

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 30, 2022

St. Teresa of Ávila

“To have courage for
whatever comes in
life - everything lies
in that.”



Parish Staff & Organizations

Pastor: Fr. Marian Gil, OMI
Parish Secretary: Mary Steffler
Business Administrator: David Agnew
Facilities Manager: Jack Pigeau

Volunteer Gardeners: Jim Weber,
Stella Lemieux, Fatima Pacheco,
Magie Navaleza, Betty Skinner
Baptism Preparation Team:
CWL President: Mary Alice Zister
Lector Co-ordinator: Mary Steffler
Eucharistic Minister Co-ordinator:
Kim Voelzing

Adoration Chapel Co-ordinators:
Herb Altman – 519-893-4793 or
Rosemary Mussar – 519-743-5656

Prayer Group:
Mila Navaleza - 519-574-8534 or
519-900-0250

Finance Council Chair:
Don Pickett, Jr.

Pastoral Council Chair:
Barbara Daly

St. Vincent de Paul:
Bernie & Rosemary Pickett
519-749-1501

St. Teresa School
Principal: Mr. Brian Goodyear
Secretary: Mary Lavigne
519-743-2131

Parish Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday – Office Closed

Saturday Liturgy:

9:00 a.m. (except in August)
5:00 p.m.

Weekday Schedule
Please check inside for
weekly schedule

Sunday Liturgy:

10:00 a.m.

Confession: 30 min. before Mass; Sat., 4:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Healing Mass: First Friday of each month
(September – June) – 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting: Temporarily suspended

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel (Luke 4:21-30), we learn that the people of Nazareth are impressed by Jesus' words, and yet they seem surprised. They still think of Jesus as merely Joseph's son. They do not expect such words from someone they believe that they know. He has delivered what today we would call His 'mission statement', using words of the prophet Isaiah. Today, as He speaks, Jesus says that these words are being fulfilled – in Him. The Messiah they have been waiting for is now here in the person of Jesus. His Kingdom has begun to be realised in His works of healing, of reconciliation and liberation from evil powers.

“There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the Prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” Lk 4:26

At first, the crowd was amazed that one of their fellow villagers could speak with such grace and eloquence and with such authority. But it was something altogether different to put themselves in His hands. Who did He really think He was? After hearing Jesus' words about the poor reception of prophets by their own people, they were worked up into a blind rage and hatred. They wanted to push Jesus off the cliff on which their town was built. But, says Mark, Jesus passed through their midst and left them. These are terrible words and let us pray that such a thing may never happen to us:

- that Jesus should walk right through us
- that we should fail to recognise His presence among us (usually in the people around us)
- that we even reject Him, so that He goes off without us, leaving us behind. It will not be He who has abandoned us; we will have rejected Him. And He will never force Himself on us.

Family Connection:

As you gather as a family, consider proverbs or other wise sayings that are familiar to your family (“Blood is thicker than water;” “All that glitters is not gold.”). Consider what these proverbs mean and whether you believe them to be true. Why or why not? Jesus challenges the people of Nazareth by reminding them of old sayings that seem to have a lot of truth in them. **What were the proverbs that Jesus quoted?** (Physician, cure yourself; No prophet is accepted in his native place.) Consider the meaning of these proverbs.

**In a state of grace, the soul is like a well of limpid water,
from which flow only streams of clearest crystal.**
St. Teresa of Ávila

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

January 31 – Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
February 1 – Rev. John Van Hees
February 2 – Hospitaller Order of St. John of God (O.H.)
February 3 – Rev. Hayden Starczala
February 4 – Very Rev. James Petrie, E.V.
February 5 – Rev. Gerald Mulhall
February 6 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations

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No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. If God is calling you, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton. (905-528-7988)

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

Serra Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations

O God, You have constituted Your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of Your majesty and the salvation of mankind: grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations

God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve You through the life which is Your gift. May Your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

Preparing for Confirmation and First Communion & Reconciliation – *Important Dates:*

Confirmation –

Please continue to watch for upcoming announcements for re-scheduled dates.

First Reconciliation and First Communion –

Feb. 6, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. – Holy Mass with blessing of the Medallions – *Postponed – To be re-scheduled.*

The Divine Mercy Chapel – Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament resumed on Monday, January 24, 2022. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is now taking place in the church, so that everyone can feel safe and have enough space to pray. Adoration will resume in the chapel when the situation with Omicron is resolved. If you have any questions, please call the office – 519-743-4525.

2022 Offertory Envelopes – The 2022 Offertory Envelopes are ready for pick up. Please pick up your envelopes after Mass, on the table at the back of the church. For those who have signed up for Pre-Authorized Giving, please ensure that you pick up your box of envelopes for 2022, as well. To ensure our parish records are up-to-date, we ask that you please put your name, address and phone number on the first envelope you use. Thank you for your assistance.

