

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday occurs on the Sunday after easter. On this day, all sins would be forgiven for those go to sacramental confessions.

Origin

The Feast of Divine Mercy was recorded in the diary of St. Faustina granting the biggest promise of Grace from the Devotion of Divine Mercy. On this day, all who receive communion may obtain total forgiveness of all sins, meaning that the person would go directly to heaven without suffering in purgatory. Plenary indulgences are granted by the catholic church by reciting certain simple prayers.

Saint Faustina Kowalska was a polish nun who received visitations and visions of Jesus, where he asked specifically for a feast of Divine Mercy to be founded the Sunday after easter. She wrote about her vision of the feast of Divine Mercy being attended by innumerable participants and the pope in 1937. The first Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday was held on March 23, 1937. Saint Faustina was canonized on April 30, 2000, by Pope John Paul II on the Sunday after easter of that year and became an official catholic holiday. Both Faustina Kowalska and her confessor Father Micheal Sopocko attended the Mass.

Celebration

Those confessing will go to church on this day and partake in the usual practices as well as faithfully detaching themselves from their sins. Confession will also be made either on this day or several days before. In cases where worshippers cannot make it to church, such as in times of illness, confessions can be made at home in front a rendition of the Divine Mercy Image of Jesus. This is mainly a Catholic celebration, although some Anglicans partake as well.

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

- April 8 – **The Annunciation of the Lord**
- April 9 – Rev. Allen Varlaki
- April 10 – Permanent Deacons
- April 11 – Rev. Rajesh D’Souza, O.C.D.
- April 12 – Rev. Jerzy Tomon
- April 13 – Parents & Guardians
- April 14 – **Third Sunday of Easter**

Vocations

Second Sunday of Easter - April 7, 2024

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or deacon. Call:

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

**Mass Intentions
April 8, 2024 – April 14, 2024**

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**
Living and Deceased Members of CWL

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
The Souls in Purgatory – Bill Barrett

Thursday, April 11, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ Paul (Sung-Chul) Lee – CWL

Friday, April 12, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**
Doloris Sienna, for the celebration of her 90th birthday – CWL

Saturday, April 13, 2024 –
9:00 a.m. – + Amaro Rodrigues – Rodrigues Family
5:00 p.m. – + Leona & Sheldon Grobe – Peter Grobe

Sunday, April 14, 2024 – **10:00 a.m.**
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

For those who wish to plan First Communion for public school students, please contact the parish office to schedule the First Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Stefano Lee.

Coffee Sunday – April 14th

Coffee Sunday will take place on Sunday, April 14th after the 10 a.m. Mass. Please join us and meet fellow parishioners, old and new!

Office Hours – April 8th

The parish office will be closing early as per the Diocese of Hamilton’s direction at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8th, 2024 due to the solar eclipse. Normal office hours will resume Tuesday, April 9th.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you to Father Stefano and parishioners for giving me the Diocesan Medal of Honour. It is very humbling. There are many others in St. Teresa Parish who deserve special recognition. Thank you and may God bless St. Teresa Parish. – Bill Zister

School Bible Celebration

The Grade 4 Bible Celebration will take place on Thursday, April 11th, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in the church. Parishioners are welcome to join.

First Communion Interviews with Families

First Communion interviews with First Communion students and their families will take place in April and May. A letter to parents will be sent out shortly with more details. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

Confirmation – May 15th, 2024

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Teresa of Avila Parish on May 15th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Very Reverend Monsignor Murry Kreotsch, Vicar General of the Diocese of Hamilton will preside at the celebration. Prior to Confirmation, **there will a retreat and rehearsal on May 8th, 2024** in the church of St. Teresa of Avila at 7:00 PM. It is necessary to attend these events before Confirmation. For any questions, please contact the parish office.

Liturgical Flower Arrangement Team

We are looking for volumeters who would love to worship God with liturgical flower decoration. If you are interested in liturgical flower decoration in the church, please contact the parish office or Fr. Stefano Lee.

St. Teresa Prayer Shawl Ministry

St. Teresa’s prayer shawl ministry has been active for almost 15 years. The pastor-blessed prayer shawls made by a group of women who knitted and crocheted the prayer shawls. We pray for the person who will receive the prayer shawl as we make the shawls at home and at a monthly meeting where we prayed the rosary and socialized. We give prayer shawls to anyone who might want one, to shut-ins we visit, to those who are sick. If you know anyone who would like a prayer shawl, please contact us at (519) 578-2019 and leave a message. We also give a prayer blanket when a baby is baptised.

Stewardship Report – March 31st, 2024

Sunday Offerings	\$1,983.00
Votives.....	\$ 27.55
Flowers.....	\$ 185.85
Building Fund.....	\$ 545.00
Easter.....	\$2,208.00
Good Friday.....	\$ 846.80

DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 Clergy Appointments

The 2024 clergy pastoral appointments have been published by the Hamilton Diocese. Please see the bulletin board at the back of the church for the list.

Ministers of the Word

Ministers of the Word will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2024, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON. 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Hamilton Diocese Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton

on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at 1:30 PM. Please see the Hamilton Diocese website for details and to register. You will also be able to register at the parish.

Confirmation Preparation Workshops 2024

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is happy to offer a new Confirmation Preparation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton. We invite all those involved in Sacramental Preparation to take part in this new formation workshop in the early spring with dates available in multiple locations of the Diocese. To learn more about these offerings, register here: <https://bit.ly/ConfirmationPrep2024>

We are most appreciative of your ongoing prayerful and financial support for our parish, St. Teresa of Avila.

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.

Wisdom of the Saints

“The cross of Christ is the true ground and chief cause of Christian hope.”

-- St. Leo the Great

“Jesus Christ is all my riches; he alone is sufficient for me.”

-- St. Louse of Toulouse

**Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention
April 2024**

Please join Pope Francis in praying for the role of women during the month of April.