

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 6, 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

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Baptism Preparation Team:

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Kim Voelzing

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519-749-1501

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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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel (Luke 5:1-11), Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity.

“Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” (...). When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. (...) Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” Lk 5: 4, 6, 10

Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead, he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus.

St. John Paul II - 2005: “Dear adolescents and young people, it is to you in a particular way that I renew the invitation of Christ to **“put out into the deep”**. You find yourselves having to make important decisions for your future. I still hold in my heart the memory of the many opportunities I have had over the years to meet with young people, who have now become adults, some of them your own parents perhaps, or priests or religious, your teachers in the faith. I saw them, happy as young people should be, but also thoughtful, because they were conscious of a desire to give full ‘meaning’ to their lives. I came to recognise more and more how strong is the attraction in young people to the values of the spirit, and how sincere is their desire for holiness. Young people need Christ, but they also know that Christ chose to be in need of them. (...)

Jesus, Son of God, in whom the fullness of the Divinity dwells, You call all the baptized to “ put out into the deep”, taking the path that leads to holiness. Waken in the hearts of young people the desire to be witnesses in the world of today to the power of your love. Fill them with your Spirit of fortitude and prudence, so that they may be able to discover the full truth about themselves and their own vocation.”

At the moment of my entrance into religious life I felt a joy so great that it has never failed me even to this day; and God converted the dryness of my soul into a very great tenderness.

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Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

February 7 – Rev. Michael Anderson
February 8 – Rev. Robert Love
February 9 – Missionaries
February 10 – Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M.
February 11 – Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.
February 12 – Rev. Ilija Petkovic
February 13 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations

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Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. 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 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 –

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

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 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 is 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. The deadline for registration is June 30, 2022.

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.

Mass Intentions

February 7, 2022 – February 13, 2022

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Living and Deceased Members of the CWL – CWL

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 – 8:30 a.m.

Intentions of Lynne & Wayne MacGillivray – Ken & Betty

Thursday, February 10, 2022 – 8:30 a.m.

Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin + Brenda Haskins – Leona Binkle

Friday, February 11, 2022 – 8:30 a.m.

Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes (World Day of the Sick) + Mary Wand – Ann Snyder & Family

Saturday, February 12, 2022 –

9:00 a.m. – Intentions of Mary Helen Stroeder – CWL

5:00 p.m. – + Marie Miller – Beth & Ross Drayton

Sunday, February 13, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. –

Sixth 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>

Baptism

This Sunday, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome:

Aoife Wendy Hemmen
and

Saoirse Anne Hemmen
daughters of

Mitchell Hemmen & Eilidh Grimson

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 30, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 1563.00
Seminary Education.....	\$ 145.00
Building and Maintenance	\$ 175.00
Christmas	\$ 150.00
Initial Offering	\$ 40.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$ 140.00

TAX RECEIPTS – were mailed out or delivered this past week. 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.

Seminary Education Collection – The special collection for seminary education takes place this weekend, February 5/6, 2022. This collection supports the educational needs of seminarians.



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!

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting

Tip 137: Children of all ages, but especially very young children, take their clues on how to respond to the world for the most part from their parents. No one will have a greater impact on your child. So, as you go about your day, know that your children are watching and listening to everything you say and do and taking lessons from you. Communicate about actions, life, the faith, on a day-to-day basis to help solidify what is important. Check your own actions and remember silence is consent, so if hear or see something that you know is wrong, speak up and tell your children why. We need goodness in our world and you have the power to teach it.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage

Tip 117: In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis writes: “After the love that unites us to God, conjugal love is the “greatest form of friendship”. It is a union possessing all the traits of a good friendship: concern for the good of the other, reciprocity, intimacy, warmth, stability and the resemblance born of a shared life.” (AL #123) February is a great month to spend some time with this beautiful quote and ask yourself if your love truly reflects a great friendship, or if it is time to restore these traits to your marriage.

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.



Friday, February 11th -

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo - Honour Our Lady by adoring her Son in the Eucharist. Attend Confession and Anointing of the Sick at 6:00 p.m., Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by a talk from Guest Speaker, Anita Healy reflecting on the heart of Mary. Bonus: the first 24

people to attend can join in a procession of roses to Our Lady.

Anita Healy is a local Catholic mom of 7 and holds a degree in Theology with a concentration in Religious Education from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Her family has been actively involved in parish life in Mothers' groups and teaching RCIA. She has given talks for the Archdiocese of Toronto on the Feminine Genius and Midday Moms (part of the Catholic Moms Group) as well as her blog. For further information: lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

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>