! Mark your calendars now.

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.



Christmas Cards

Please see the sample attached to the bulletin board. The Christmas Cards are now available for purchase. There are 2 designs. Each set will contain 10 cards - 5 of each design with envelopes. They are \$25 per set and can be purchased through the parish office.

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!



St. Teresa Quilting Group - The St. Teresa Quilting Group continue to remain active. Recently they donated 20 bed size quilts to

Innisfree/Lisaard Hospices ...hoping they brighten up some of the patients' last days.

Cursillo Men's Weekend

Oct. 26 – Oct. 29 at Kottongnae

Please contact Deacon TJ for more information

Stewardship Report – October 15, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 2058.15
Building Fund – In Mem. – L. O'Donnell	\$ 20.00
In Memory – Helen Bastian	\$ 40.00
Votive Candles	\$ 49.05
Calendar Fundraising	\$ 7030.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 15.00

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.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Christmas Bazaar is back! Join us on **Saturday, November 11th** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and enjoy some baking, pies, crafts, raffles, treasures and famous Hungarian Crepes!

The Church is located at 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener. We hope to see you there!



DIocese of HAMILTON

DID YOU KNOW...

Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We are in **desperate need of more volunteers** to support the demand of enrollment for the 2023-2024 pastoral year. If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com for training and more information. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>

WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

“Do you suppose that because we cannot hear God that God is silent? God speaks clearly to the heart when we beg God from our hearts to do so.”
– *St. Teresa of Avila*

“Remember the sufferings of Christ and the crown that came from those sufferings which gave new radiance to the faith. The whole company of saints bears witness to the unflinching truth that without real effort no one wins the crown.”
– *St. Thomas Beckett*

“It is no little wisdom for you to keep yourself in silence and in good peace when evil words are spoken to you, and to turn your heart to God and not to be troubled with the judgment of others.”
– *Thomas à Kempis*

“God’s love for us is not greater in heaven than it is now.”
– *St. Thomas Aquinas*