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## St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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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.

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.

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](http://www.vocationinfo.ca)

**Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton:** [www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca](http://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

### IV. The Mystery of Creation

297 Scripture bears witness to faith in creation "out of nothing" as a truth full of promise and hope. Thus the mother of seven sons encourages them for martyrdom: I do not know how you came into being in my womb. It was not I who gave you life and breath, nor I who set in order the elements within each of you. Therefore the Creator of the world, who shaped the beginning of man and devised the origin of all things, will in his mercy give life and breath back to you again, since you now forget yourselves for the sake of his laws. . . Look at the heaven and the earth and see everything that is in them, and recognize that God did not make them out of things that existed. Thus also mankind comes into being.<sup>147</sup>

298 Since God could create everything out of nothing, he can also, through the Holy Spirit, give spiritual life to sinners by creating a pure heart in them,<sup>148</sup> and bodily life to the dead through the Resurrection. God "gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist."<sup>149</sup> and since God was able to make light shine in darkness by his Word, he can also give the light of faith to those who do not yet know him.<sup>150</sup>

Taken from: [vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_INDEX.HTM](http://vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM)

### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

December 15 – Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino  
December 16 – Rev. Stanley Nwokeji  
December 17 – Voluntas Dei Institute, i.v.Dei.  
December 18 – Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski  
December 19 – Rev. Donald Sanvido  
December 20 – Rev. David Weise  
December 21 – **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

### Mass Intentions

**December 15, 2025 – December 21, 2025**

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 – **7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 – **7:00 p.m.**

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

Thursday, December 18, 2025 – **8:30 a.m.**

**Intentions of Jennifer Ferreira** – *Citelia Ferreira*

Friday, December 19, 2025 – **8:30 a.m.**

**In Memory of Howard and Edna Weber** – *Sue Weber Bell*

Saturday, December 20, 2025

**9:00 a.m.**

**5:00 p.m.**

Sunday, December 21, 2025 – **10:00 a.m.**

**Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

### Stewardship Report – December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Sunday Offerings .....	\$ 1,505.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 1,559.85
Missal Sales.....	\$ 10.00
First Communion Preparation Books.....	\$ 150.00
Flower Donations.....	\$ 50.00

### Calendar Fundraiser – December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Calendar Fundraising.....	\$ 200.00
Calendar Sales.....	\$ 460.00

### Christmas Cards Fundraiser – December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Christmas Card Sales.....	\$ 105.00
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We are most appreciative of your ongoing prayerful and financial support for our parish, 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

### Convalidation

On Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.,

**Jason and Melissa**

celebrate the convalidation of their marriage.

Congratulations on your convalidation, Jason & Melissa!

### December Events

#### Parish Advent Retreat

Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.



#### Parish Advent Confessions

Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

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#### Holiday Mass Schedule

##### Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.

##### Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

##### New Year's Eve

Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 p.m.



##### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Years Day)

Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

### Parish Office Closure – December 19<sup>th</sup>

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Regular office hours will resume on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Parish Advent Retreat – December 16<sup>th</sup>

We are pleased to announce that we will once again have the privilege of welcoming Allan Smith as this year's speaker at our Advent Retreat on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Join us for a special parish reflection evening inspired by the writings of **Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**. Together, we will explore the meaning of Advent, the mystery of Christmas, and how to welcome Christ more deeply into our hearts and homes. Come be renewed in hope and peace as we enter the season of grace. *"Christmas is not a day — it is a state of the soul."* — Fulton J. Sheen. There is no cost to attend this retreat, and all are welcome to join us in preparing our hearts for the celebration of the Christmas season.

### 2026 Parish Calendars

Our 2026 parish calendars are now available for \$15 each at the back of the church!

### Christmas Cards

Our parish Christmas cards are now available at the back of the church in six different varieties for \$25 for a pack of twelve.

### Children's Liturgy Schedule

We are currently offering Children's Liturgy on the **first and third Sundays of every month!** We are still

looking for volunteers to help run our Children's Liturgy. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact the parish office.

### Divine Mercy Chapel

We have openings in the chapel for Wednesdays at 10:00, Thursdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays from 2:00 p.m. and at 3:00 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.

## Diocese Announcements

### Parenting Tip

Christmas is a wonderful time of year! We see family, experience the joys of gift giving and receiving and have some time as a family just to be. It is however, more than any of these things, the celebration of the birth of Christ. In the hustle and bustle of the season we can forget to focus on this moment, where a child came into the world so that each of us could experience the profound gift of Salvation. This Christmas, enjoy all the fun stuff, but remember to focus on the joy of Christ's birth and the real reason for the season.

### Marriage Tip

Marriage is a journey that two people undertake with a plan to navigate life together. When researchers investigate what makes the journey both long and happy, many things come into play, but a strong one is repeated by most: "I married my best friend." It is good to ask yourself then, are you being a good friend to your spouse? Friendships thrive and last in this kind of environment, so make friendship a foundation of your marriage.

### Wisdom of the Saints

"The whole earth is a living icon of the face of God."

— St. John Damascene

### The Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2025

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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