

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: Claire Rouleau

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Custodian: Sungmin (Joseph) Boo

Baptism Preparation Team:

CWL President:

Lector Co-ordinator: Claire Rouleau

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Herb Altman – 519-893-4793
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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.



The Epiphany of the Lord

We celebrate today the second of four great manifestations of God in our midst. The word ‘epiphany’ comes from Greek and it means a ‘showing’ or ‘manifestation’. We call today’s feast the Epiphany of our Lord. The first of these four manifestations we already celebrated on December 25, when God revealed, manifested Himself to us in the form of a helpless, newly-born infant. He is presented as born homeless and in poverty and surrounded by the poor and outcasts (that is what the shepherds represented).

In today’s feast, we see the same recently born baby in similar circumstances but the material and social surroundings are hardly touched on. The emphasis here, as we shall see, is different. Here are strangers, foreigners, total outsiders coming to give royal homage to this tiny child. Who were these “wise men” and where did they come from? In the Greek text they are called magoi, which is usually rendered in English as “Magi”. We are not told what their names were or how many of them there were. Tradition settled on three, presumably because there were three kinds of gifts. And they were also given names – Caspar, Balthasar, and Melchior. We are told, too, that they came “from the east”. This could be Persia, East Syria or Arabia – or indeed any distant place. **We might ask ourselves, what are the stars in my life?** The wise men saw the star and followed it. The people in Jerusalem did not. How and to what is God calling me at this time? **Where does He want me to find Him, to serve and follow Him?**

Mass Intentions January 8, 2024 – January 14, 2024

Monday, January 8, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**

The Baptism of the Lord

Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**

+ **Helen Bastian** – *Catholic Women’s League*

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Delmar Ferreira** – *Citelia Ferreira*

Thursday, January 11, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**

Living and Deceased Members of CWL – *Catholic Women’s League*

Friday, January 12, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**

Souls in Purgatory – *Magie*

Saturday, January 13, 2024 –

9:00 a.m. – + **Bob Crane** – *Catholic Women’s League*

5:00 p.m. – **Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

Sunday, January 14, 2024 –

10:00 a.m. – **Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.**

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

January 8 – **The Baptism of the Lord**

January 9 – Rev. David Reilander

January 10 – Sisters of St. John the Baptist (C.S.J.B.)

January 11 – Rev. Franjo Sprajo

January 12 – Rev. Matthew Durham

January 13 – Rev. Aurimas Paulius Rudinskas

January 14 – **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Vocations

Epiphany - January 7, 2024

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church.

If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Mark Morley**, Director of Vocations at 905-528-7988; vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Sunday

Join our fellow parishioners and friends for refreshments and treats after the 10 a.m. Mass next **Sunday, January 14th**. Start the New Year by meeting and making a new friend in the parish.

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!!

Parish Calendars

Parish Calendars are still available for purchase. They are \$15 each and can be purchased through the parish office.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist

Our parish in need of volunteer Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Stephano.

WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

“Let us live in such a way as not to be afraid to die.”

– *St. Teresa of Avila*

“If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes.”

– *St. Clement of Alexandria*

**Stewardship Report
December 17, 2023**

Sunday Offerings	\$ 2,298.95
Votive Candles	\$ 12.70
Flowers	\$ 32.60
Christmas Cards & Calendars	\$ 390.00
Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Christmas	\$ 540.00

December 24, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$4,198.75
Votive Candles	\$ 31.65
Flowers	\$ 226.00
Christmas Cards	\$1,055.00
Maintenance	\$ 100.00
Hall Rental	\$ 600.00

**December 25, 2023
(Christmas)**

Christmas	\$ 966.75
Collection.....	\$1,940.00
Maintenance	\$ 20.00

December 31, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 892.15
Flowers	\$ 113.00
Calendars	\$ 45.00
Christmas	\$ 230.00
Maintenance	\$ 770.00
Special Donation	\$5,000.00

CWL Membership

Catholic Women's League Membership dues - Membership is \$35 for 2024. We would like to send our dues to National by the end of January. Please put your membership (cash or cheque) in an envelope marked CWL with your name, phone number and if possible, email address. Put it in the collection at Weekend Mass or drop it off at the rectory. All women 16 years and older are invited to join the League.

St. Teresa's is hoping to rejuvenate the League after a year off. Several positions, including president, need to be filled. We hope to have a brainstorming meeting in the near future. Watch the bulletin for details.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is an organization that contributes to the life and vitality of the church, family and community. While your presence at meetings is important, we realize that in this busy world it may not always be possible for you to attend. Be assured that your interest and support is as important as your attendance!

The following sites are very informative: Catholic Women's League in the Hamilton Diocese, cwl.ca and CWL.on.ca.

**33 Days to Morning Glory - Marian Consecration
St. Louis Parish, Waterloo**

Are you ready to learn the quickest, surest, and easiest way to holiness? Want to start the New Year in a way that will transform your life? On January 24th begins a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. For six weeks, we'll individually read about and reflect on four great Marian giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and Blessed John Paul II. They'll teach us the secrets to drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary. In our weekly meetings, (Tuesday mornings after the 9 AM Mass - from 9:30 - 10:30 AM at St. Louis Church Hall, 53 Allen Street East in Waterloo) we'll share our insights within our small group and then watch a short video by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. These videos will bring our individual reflections and group experience into a clear and live-able focus. The proposed date for the Marian Consecration will be March 25th - Feast of the Annunciation. If you already consecrated yourself to Mary, this might be a great refresher retreat for you. For more info. and to order your copy of the book (\$25) contact St. Louis parish office at 519-743-4101 or stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com .

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

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.