

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 13, 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
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Prayer Group:

Magie Navaleza - 519-588-8668

Finance Council Chair:

Don Pickett, Jr.

Pastoral Council Chair:

Barbara Daly

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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

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“HAPPY ARE YOU WHO ARE POOR... Alas for you who are rich...” Maybe in church this is very nice to hear but is it a practical teaching in the real world? The Gospel (Luke 6:17,20-26) says that many people from different places came to hear Jesus preach. But these words, we are told, though clearly relevant to all were meant especially for Jesus’ disciples. Who are His disciples? They are those who have identified themselves fully with Jesus’ mission, with His vision of life. They are those who believe in Him, who listen to Him, and follow Him.

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.” Lk 6:20

What Jesus says in Luke’s gospel today is similar to Matthew’s eight beatitudes. When we first hear them, they seem like a contradiction: the poor are happy; the rich are to be condemned. Does not the Church always condemn the world’s poverty? And our societies always say that to make a lot of money is the sure sign of a successful life. If we want to understand Jesus’ words, we need to know He is speaking of the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom is the society that Jesus wants to establish and not just in some future life. The bottom line is not poverty or wealth but where we put our security. Do I put my security in what I have or in an interdependent community where each supports the other and thus all are taken care of? This is the ideal, the vision of the Kingdom, it is the mission of the Church. It is the responsibility of every disciple of Jesus.

**YOU CANNOT
TREAT PEOPLE
LIKE GARBAGE AND
WORSHIP GOD AT
THE SAME TIME.**

Anyone who truly loves God travels securely.
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Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

February 14 – Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic
February 15 – Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
February 16 – Discalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D.)
February 17 – Rev. Louis DeVaugelas, L.C.
February 18 – Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.
February 19 – Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.
February 20– Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 13, 2022

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, 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 Vocations

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for Your church, fellow labourers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.

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

Please consult your updated schedules.

The Divine Mercy Chapel – Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament has resumed in the Divine Mercy Chapel, **Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.** We look forward to our Adorers continuing with their hours, however, we will once again be limited to 2 people in the chapel, in order to adhere to Covid protocols. As we have been doing in the past, if there are more than 2 people, those visiting (not the scheduled Adorer), are most welcome to spend time in prayer in the narthex. Please see the Chapel Guidelines as you enter the chapel. To sign up, please call the parish office at 519-743-4525.

2022 Offertory Envelopes – The 2022 Offertory Envelopes are available on the table at the back of the church. For those who have signed up for Pre-Authorized Giving, please also pick up your box of envelopes. **Please note that the number of envelopes ordered for 2022 was reduced and therefore many of the envelope numbers have changed.** We ask that you ensure you use your 2022 envelopes and include your name and address on the first several envelopes used. Thank you.

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

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. The deadline for registration is June 30, 2022.

Mass Intentions

February 14, 2022 – February 20, 2022

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**

Group Mass Intentions

Holy Souls – *Magie & Marlowe*

Healing for Krystyna Feliksik – *Elizabeth*

Healing for Maria Heydel-Mankoo –

Elizabeth

Intentions of truckers

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

Intentions of Andy & Tanya Ziolkowski –

Ken & Betty

Thursday, February 17, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

Healing for Mary Helen Stroeder – *Jean*

Giles

Friday, February 18, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Marie Miller** – *CWL*

Saturday, February 19, 2022 –

9:00 a.m. – + **Lincoln Snyder** – *Ann Snyder & Family*

5:00 p.m. – + **Marlene Fritz** – *Pat & Dan Weiler & Family*

Sunday, February 20, 2022 – **10:00 a.m.** –

Seventh 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>

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/119110450RR0053-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 February 6, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 2163.00
Loose	\$ 61.75
Seminary Education	\$ 365.00
Building and Maintenance	\$ 25.00
Candles	\$ 152.30
Initial Offering	\$ 15.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$ 5.00

TAX RECEIPTS – Have been mailed out or delivered. Please be sure to watch for your receipt in your mailbox. I would like to take this opportunity and thank all of you for your generous and heroic support of our parish community. May God richly reward you with countless blessings.



CWL - Reminder to our members that membership dues of \$25.00 for 2022 are due. We have received dues from more than 1/2 of our members but hope that we can receive the remainder soon. Please place your membership in an envelope with your name and CWL membership written on it and place it in the collection basket.



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The Witness of Faith in the Home is the second talk in our Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series - Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 16th from 7-8:30 p.m. for this wonderful talk by Connie Clark. Connie is the author of numerous books, booklets and articles for parents, catechists, teens and kids. Sharing engaging personal stories, encouragement, and practical ideas, Connie helps families recognize their beautiful, vital role in the Christian community and in the family of God. She will focus on how parents/grandparents/teachers/aunts/uncles/catechists and everyone can guide families as they grow in faith. The entire series, running once per month until June, will be presented by zoom, so you must register for each talk, but can join in by internet or phone. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information on the series and to register. For more information, contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Join us February 24, 2022 – 7:00 – 9:00 PM for “After the Storm: Building the Pope Francis Village”, part of the **Reel Justice Film Festival!** The film documents the transformational journey of 550 families in Tacloban, Philippines following the devastation of Super Typhoon Haiyan in 2013. In the aftermath of this natural disaster, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, supporting local organizations, transformed a piece of land into new homes, a new community, and new lives. This documentary is a celebration of the fruits of your solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Global South. The **Reel Justice Film Festival** is a partnership between Development & Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Visit us online at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/> to view our 2022 schedule or to secure your spot at any of our virtual screenings!

Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre is now open and accepting group and personal retreat bookings for 2022! With a large chapel and acres of untouched green space, Mount Mary is an ideal location for those seeking a retreat experience. Groups of all types are welcome for a day or for an overnight stay. Individuals are also welcome to book out the “Cottage” for a personal retreat experience. For more information, please visit: www.mountmary.ca

Marriage Support - Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

ReStart – Starting over after separation or divorce with support, care and tools for your journey. We invite you to check out the Diocesan website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php> to see the programs we offer and to find out dates of the new programs for 2022. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



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- For more information please email extended.day@wcdsb.ca



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Register online for Extended Day Programs at www.wcdsb.ca
Questions can be emailed to extended.day@wcdsb.ca
Extended Day Programs will operate only at sites with sufficient parent demand

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The Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region invites you to join in on a virtual event – “Tech Meets Parenting: A Balancing Act” on Thursday February 24th from 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. This family-focused event will explore our relationship with technology. We will discuss the importance of and tactics around being a good role model and setting boundaries at all ages. Space is limited, register today! <https://www.ccfowr.org/speaker-series>