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St. Teresa of Avila Kitchener
Diocese of Hamilton

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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.

Pastor

Father Stefano Lee

Parish Office Administrator

Claire Rouleau

Business Administrator

David Agnew

Custodian

Kabsoo Park

Divine Mercy Chapel Coordinator

Sandra Naklowski
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 and 8:30-8:50 a.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

I. "IN THE IMAGE OF GOD"

356 Of all visible creatures only man is "able to know and love his creator".²¹⁹ He is "the only creature on earth that God has willed for himself",²²⁰ and he alone is called to share, by knowledge and love, in God's own life. It was for this end that he was created, and this is the fundamental reason for his dignity: What made you establish man in so great a dignity? Certainly the incalculable love by which you have looked on your creature in yourself! You are taken with love for her; for by love indeed you created her, by love you have given her a being capable of tasting your eternal Good.²²¹

357 Being in the image of God the human individual possesses the dignity of a person, who is not just something, but someone. He is capable of self-knowledge, of self-possession and of freely giving himself and entering into communion with other persons. and he is called by grace to a covenant with his Creator, to offer him a response of faith and love that no other creature can give in his stead.

358 God created everything for man,²²² but man in turn was created to serve and love God and to offer all creation back to him:

What is it that is about to be created, that enjoys such honour? It is man that great and wonderful living creature, more precious in the eyes of God than all other creatures! For him the heavens and the earth, the sea and all the rest of creation exist. God attached so much importance to his salvation that he did not spare his own Son for the sake of man. Nor does he ever cease to work, trying every possible means, until he has raised man up to himself and made him sit at his right hand.²²³

359 "In reality it is only in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of man truly becomes clear."²²⁴

St. Paul tells us that the human race takes its origin from two men: Adam and Christ. . . the first man, Adam, he says, became a living soul, the last Adam a life-giving spirit. the first Adam was made by the last Adam, from whom he also received his soul, to give him life... the second Adam stamped his image on the first Adam when he created him. That is why he took on himself the role and the name of the first Adam, in

order that he might not lose what he had made in his own image. the first Adam, the last Adam: the first had a beginning, the last knows no end. the last Adam is indeed the first; as he himself says: "I am the first and the last."²²⁵

Taken from: vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM

<p>Mass Intentions March 9, 2026 – March 15, 2026</p> <p>Wednesday, March 11, 2026 – 7:00 p.m. + Delmar Ferreira – Citelia Ferreira</p> <p>Friday, March 13, 2026 – 7:00 p.m. Intentions of the Goveia Family – Citelia Ferreira</p> <p>Saturday, March 14, 2026 5:00 p.m. – + Leona & Sheldon Grobe</p> <p>Sunday, March 15, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish</p>

<p>Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar</p> <p>March 9 – Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O’Mahony March 10 – Rev. Patras Samuel Masih March 11 – Franciscan Fathers O.F.M. March 12 – Rev. Tony O’Dell, O.M.I March 13 – Parish & Chancery Staff March 14 – Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R. March 15 – Fourth Sunday of Lent</p>
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Stewardship Report – March 1st, 2026	
Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,363.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 483.95
Seminarian Education.....	\$ 200.00
Votives.....	\$ 14.00
February Direct Deposit Donations.....	\$ 1,324.00
February E-transfer Donations.....	\$ 125.00
February Hall Rental.....	\$ 300.00
February CanadaHelps Donations.....	\$ 143.12

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 Lenten Schedule

Fridays at 7:00 p.m. during Lent

Mass followed by the Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m.

First Sacrament of Reconciliation for First Holy Communion Candidates

Wednesday, March 25th following the 7:00 p.m.

Mass

Parish Lenten Sacrament of Reconciliation

Holy Week Schedule

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.

Notice – Fr. Stefano Away & Mass Times

Please note that Fr. Stefano will be away until March 17th. Our Mass coverage will be provided as follows:

- Fr. David Lewis: February 28th, March 1st, 6th, 7th, 8th
- Fr. Hanh Van Tran: March 13th
- Fr. Toby Collins: March 11th, 14th, 15th

Special thanks to the priests who are providing Mass coverage for Fr. Stefano and our parish while he is away! Our regular weekday Mass schedule will resume on March 18th.

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.

Divine Mercy Chapel

We have openings in the chapel for Mondays at 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., Thursdays at 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., and Fridays at 3:00 to 4:00 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.

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 on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Listening and Fasting: Pope Leo XIV's Message for Lent 2026

To read Pope Leo's message, and download a helpful infographic, visit the Dicastery for Integral Human Development here: www.humandevlopment.va.

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>.

Wisdom of the Saints

"The heart is free that is held by no love other than the love of God."

– St. Bonaventure

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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