

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

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Elizabeth Heydel- Quintanilla –
519-590-5348

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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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent. As a final attempt, he sends his son, but the workers in the vineyard hunt him out and kill him. They are convinced of being able to be masters of the field that has been entrusted to them.

All the details of the Gospel story have a symbolic meaning. The master is the Lord who has lavished so much care and expressed an immense love for His people (v. 33). The hedge is the Torah, the law that God has revealed to His people, to protect it from enemies, that is, from the proposals of senseless life that would lead it to ruin. The tenants are the chiefs, religious and political leaders, whose task is to place the people in ideal conditions to produce the fruits that the owner expects. The fruits are the works of love for the neighbor and social justice. The two groups of envoys are the prophets who, before and after the exile, were sent, always more numerous, to warn Israel to be faithful to the covenant. The time of harvest is the time of God's judgment that—this must be kept in mind—should not be understood as the “day of reckoning,” but as an intervention of salvation.

The end result of the intervention of the master is the delivery of the vineyard to other workers who will make it produce fruits. This is not about the master's annoyed reaction, but his gesture of love and salvation. Not even the rejection and murder of his son can make him an enemy of humanity. The happy news which concludes the Gospel (v. 43) is that, despite all the refusals of people, in the end, God always finds the way to achieve His purpose and to obtain the good fruit He wants.

In Jesus' parable, He is addressing the chief priests and the elders of the people, in other words the “experts”, the managers. To them in a particular way God entrusted His “dream”, His people, for them to nurture, tend and protect from the animals of the field. This is the job of leaders: **to nurture the vineyard with freedom, creativity and hard work.**

Pope Francis

Mass Intentions

October 9, 2023 – October 15, 2023

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Living and deceased members of the CWL – CWL

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

+ **Frank & + Rose Lehmann** – *Lehmann Family*

Thursday, October 12, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Blessings received and intentions of Josip Fabina – *Josip Fabina*

Friday, October 13, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

+ **Edwin Enriquez** – *Magie & Marlowe*

Saturday, October 14, 2023 –

9:00 a.m. – + **Doris Sonnemann** – *Lamers Family*

5:00 p.m. – + **Ludwig Ceh** – *Theresa Ceh & Family*

Sunday, October 15, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

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

Vocations

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct. 8, 2023

Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, religious, 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 9 – Rev. Timothy Higgins

October 10 – Rev. Christopher Tracey

October 11 – Chaplains

October 12 – Rev. Brendan McGrath

October 13 – Rev. Jason Kuntz

October 14 – Rev. Grayson Hope

October 15 – **Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Teresa School – Thanksgiving Mass and Feast of St. Teresa – We would like to invite all parishioners to join the St. Teresa School Community for the celebration of Mass, this Tuesday, October 10th at 11 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.

In Memoriam

We mourn those who have died and gone before us:

+ Helen Deckert

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...



Parish Feast Day – Coffee Sunday

Please join us for Coffee Sunday, next Sunday, October 15th following the 10 a.m. Mass, in the Parish Hall. Time spent with friends and neighbours is the best part of Coffee Sundays and a great way to celebrate our parish community, on this special day!

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.

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.

2024 Calendars – 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. Please call the parish office if you would like to participate.

Sick Parishioners – If you are sick and would like a visit from Father or receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office.

WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

“Every one of us has been called by the Lord. The important thing is to know how to answer his call.”

– St. John XXIII

“When it is in your power to do good, do not hold back!”

– St. Polycarp

Stewardship Report – October 1, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 3598.40
Building Fund	\$ 570.00
Building Fund – In Mem – Helen Deckert	\$ 50.00
Votive Candles	\$ 25.80
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 160.00
Flowers	\$ 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.

Donations to the Parish

A couple of weeks ago there was an insert in the bulletin entitled “What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?” and parishioners were made aware of our present financial situation. St. Teresa of Avila Parish needs a generosity of heart from our parishioners and ask that you prayerfully consider your donations to the parish.

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.

Act II (Separated / Divorced Support Group) - St. Michael Parish, Waterloo - Has your marriage ended? Are you in need of support to adjust to your new life? Act II is an informal support group for those who are experiencing separation, or divorce. With the support of others, you can begin to heal the emotional, social and spiritual devastation of divorce. Join us on the **3rd Tuesday of every month following 7:00 p.m. Mass (7:30 - 8:30 p.m.) St. Michael Parish Resource Centre/Library (basement)**. Relax, experience support, make new acquaintances and see a glimmer of hope for a healthy and satisfying life. You are not alone. There is no fee. Join when you can. Bring a friend.

<https://www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced>



DIocese of HAMILTON

Men’s Discernment Group – If you would like to explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic priest, please join me, Father Mark Morley, and other men who are discerning their vocation, by attending our diocesan Men’s Discernment Group. Our first meeting will be held on Friday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael Church, 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo. We will gather in the hall. Please use the side doors at the front of the church. If you would like to attend, or have any questions, please contact me:

[http://]**<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>**