

# 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.



### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel, read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick Him into saying something that might get Him arrested.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: **love God and love your neighbour**. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from His Jewish community. Indeed, these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to His questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour. **Loving God means not subtracting something from any one in order to give it to God**. The pagan gods were the ones who had created people to be served by them through offerings, sacrifices, and prostrations. **The God of Jesus has never asked anything for Himself**. He puts Himself at the service of people, even to bending down to wash his feet and asks us to do the same.

### Vocations

#### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct. 29, 2023

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind.” Live in that love in the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life. Contact:

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

#### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

October 30 – Rev. Vinko Nenadić  
October 31 – Catholic Teachers  
November 1 – **Feast of all Saints**  
November 2 – **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**  
November 3 – Rev. Louis DeVaugelas, L.C.  
November 4 – Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.  
November 5 – **Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**



### Daylight Saving Time Ends

**Sunday, November 5, 2023 - 2:00 a.m.**  
Remember to turn your clocks back **one** hour before retiring for the evening, on Saturday.

### Mass Intentions

October 30, 2023 – November 5, 2023

Tuesday, October 31, 2023 – **7:00 p.m.**

+ **Margaret Hennebry** – *Chris Hennebry & Family*

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

**Solemnity of All Saints**

**Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

Thursday, November 2, 2023 – **7:00 p.m.**

**The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)**

**All Souls' Day Intentions**

Friday, November 3, 2023 – **7:00 p.m.**

+ **Dodie Bronson** – *Helene Meier*

Saturday, November 4, 2023 – **Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

**9:00 a.m.** – + **Robert (Bob) Crane** – *Marilyn & Joe Reid*

**5:00 p.m.** – + **Daniel Burjoski Sr.** – *The Family*

Sunday, November 5, 2023 – **10:00 a.m.**

**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A** –  
**Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Vacation Coverage** – This weekend, October 28/29 while Father Stefano is away, we welcome Father George Nowak, C.R. We are very grateful to Father Nowak for his assistance!

### FIRST FRIDAY MASS

November 3, 2023

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.

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

**Sunday Children's Liturgy** – 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.

**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.

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.

**Christmas Schedule**  
**St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Kitchener**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 Saturday, December 23, 2023 – Mass at 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, December 24, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

**Christmas Eve**  
 Sunday, December 24, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day**  
 Monday, December 25, 2023– 10:00 a.m.

**Octave of Christmas** – Weekday Schedule

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
 Saturday, December 30, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, December 31, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

**Mary, The Holy Mother of God**  
 (Holy Day of Obligation)  
 Sunday, December 31, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.  
 Monday, January 1, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

**Epiphany of the Lord**  
 Saturday, January 6, 2024 – Mass at 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, January 7, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.



**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.

**In Memoriam**



*We mourn those who have died and gone before us:*

+ Helen Bastian

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...*



**Help Wanted:** Tues., Nov. 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.

**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.

**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!*

**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.

**Stewardship Report – October 22, 2023**

Sunday Offerings .....	\$ 2086.10
Flowers .....	\$ 20.00
Votive Candles .....	\$ 22.35
Calendar Fundraising .....	\$ 250.00
World Mission Sunday .....	\$ 215.00

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

**Concert by Heart Cry Ensemble:** Heart Cry Ensemble is a local seventeen voice ensemble that seeks to preserve sacred choral music and encourage other believers. They will be sharing their program, “And Send Thee Help: Themes from Psalm 20”, at **St. Agatha Parish** (1839 Notre Dame Drive, St. Agatha, ON) at **3 p.m. on November 5, 2023**. Free Admission. Everyone welcome!

**St. Agnes Education Cafe** – The experience of suffering may have us wrestling with common questions: Why would God allow suffering? Does He hear my plea for help? Once again, these “storms” in life invite us into that place of “trust” where sometimes God allows a suffering to bring about a good that we cannot see. **Attend the next St. Agnes Education Cafe event: “The Struggle to Find Meaning in Suffering”** with guest speaker Fr. Chris Tracey. **Sunday, November 12th, 2:00 p.m. at St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo.**

**WISDOM OF THE SAINTS**

“O God, let me know you and love you so that I may find my joy in you.”  
 – *St. Anselm*

“He is the way, the truth and the life, that is, the bridge that leads you to the height of heaven.”

– *St. Catherine of Siena*