

First Communion Quick Facts

“First Holy Communion. Having become a child of God clothed with the garment, the neophyte is admitted ‘to the marriage supper of the Lamb’ and receives the food of the new life, the body and blood of Christ. The Easter Churches maintain a lively awareness of the unity of Christian initiation by giving Holy Communion to all the newly baptized and confirmed, even little children, recalling the Lord’s words: ‘Let the children come to me, do not hinder them.’ The Latin Church, which reserves admission to Holy Communion to those who have attained the age of reason, expresses the orientation of Baptism to the Eucharist by having the newly baptized child brought to the altar for the praying of the Our Father.” CCC 1244

As always, it’s a lot easier to talk about and plan for something that we know the basics about. Here’s an overview of some things about First Holy Communion.

- 1 of the 7 Sacraments celebrated by Catholics
- First Communion is the 3rd Sacrament received by Catholics, after Baptism and First Reconciliation
- It is given at the “age of reason”, which is age 7. So, for this reason, First Communion class usually aligns with second grade
- Catholics believe in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist
- Communion is a Sacrament every time you receive it, us Catholics just like to make a really big deal out of the first time
- Catholics should be in a state of grace when receiving Communion, which is why the Sacrament of Reconciliation is given to us first
- First Communion could be received as either bread, or both the bread and wine. The wine is not necessary when receiving the Eucharist.
- Children usually wear a white, symbolizing purity. This can be in the form of a dress or suit, although the suits are not always white. Veils are also traditionally worn for the girls, and arm bands for the boys. Clothing traditions can also differ from country to country or even from parish to parish.

Reference: www.catholicicing.com

Mass Intentions
June 10, 2024 – June 16, 2024

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**
Wednesday, June 12, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ **Ludwig Ceh** – *Family*

Thursday, June 13, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ **Irene Johnson** – *Daughter Heather*

Friday, June 14, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ **Robert Paleczny** – *Doris Paleczny*

Saturday, June 15, 2024
9:00 a.m. – **Stephanie Krohn** – *Helene Meier*
5:00 p.m. – **Tom Hennebry** – *Family*

Sunday, June 16, 2024 – **10:00 a.m.**
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

June 10 – Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch
June 11 – Rev. Piotr Jurzyk
June 12 – Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood (R.P.B.)
June 13 – Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis
June 14 – Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.
June 15 – Rev. Patras Samuel Masih
June 16 – **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Father’s Day

Stewardship Report – June 2nd, 2024

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| Sunday Offerings | \$1,688.85 |
| Votives..... | \$ 32.00 |
| Building Fund..... | \$ 160.00 |
| Flowers..... | \$ 50.00 |
| Special Donations..... | \$ 900.00 |

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.

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

Parish Announcements

Movie Night – June 15th, 2024
Join us after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday June 15th for our parish movie night in the parish hall. We will be viewing Babette’s Feast (1988), an Academy Award winning film! Dinner and popcorn will be served. Please stay tuned for more details.

Congratulations First Holy Communion Candidates!

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion students, who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, June 8th and Sunday, June 9th 2024:

Eastyn Black
Maria Garzon
Natalie Hakeem
Harrison Ringwald
Calum Simon
Maya Fletcher
Janis Fokam
Norah Fokam
Salome Mejia
Noah Vokey

St. Teresa Parish 2024 BBQ Fundraiser
Join our parish community on Saturday, June 22nd, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass for hot dogs, burgers, beverages, and more! Please see the posters in the Narthex and at the side entrance bulletin boards for more details.

Notice: Foyer Glass Door Handles
We will be replacing the door handles on the center foyer glass doors during the second week of **June**. Until then, please use caution when using the current door handles, as they can pinch!

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.

Catholic Women's League Mass and Dinner: Save the Date!
Tuesday, June 11th, St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Women's League, Elmira has invited our parish to 5:00 Mass at the Carmelite Monastery and dinner at Kennedys. We will carpool from St. Teresa Kitchener parking lot. Numbers are needed to make dinner registrations. Please call 519-578-2019 or stteresacwl@gmail.com to register.

Found: Gold Ring
A gold filigree signet ring was left in the Lost and Found at the back of the church after the Serra Club meeting on May 30th. Please contact the parish office if you wish to claim it. Please be ready to provide identifying details.

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

We are excited to embark on a special project—a new parish photo directory! This cherished keepsake will capture the spirit and faces of our parish family at this moment in time, and we need your participation to make it a success! It is a wonderful way to celebrate and remember our parish community.

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:
● June 24th - 26th from 2:30 PM to 8:30 PM
● July 5th from 2:30 PM to 8:30 PM
● July 6th from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Call for Committee Volunteers
Many hands make light work, and we need your help! If you are interested in contributing to this historic endeavor, come join the Parish Photo Directory Committee! For more details or to sign up, please contact the parish office or speak with Arinze at 548-333-2015.

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

Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate

Mr. Michael Kuhl
Mr. Camille Johnson
Mr. Richard Olson

Saturday June 15th, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King
Hamilton, Ontario

Wisdom of the Saints

“It is not fitting, when one is in God’s service, to have gloomy face or a chilling look.”
-- St. Frances of Assisi

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention
June 2024

Please join Pope Francis in praying for migrants fleeing their homes during the month of June.