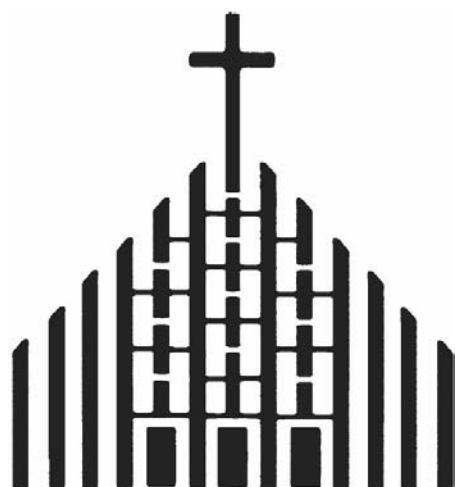




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Parish Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Office Closed

Weekday Liturgy Schedule

Tuesday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. (Adoration @ 6:00)

Thursday & Friday Mornings: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Morning: 9:00 a.m. (excluding August)

Please check inside for schedule changes.

Saturday Liturgy: 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. **Sunday Liturgy:** 10:00 a.m.

Adoration and Mass: First Friday of each month. Adoration at 6:00 p.m.

Mass at 7:00 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME! Please introduce yourself to Father Stefano Lee and complete a registration form located in the pamphlet rack at the church doors.

PARISH RECORDS: Our parish records are very important and we try to keep them as up to date as possible. Please advise the Parish Secretary if you change your address or telephone number.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment. Baptisms will be scheduled for the last Sunday of the month. Please contact the pastor to schedule individual baptisms.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
30 min. before Mass; Sat., 4:15-4:45 p.m. No Sunday Confession.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:
Engaged couples contact Parish Priest one year in advance.

HOSPITAL & HOME VISIT/SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:
Please inform the parish office to arrange a pastoral visit. For hospital emergencies, a priest is always on call through the hospitals.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:
Monday to Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Divine Mercy Chapel and First Fridays at 6:00 p.m. in the church.
Co-ordinator: Sandra Naklusi - 226-789-1259

PARISH BULLETIN: News items for the bulletin must be into the parish office *in writing* by noon on Sunday.

Vocations: www.vocationinfo.ca

Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton: www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca

PARISH BEQUEST: Keep your love for your parish alive! Please remember St. Teresa of Avila Parish in your Will and when recommending your expressions of sympathy.

Prayer to St. Michael, the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church

Section Two – Paragraph 4. The Creator

I. Catechesis on Creation (Part 2)

284 The great interest accorded to these studies is strongly stimulated by a question of another order, which goes beyond the proper domain of the natural sciences. It is not only a question of knowing when and how the universe arose physically, or when man appeared, but rather of discovering the meaning of such an origin: is the universe governed by chance, blind fate, anonymous necessity, or by a transcendent, intelligent and good Being called "God"? and if the world does come from God's wisdom and goodness, why is there evil? Where does it come from? Who is responsible for it? Is there any liberation from it?

285 Since the beginning the Christian faith has been challenged by responses to the question of origins that differ from its own. Ancient religions and cultures produced many myths concerning origins. Some philosophers have said that everything is God, that the world is God, or that the development of the world is the development of God (Panteism). Others have said that the world is a necessary emanation arising from God and returning to him. Still others have affirmed the existence of two eternal principles, Good and Evil, Light and Darkness, locked, in permanent conflict (Dualism, Manichaeism). According to some of these conceptions, the world (at least the physical world) is evil, the product of a fall, and is thus to be rejected or left behind (Gnosticism). Some admit that the world was made by God, but as by a watch-maker who, once he has made a watch, abandons it to itself (Deism). Finally, others reject any transcendent origin for the world, but see it as merely the interplay of matter that

has always existed (Materialism). All these attempts bear witness to the permanence and universality of the question of origins. This inquiry is distinctively human.

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Mass Intentions

October 20, 2025 – October 26, 2025

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

+ **Adolfo Couto** – *Tina Barbosa*

Thursday, October 23, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.

The Intentions of Amanda Brenner

Friday, October 24, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.

