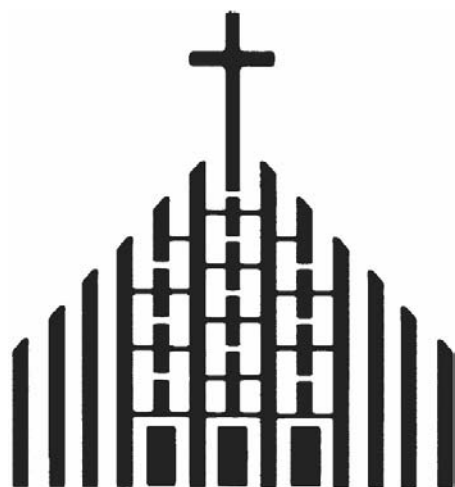




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**St. Teresa of Avila Kitchener
Diocese of Hamilton**

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.

Pastor

Father Stefano Lee

Parish Office Administrator

Claire Rouleau

Business Administrator

David Agnew

Custodian

Eunduk Hwang

Divine Mercy

Chapel Coordinator

Sandra Naklusi

226-789-1259

Parish School

St. Teresa School

Principal: Pamela Baillie

Secretary: Mena Carnevale

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

Chapter Two: Article 3

Paragraph 1. The Son of God Became Man

I. Why Did the Word Become Flesh? (Cont'd)

460 The Word became flesh to make us "partakers of the divine nature":⁷⁸ "For this is why the Word became man, and the Son of God became the Son of man: so that man, by entering into communion with the Word and thus receiving divine sonship, might become a son of God."⁷⁹ "For the Son of God became man so that we might become God."⁸⁰ "The only-begotten Son of God, wanting to make us sharers in his divinity, assumed our nature, so that he, made man, might make men gods."⁸¹

II. The Incarnation

461 Taking up St. John's expression, "The Word became flesh",⁸² The Church calls "Incarnation" the fact that the Son of God assumed a human nature in order to accomplish our salvation in it. In a hymn cited by St. Paul, the Church sings the mystery of the Incarnation:

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. and being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.⁸³

462 The Letter to the Hebrews refers to the same mystery:

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, Lo, I have come to do your will, O God."⁸⁴

463 Belief in the true Incarnation of the Son of God is the distinctive sign of Christian faith: "By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God."⁸⁵ Such is the joyous conviction of the Church from her beginning whenever she sings "the mystery of our religion": "He was manifested in the flesh."⁸⁶

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Mass Intentions

September 7th, 2026 – September 13th, 2026

Friday, September 11, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

+ **Lennie & Charlie Hoffarth** – *Ann Snyder & Family*

Saturday, September 12, 2026

9:00 a.m. – + **Jane Lamka** – *Theresa Schaefer*

5:00 p.m. – + **Leona & Sheldon Grobe** – *Peter Grobe*

Sunday, September 13, 2026 – **10:00 a.m.**

Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

September 7 – Rev. Andrew Czarny

Labour Day

September 8 – **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

September 9 – Felician Franciscan Sisters, C.S.S.F.

September 10 – Catholic Teachers

September 11 – Rev. Jerzy Tomon

September 12 – Rev. Livinus Okamgba

September 13 – **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Stewardship Report – August 23rd, 2026

Sunday Offerings.....	\$ 1,325.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 225.00
Votives.....	\$ 23.00

August 30th, 2026

Sunday Offerings.....	\$ 1,270.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 823.00
Votives.....	\$ 16.90
Donations for Liturgical Items.....	\$ 150.00
August Direct Deposit Donations.....	\$ 1,401.00
August E-transfer Donations.....	\$ 150.00
August Hall Rentals.....	\$ 200.00
August 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.

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 & Divine Mercy Chapel Closed

Please note that the parish office and Divine Mercy Chapel will be closed on September 7th for the Labour Day long weekend. Regular hours will resume on September 8th.

September 8th – 10th Weekday Masse Schedule

There will be no weekday Masses from September 8th to 10th while Fr. Stefano is away. Our regular weekday schedule will resume on Friday, September 11th.

Coffee Sunday – September 13th

This month's Coffee Sunday will take place on September 13th following the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the parish hall. We invite you to join us in celebrating the transition from summer to fall with our community.

RCIA Registration

We will begin RCIA in on Wednesday, September 30th following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, and would like to join these upcoming sessions, please contact the parish office.

Thursday & Friday Morning Mass Location

Please note that Thursday and Friday morning Masses will now be held in the Flower Room, due to reduced attendance numbers. First Friday Masses will continue to be held in the church as usual.

Donations for Liturgical Items

Our parish is currently accepting donations for the following liturgical items:

- Candles (2) - \$60
- Hosts (big & small) - \$30 & \$70

If you wish to support the purchase of these items, please place your donations in an envelope with a note about which item(s) you wish to contribute to in the collection baskets during Mass.

Lectio Divina

Our parish is once again providing weekly copies of the Lectio Divina for parishioners following the summer pause. If you are interested, please take a copy from the counter in the Narthex. Copies are made available on Tuesdays or Wednesdays every week.

Divine Mercy Chapel

Please note that the chapel now closes at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. Adorers are needed for 3:00 p.m. on Mondays and 2:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Please contact Sandra Naklusi - 226-789-1259.

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.

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.

Support Our World Youth Day Delegates

At this time we are looking for donations to support parish delegates going to WYD in South Korea in 2027. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Stefano.

Diocese Announcements

Catholic Young Adults Conference 2026

The Young Adults are organizing the annual Conference on **Saturday, September 19th** at St. Raphael Parish from **9:30am to 7:00pm**. During the conference we will have spiritual talks, praise and worship band, Art Booths, Adoration, confession and Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. The theme for the conference will be "I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12) All young adults (single and married) ages 19 to 40 years are encouraged to join. Price is \$25.00. For more information, please visit: <https://cyaconference.ca/>.

Multicultural Mass

All are warmly invited to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our Diocese at the Multicultural Mass on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, 700 King St. West, Hamilton. The Mass will be celebrated by The Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A., Bishop of Hamilton, and followed by a multicultural celebration in McNally Hall. All are welcome!

Wisdom of the Saints

"To know ourselves has always been the greatest of all lessons. For, if we know ourselves, we will know God And in knowing God, we will become like God."

– St. Clement of Alexandria

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for September 2026

For the care of water:

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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