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**St. Teresa of Avila Kitchener
Diocese of Hamilton**

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Parish Office Hours	Weekday Liturgy Schedule
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	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) <i>Please check inside for schedule changes.</i>
Wednesday: Office Closed	
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.	

Pastor

Father Stefano Lee

Parish Office Administrator

Claire Rouleau

Business Administrator

David Agnew

Custodian

Kabsoo Park

**Divine Mercy
Chapel Coordinator**

Sandra Nakluski
226-789-1259

Parish School

St. Teresa School
Principal: Pamela Baillie
Secretary: Connie Rawski
519-743-2131

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:
6:30-6:50 p.m. on Wednesdays, 8:30-8:50 a.m. and 4:30-4:50 p.m. on Saturdays.

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.

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.*

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church

Paragraph 6. Man

371(continued) The woman God "fashions" from the man's rib and brings to him elicits on the man's part a cry of wonder, an exclamation of love and communion: "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh."²⁴⁴ Man discovers woman as another "I", sharing the same humanity.

372 Man and woman were made "for each other" - not that God left them half-made and incomplete: he created them to be a communion of persons, in which each can be "helpmate" to the other, for they are equal as persons ("bone of my bones. . .") and complementary as masculine and feminine. In marriage God unites them in such a way that, by forming "one flesh",²⁴⁵ they can transmit human life: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth."²⁴⁶ By transmitting human life to their descendants, man and woman as spouses and parents co-operate in a unique way in the Creator's work.²⁴⁷

373 In God's plan man and woman have the vocation of "subduing" the earth²⁴⁸ as stewards of God. This sovereignty is not to be an arbitrary and destructive domination. God calls man and woman, made in the image of the Creator "who loves everything that exists",²⁴⁹ to share in his providence toward other creatures; hence their responsibility for the world God has entrusted to them.

IV. MAN IN PARADISE

374 The first man was not only created good, but was also established in friendship with his Creator and in harmony with himself and with the creation around him, in a state that would be surpassed only by the glory of the new creation in Christ.

375 The Church, interpreting the symbolism of biblical language in an authentic way, in the light of the New Testament and Tradition, teaches that our first parents, Adam and Eve, were constituted in an original "state of holiness and justice".²⁵⁰ This grace of original holiness was "to share in. . .divine life".²⁵¹

376 By the radiance of this grace all dimensions of man's life were confirmed. As long as he remained in the divine intimacy, man would not have to suffer or die.²⁵² The inner harmony of the human person, the harmony between man and woman,²⁵³ and finally the harmony between the first couple and all creation, comprised the state called "original justice".

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Mass Intentions

March 30, 2026 – April 5, 2026

Tuesday, March 31, 2026 – **7:00 p.m.**
+ **Phyllis Krall – Ella & Herb Gashgarian**

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 – **7:00 p.m.**

Thursday, April 2, 2026 – **5:00 p.m.**

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

Saturday, April 4, 2026

5:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 5, 2026 – **10:00 a.m.**

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

March 30 – Rev. David Mowat, C.R.

Chrism Mass

March 31 – Most Gregory Merkley

April 1 – Oblates of Mary Immaculate, O.M.I.

April 2 – **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

April 3 – **The Passion of the Lord**

April 4 – **Holy Saturday**

April 5 – **The Resurrection of the Lord**

Stewardship Report – March 22nd, 2026

Sunday Offerings	\$ 2,393.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 347.50
Votives.....	\$ 42.00
Share Lent.....	\$ 633.00
GST Rebate.....	\$ 2,381.49

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

Parish Office Hours – Easter Long Weekend

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Good Friday, April 3rd, and Easter Monday, April 6th. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, April 7th.

Divine Mercy Chapel Closures

The Divine Mercy Chapel will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, April 7th.

Holy Week Schedule

Chrism Mass, March 30th at 2:00 p.m.
Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

Holy Thursday Mass, April 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy, April 3rd at 3:00 p.m.
Begins with Stations of the Cross

Easter Vigil Mass, April 4th at 5:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Mass, April 5th at 10:00 a.m.



Parish Spaghetti Supper – April 18th

We will be hosting this year's Parish Spaghetti Supper on April 18th. There will be two seatings: from 4:30 to 6:00 PM and 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Tickets will be \$20 for adults, children under 12 years of age are free and children 13 years of age to 17 years of age are \$10. The dinner will consist of pasta with sauce, bread, salad, a drink, as well as coffee and tea with dessert. Tickets will go on sale this weekend and be available for the next three weekends.

Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation Changes

Parish confession times have been updated to reflect our parish needs. Confessions will now be offered from 6:30 to 6:50 p.m. on Wednesdays and 8:30 to 8:50 a.m. and 4:30 to 4:50 p.m. on Saturdays.

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.

Connecting with a Priest While in Hospital

Parishioners who are hospitalized and require a priest are encouraged to notify the hospital nurses, who will connect you with the chaplain. If the chaplain unavailable, they will help you connect with the on-call priest. If the on-call priest is unavailable, please contact Fr. Stefano by calling (519) 743-4525 and dialing either line.

Diocese Announcements

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are

cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events at hamiltondiocese.com, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi

From Jan 10, 2026 to Jan 10, 2027, the Church marks a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of his death. During this year, the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by fulfilling the usual conditions and engaging in acts inspired by the Franciscan spirit. To learn more about this Holy Year, visit <https://bit.ly/yearoffrancis>.

The Journey Continues: The Synod on Synodality

The Synod on Synodality is not over! The Universal Church has entered the "Implementation Phase" (2025-2028), inviting a careful reading of the final document of the Synodal journey to help shape a more listening, participatory church. You are encouraged to read the final document of the Synod on Synodality, described by Pope Francis as a 'Gift to the People of God.' Access it at www.synod.va.

Ministerial Formation through VLCFF

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, visit us at www.hamiltondioceselearns.com.

Wisdom of the Saints

"In meditation we find the strength to bring Christ to birth in ourselves and in others."

– St. Charles Borromeo

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for March 2026

For disarmament and peace:

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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