+ **Gilles Lemieux** – *Stella Lemieux*

Saturday, October 25, 2025

9:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m. – **In Honour of Dawid & Angel**

Kasperowicz's 10th Wedding Anniversary – *Pat Wilkins*

Sunday, October 26, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

October 20 – Rev. Paul Niesiobedzki

October 21 – Rev. Paul Patrick

October 22 – Consecrated Virgins

October 23 – Rev. Msgr. Pierre- Philippe Jean Pierre

October 24 – Rev. Archange Kebe

October 25 – Rev. Godwin Pinto, O.C.D.

October 26 – **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Stewardship Report – October 12th, 2025

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,188.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 337.90
Christmas Flowers.....	\$ 525.00
Grant – The Steve and Mary Gaida Ohar	
Foundation.....	\$ 5,000.00

We are most appreciative of your ongoing prayerful and financial support for our parish, St. Teresa of Avila, especially during our present time of financial need.

Donations to the parish can be made through the use of Sunday Offertory envelopes, Pre-Authorized Giving, E-Transfer, and CanadaHelps.

When you are traveling, please consider switching to E-transfer donations in your absence.

If you require further information on how to give, please contact the parish office, or visit the parish website for more details.

Parish Announcements

Mass Schedule – October 21st

There will be no Mass on Tuesday, October 21st while Fr. Stefano is away attending the Annual Seminar for International Priests. Our regular weekday Mass schedule will resume on Wednesday, October 22nd.

Parish Calendar Fundraiser

St. Teresa of Avila Church is once again producing a parish calendar as part of our fundraising efforts. The theme for the 2026 calendar is Mary.

Through this calendar, we hope to strengthen the sense of belonging among the members of St. Teresa of Avila Church and provide support to the parish's financial needs, which have continued to be strained. We also hope that through this fundraising effort, the faith of our parishioners will deepen, and the bonds within our community will grow stronger.

To support the parish, you can donate a certain amount under your name or family's name to the calendar project along with your prayers. Please contact the pastor or the parish office for details. A receipt for tax purposes will be issued at the end of the year.

Divine Mercy Chapel

We have openings in the chapel for Mondays at 3:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. Come and spend a quiet hour with Jesus. Please contact Sandra Naklusi - 226-789-1259.

Anniversary Blessing

Married couples celebrating an anniversary who wish to have their marriage blessed and do vow renewals, please contact the parish office to arrange with Fr. Stefano.

Children's Liturgy – Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help run our Children's Liturgy on Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. Mass during the school year. Without new volunteers, we will be unable to offer Children's Liturgy every Sunday this year. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact the parish office.

Waterloo Deanery Jubilee Year Celebration

Our Jubilee celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in St. Mary Church, Kitchener**. Bishop Wayne Lobsinger will preside the Jubilee Mass.

All parishioners of our Waterloo Deanery are invited to the celebration of this special Mass, especially deacons, all Parish staff and volunteers, representatives of our Catholic schools and other institutions and communities. All priests are welcome to concelebrate the Mass.

Diocese Announcements

Diocesan Vocations Month

October is Diocesan Vocations Month. Please pray for the men and women of our diocese who are discerning their vocations to marriage, priesthood, the permanent diaconate, the dedicated single life, and consecrated life, that is, as a consecrated virgin living in the world, or as a religious priest, sister or sister. Since it is also the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, you are encouraged to offer the Rosary, in particular, the Luminous Mysteries, for vocations. For more information about praying for vocations, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/>. Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

Young Adults Night

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 begins at (6:30pm) and concludes with prayer at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 1st at St. Basil's Church (50 Palace Street, Brantford). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>. For information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Novena to Saint Carlo Acutis

Join the Office of Youth Ministry and young people around the Diocese in praying the Novena to Saint Carlo Acutis, towards his first feast day as a canonized saint. The Novena is available to download by visiting: <https://bit.ly/3WaUTQx>

Wisdom of the Saints

"You are rewarded not according to your work or your time but according to the measure of your love."

– St. Catherine of Siena

The Pope's Prayer Intention for October 2025

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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