Mass Intentions for 2022 – The offering of Mass for the deceased, the sick, a personal intention, in thanksgiving, a special intention such as an anniversary, birthday, etc. is an act of deep faith and a most excellent way of remembering a loved one. We will now accommodate any available request, for as many Mass intentions as you wish. In 2020, a Mass with Multiple Intentions was introduced to respond to the needs of our parishioners. These will continue, on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Thank you.

Children's Choir – Our parish is organizing a Children's Choir. Those who would like to join this group and develop their talents, are asked to please contact our parish office.

Mass Intentions

January 31, 2022 – February 6, 2022

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**

Group Mass Intentions

+**Mila Navaleza** – *Navaleza Family*

Intentions of truckers

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

(World Day for Consecrated Life)

Intentions of Father Raphael Ma, C.R. – *Ken & Betty Skinner*

Thursday, February 3, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

Optional Memorial of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

+ **Brenda Haskins** – *Joan Airdrie & Family*

Friday, February 4, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

Intentions of Mary Helen Stroeder – *Bill & Mary Alice Zister*

Saturday, February 5, 2022 –

Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

9:00 a.m. – **Intentions of Father Marian** – *Ken & Betty*

5:00 p.m. – + **Deceased Members of the Strauss & Bester Families** – *Anna Lou Strauss*

Sunday, February 6, 2022 – **10:00 a.m.** –

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C –

Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Live-streaming on Zoom

The **10 a.m. Sunday Mass** will be live-streamed.

To join Father, click on the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/5887658626>

Password: 274733

Daily Readings:

Lectors may find daily readings at this link:

<https://readings.livingwithchrist.ca>

HEALING MASS – FIRST FRIDAY

February 4, 2022

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.

Confession will be available.

Mass at 7 p.m.

First Friday and First Saturday Devotions – The devotions will follow Mass.

Stewardship Report

It is a wonderful blessing to be able to gather, as a parish community, in the church, albeit at a reduced capacity. We would ask you to continue to keep our parish in your prayers and prayerfully consider continuing your donations.

We have several ways to support our parish –

Pre-Authorized Giving

A digital copy of the form may be found on our parish website. Simply print the form and complete it. For those unable to print the digital copy, please contact the Parish Office. Completed forms can be returned to the Parish Office via the slot in the Parish Office door or can be mailed to: St Teresa of Avila Parish, 44 Leonard St., Kitchener, ON N2H 6C8

E-Transfer

To donate through E-Transfer, please use the following email account:
stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com

CanadaHelps

To support our parish via **credit card** or **PayPal** please visit **canadahelps.org** You can access our parish directly by following this link:

https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/1191104_50RR0053-st-teresas-parish/

Please note that donations made through the CanadaHelps website, will receive a tax receipt directly from CanadaHelps, via email.

If you are attending Mass, donations may be placed in the collection basket, during the Offertory, which is once again taken up at the usual time.

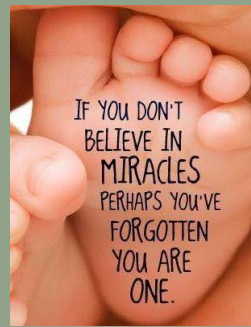
Gifts may also be sent directly to our parish through the mail: **St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 44 Leonard St., Kitchener, ON N2H 6C8** or you may drop off **cash** or **cheque**, securely, at the Parish Office, through the mail slot in the wooden door, behind the white storm door. Please be sure to include your name, address and phone number or use your donation envelope.

Continuing support of our parish is an act of generosity and faith. We are very grateful for any contributions you may be able to make at this time.

Stewardship Report January 23, 2022

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| Envelopes | \$ 2230.00 |
| Loose | \$ 60.00 |
| Building and Maintenance | \$ 175.00 |
| Christmas | \$ 25.00 |
| Initial Offering | \$ 40.00 |
| Mary, Mother of God | \$ 60.00 |
| In Memoriam – Marie Miller | \$ 50.00 |

TAX RECEIPTS – I would like to thank all those who use envelopes and so generously support our parish community. By using envelopes, you can file your contributions along with your personal income tax return. Please make sure that we have your updated address information to mail your 2021 tax receipt. If not, please contact our parish office.



Prayer Vigil –

Thursday, February 3, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (**Note time!**) In front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted.

All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking

- across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at: kwc.pravervigil@rogers.com



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WE ARE HIRING!

We are currently accepting applications for the following opportunities:
Occasional Teachers
 Please visit our website for job details and application criteria: www.wcdsb.ca