

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reports two stories of healing. One story tells us about a father's great love for his dying daughter. The other story tells us about a desperate woman who risks much as she seeks healing from Jesus. In each story, the request for healing is itself a courageous act of faith, and yet very different circumstances are represented by the lives of each suffering person.

Jairus is described as a synagogue official, a man of considerable standing in the Jewish community. Distraught over his daughter's poor health, he approaches Jesus and asks him to heal her. Although Mark doesn't provide many details, we can imagine that his daughter has been ill for some time and that her condition is deteriorating.

As Jesus leaves with Jairus, Mark describes a second person who seeks healing from Jesus, a woman with a hemorrhage. This woman secretly touches Jesus from behind and is immediately cured. In response, Jesus turns and asks who touched him. Jesus' disciples, always a little clueless in Mark's Gospel, help us envision the scene. The crowds are pushing in on Jesus, and yet he, knowing that power has gone out of him, asks who touched him. The woman could have remained anonymous, yet at Jesus' question she steps forward and acknowledges what she has done. Jesus responds by acknowledging her as a model of faith and sends her away in peace.

At this point, we can imagine Jairus's impatience with Jesus; his daughter is dying and Jesus hasn't helped him yet. As if to build a sense of urgency, messengers suddenly arrive and confirm Jairus's worst fear: his daughter has died. Jesus curiously ignores their message and reassures Jairus. When they arrive at Jairus's home, they find family and friends mourning the girl's death. Jesus enters the room of the dead girl, takes her by the hand, and instructs her to arise. Jairus's faith in Jesus has not been in vain; his daughter is restored to life.

The Gospel concludes with Jesus' instructions to remain silent about this miracle. This is typical of Mark's Gospel and is sometimes referred to as the messianic secret. Repeatedly, those who witness Jesus' power and authority are instructed to not speak of what they have witnessed. These instructions appear impossible to obey, and it is difficult to understand the purpose of these instructions. But in each case, they seem to emphasize the fact that each individual,

including the reader of Mark's Gospel, must, in the end, make his or her own judgment about Jesus' identity. Each individual must make his or her own act of faith in affirming Jesus as God's Son.

Mass Intentions
July 1, 2024 – July 7, 2024

Tuesday, July 2, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**
Wednesday, July 3, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
Intentions of Fr. Brian Quigley – Bill Barrett

Thursday, July 4, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ Bruce Lang – Catholic Women's League

Friday, July 5, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ Odessa Barrett – Bill Barrett

Saturday, July 6, 2024
5:00 p.m. – + Daniel Gatchene – Shirley Gatchene

Sunday, July 7 2024 – **10:00 a.m.**
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

July 1 – Rev. Gregory Merkley
Canada Day

July 2 – Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki

July 3 – Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne (s.s.a.)

July 4 – Rev. Andrew Quarshie

July 5 – Rev. Ross Campbell

July 6 – Single Catholics

July 7 – **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Stewardship Report – June 23rd, 2024

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,313.40
Votives.....	\$ 10.00
Flowers.....	\$ 40.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 60.00
Special Donation.....	\$ 50.00

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, E-Transfer, and CanadaHelps.

Why should I enroll in Pre-Authorized giving? Advantages for you:

- the convenience of having your contribution automatically contributed to the parish.
- knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away;

Advantages to the Parish:

- regular, dependable contributions to the Parish;
- Reduction of paperwork;

- The ability to more effectively plan parish programs and activities.

If you require any further information, please contact the parish office.

Parish Announcements

Baptism

On Sunday, June 23rd at 10:00 a.m., through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed:

Jordan Joseph Bruckman-Vieira,

son of

Kyle Vieira and Chantelle Bruckman

Congratulations on your Baptism, Jordan Joseph!

Canada Day Office Hours

On July 1st, the parish office will be closed for Canada Day. Normal office hours will resume on July 2nd.

Notice: First Friday Mass Time

During the summer months, the First Friday Mass will take place in the morning at 8:30 a.m. The regular First Friday Mass schedule will resume in September 2024.

Notice: Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy will pause for the summer until the third Sunday of September 2024. We look forward to seeing our children's liturgy participants after the summer break!

Parish Choir Team

We are looking for volunteers to join our Parish Choir team. If you have a love for music, can play the guitar, play the piano, and wish to participate in your parish community, please contact the parish office.

Sanctuary Cleaning Team

We are looking for volunteers to join our Sanctuary Cleaning team. Teams are made in pairs, and cleaning takes place on Fridays. To join, please contact the parish office or enter your name on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer. Please let us know which dates you are available.

Wisdom of the Saints

“For in truth, no one is really timid and weak who knowingly leans upon the assistance of God.”

-- St. Francis Xavier

“A blessed life may be defined as consisting simply and solely in the possession of goodness and truth.”

-- St. Ambrose of Milan

New Parish Photo Directory – Join Us in Creating a Lasting Memory at St. Teresa of Avila!

Sign Up Today!

You can sign up for your photo session by contacting the parish office or at the sign-up table in the narthex of the church before and after Mass on weekends. Don't miss this opportunity to be included in our parish family album.

Dates to Remember

Photographers will be available on the following dates:

- July 5th from 2:30 PM to 8:30 PM
- July 6th from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Thank you for your participation and support. Let's come together to make the St. Teresa of Avila photo directory a beautiful reflection of our vibrant parish community!

Diocese Announcements

Young Adults Night - Saturday, July 6th – Hamilton

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), talk/tour in the church (7:30pm-7:45pm), social with food (7:45pm-8:15pm), praise night (8:15pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, July 6th at St. Catherine of Siena Church (620 Rymal Road East, Hamilton, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Dr. H. Patrick and Mrs. Gayle E. Cunningham Medical Scholarship

Through the generosity of a benefactor in the diocese, this scholarship has been established and will be accepting applications for 2024. The purpose of this scholarship is to award Catholics, faithful to the teachings of the Church, the opportunity to pursue medical education. Please see the information posted in the narthex on the glass doors and bulletin board for more information.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention
July 2024

Please join Pope Francis in praying for the pastoral care of the sick during the month of July.