

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
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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

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week's Gospel (Mt 25:14-30) speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return. **Jesus did not intend to give a moral lesson on honesty and how to invest the money, but rather on the commitment in putting to good use the treasures that belong to everyone.**

The master entrusts his possessions to the most trusted servants. He knows their abilities, attitudes, competences, and according to these, he establishes how much to assign to each. **This gentleman is clearly Christ who, before leaving the world, handed over all His goods to His disciples.** The master gives no indication on how to manage the talents, giving a sign of full confidence in the intelligence, insight, prudence of his servants and respect for their freedom. We define what these goods are. **This is what Jesus has given to His Church: the Gospel, the message of salvation intended to transform the world and create a new humanity; His Spirit "who renews the face of the earth" (Ps 104:30), even Himself in the sacraments; and then His power to heal, to comfort, to forgive, and to reconcile with God.**

This parable teaches that God's judgement will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. **Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others.** If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgement on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities. The central message of the parable is in the master's rebuke of the slothful servant: **the only unacceptable attitude is the disengagement; it is the fear of risk.** Even to the first two, perhaps not all the economic transactions went well. However, he is condemned because he let himself be blocked by fear.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

Mass Intentions

November 20, 2023 – November 26, 2023

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Group Intentions Mass

+ **Patrick Herve Fokam** – Anny Taka & Fokam Children

+ **Marianne Lamers** – Lamers Family

+ **Willard Montag** – Justin & Jane Richard

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

+ **Maria Forthuber** – Helene Meier

Thursday, November 23, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Healing for Mike Lefevre – Ken & Betty

Friday, November 24, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Memorial of Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

+ **Inge Wessels** – Helene Meier

Saturday, November 25, 2023 –

9:00 a.m. – + **Delmar Ferreira** – Citelia Ferreira

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

Sunday, November 26, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year A – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.

Vocations

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nov. 19, 2023

What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life, contact:

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

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

November 20 – Catholic Youth

November 21 – **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

November 22 – Deceased Consecrated Brothers and Sisters

November 23 – Rev. Felix Nwatu

November 24 – Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan

November 25 – Rev. Robert Bulbrook

November 26 – **Feast of Christ the King**

(World Day of Youth)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Children's Liturgy – This is a continuation of the liturgy for children in Grades 1-4, celebrated at the 10 a.m. Mass on Sundays. 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. The schedule for the remainder of November and for December is as follows: **Nov. 26, 2023; Dec. 3, 2023; Dec. 10, 2023 and Dec. 17, 2023.**

If you would like to volunteer to assist with the Children's Liturgy, please contact the parish office.

Mark Your Calendars!

December 14, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Hall

Sister Eileen Schuller, O.S.U.

Advent Education

On December 14th at 7:00 p.m., in the parish hall, we welcome Sister Eileen Schuller, who will speak to us on the psalms and Advent.

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. 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.

Custodian

St. Teresa of Avila Parish, in Kitchener, requires a part-time Custodian (12 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.

Parish Secretary

St. Teresa of Avila Parish, in Kitchener is looking for a Secretary (25 hours per week) for the church office. Reporting to the Parish Priest, this position offers a competitive rate of pay and benefits package. 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.

Flower Donations – Flower donation envelopes are at the back of the church. Any donation towards the cost of the flowers in the sanctuary would be greatly appreciated!! Thank you.



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.



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.

St. Teresa School – Angel Tree Campaign

St. Teresa has a rich history of supporting our students and their families as well as supporting those in need in our community and we are asking for your help. Our Social Justice Club has taken on efforts to support our families who may need a “hand-up” this holiday season through our Angel Tree Campaign. We feel strongly that each student deserves to have a joyful holiday, and we know that this is a challenging time for so many in our communities. The Angel Tree will help to support our Tiger families by collecting unwrapped toys and gifts for children ages: 0-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-14 and gift cards. Any questions, please contact the school 519-743-2131. Thank you in advance for your support.

Stewardship Report – November 12, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1442.10
Building Fund – In Mem – Laverne O'Donnell ...	\$ 140.00
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Sacramentary, candles, hosts, altar wine	\$ 500.00
Votive Candles	\$ 37.65
Calendar Fundraising	\$ 550.00
Flowers	\$ 20.00

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