

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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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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519-590-5348

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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

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.



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this week's Gospel (Mt 25:1-13), Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus wants His disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted.

Fifty years later, when Matthew writes his Gospel, the historical, cultural and religious contexts have changed. Christian communities have arisen in the pagan world. The problems faced by the disciples are different. In the new situation, one feels more than ever the need of the illuminating word of the Master. **Matthew rewrites the parable to remind those people who let their torch go unlit. It is to shake those who let their own faith be reduced to a smoldering wick.** The scene is that of God's judgment, the colours are dark, the language is hard, but it's the situation that calls for it. There is also an added exhortation of Jesus which He has certainly delivered on another occasion: "So stay awake, for you do not know the day nor the hour" (v. 13), but the evangelist considers it appropriate to place it in this context. **The vigilant virgins are Christians who do not let themselves be seduced by vanity and remain focused on what is important in life.**

The parable is re-proposed to Christians today, to help them discover and recognize the "foolish virgin" that is in each of them. Often it is she who—without their noticing her—takes them by the hand, advises them, guides them, gives suggestions and orients them toward foolish choices. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes.

The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive Him? **Jesus is not coming only at the end of our life. He comes in every moment and wants to find His disciples engaged in service, in the gift of themselves to their brothers and sisters.** In their room, the lamp should always be on, as a point of reference and reminder of hope for the poor seeking help, for the outcast and the stranger who invoke love and justice, for the woman who demands respect, for those who are victims of violence and are longing for peace, for those who did wrong and need understanding and forgiveness.

READ: Those who ardently desire wisdom will not be disappointed. Similarly, those who trust in the promise of the Resurrection will not be disappointed either. Jesus gives the parable of the ten bridesmaids who waited for the arrival of the groom. **REFLECT:** Many people start enthusiastically along the Lord's path; but the seeming delay in the fulfillment of God's promise disappoints them. Their oil of faith runs out and they haven't carried with them extra reserves, and they drop out, only to realize to their regret that God does fulfill the Covenant. Who are we like: the five wise bridesmaids with reserves of faith or the other five not-so-wise ones? **PRAY:** Pray for perseverance in faith and mission. **ACT:** Reach out and comfort someone who feels discouraged by the seeming delay in God's healing intervention in his/her life.

Mass Intentions

November 13, 2023 – November 19, 2023

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Living and deceased members of the CWL – CWL

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

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

Thursday, November 16, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

+ **Mary Wawryk**

Friday, November 17, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

+ **Lenny & Charlie Hoffarth** – *Ann Snyder & Family*

Saturday, November 18, 2023 –

9:00 a.m. – Blessings received and intentions of Josip

Fabina – *Josip Fabina*

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

Sunday, November 19, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

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

Vocations

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nov. 12, 2023

"Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Listen with your heart as well as with your ears for then you may accept the call to serve in the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact:

Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations

905-528-7988; vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

November 13 – Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.

November 14 – Permanent Deacon Candidates

November 15 – Deceased Members of our Parish Community

November 16 – Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony

November 17 – *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

November 18 – Rev. Michael Isabelle

November 19 – **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(*World Day of the Poor*)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Children's Liturgy – This is a continuation of the liturgy for children in Grades 1-4. The children will continue in prayer with the Liturgy of the Word geared to their age level and led by parish volunteers. This is not meant as a catechesis program nor a babysitting service. Please watch the bulletin and listen to the parish announcements for further updates on what Sundays the Children's Liturgy will take place. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the Children's Liturgy, please contact the parish office.

First Holy Communion and Reconciliation – The first parent meeting will take place this Tuesday, **November 14, 2023 at 7 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. This meeting is for parents only.

Mark Your Calendars!

December 14, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Hall
Sister Eileen Schuller, O.S.U.
Advent Education

We hope you will join us on December 14th at 7:00 p.m., in the parish hall, as we welcome Sister Eileen Schuller, who will speak to us on the psalms and Advent. Sister Eileen is a member of the Ursuline Sisters of Chatham and a retired professor of McMaster University where she taught in the Department of Religious Studies from 1990–2016. Previously, she also taught at Atlantic School of Theology (Halifax) and Newman Theological College (Edmonton). Her research and writing are in Biblical Studies, the Dead Sea Scrolls and Judaism at the time of Jesus. Her work was particularly on the psalms, hymns and prayers, and women in early Judaism and Christianity. We hope you will join us as Sister shares her wealth of knowledge with us!

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.

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 are on the table at the back of the church. The charge is \$5 and we ask that you please bring the exact change.

WYD 2023 – Lisbon, Portugal - Presentation

Please join us on **Sunday, November 19th** after the 10 a.m. Mass as Angelina, Jeannine and Robert share with us their experiences at World Youth Day this past summer. They will put together a slide-show presentation of the pictures they took and will talk about their experiences and the impact that this trip has had on their spiritual journey. **Thank you again to our parishioners for their support and generosity!**



Help Wanted – Saturday, **November 25th**. Cleanup of the Parish grounds and flowerbeds before winter sets in. If there is a good response, we will set-up some of the Christmas decorations. Bring your clippers and tools that might be required for this project. We will start at 9:30 a.m. after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Contact Bill at 519-578-2019 for more information.

Custodian

St. Teresa of Avila Parish, in Kitchener, requires a part-time Custodian (18 hours per week). Reporting to the Parish Pastor, this position offers a competitive rate of pay and requires a commitment to work flexible hours. Please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/job-opportunities.php> for more details. We thank all candidates for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



CWL Membership

The 2024 CWL membership fee is \$35. Please put your membership money/cheque in the envelope that is in your Sunday Offering box. Make sure your name is on the envelope and put it in the weekend collection. Your email address would also be helpful if you have one. Memberships paid before November 29th will be in a draw for a free membership. If you have questions phone 519-578-2019 or email stteresacwl@gmail.com.

Catholic Women's League Christmas Potluck

CWL Christmas Potluck on Wednesday, November 29th at 5:30 p.m. Bring your favourite food, husband, children, grandchildren and friends. All are welcome. Entertainment by Sue Weber Bell.

We NEED volunteers to help with setup and decorating earlier that day. Please call 519-578-2019 or email stteresacwl@gmail.com.

Stewardship Report – November 5, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 2478.00
Building Fund	\$ 65.00
In Memory – Helen Bastian	\$ 355.00
Votive Candles	\$ 25.00
Calendar Fundraising	\$ 250.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 110.00
All Souls' Day	\$ 255.00
Flowers	\$ 10.00
Donation for Hosts.....	\$ 40.00

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



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INTERPRETERS NEEDED

Do you speak Arabic (Modern Standard Arabic or Colloquial (*Ammiya*) Arabic of Iraq), Blin (Bilen), Cantonese, Croatian, Hausa, Igbo, Korean, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Thai, Tigre, Tigrinya, Vietnamese, Yoruba, or Zulu? Our diocesan marriage tribunal needs your help. In some marriage annulment cases, witnesses prefer to speak these languages when they give their formal testimony. Would you like to serve as an interpreter? To find out more, please contact Mrs. Lori Lewis at tribunal@hamiltondiocese.com. Thank you.