

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27, 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:
Magie Navaleza - 519-588-8668

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.

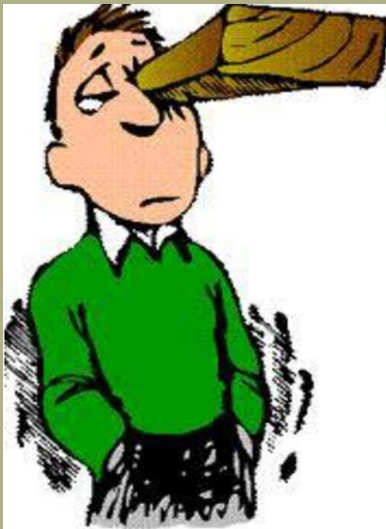
Confession: 30 min. before Mass; Sat., 4:15 – 4:45 p.m.

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

Prayer Meeting: Temporarily suspended

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In Today's gospel (Luke 6:39–45) Jesus takes aim at giving good counsel, to lead a good life in God: **“Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.”** Later on Jesus gives a short test of humility to everyone, asking him to correct first himself, to be able later to criticize the others; or to look at the goodness of someone's heart, by his good acts, as we can recognize a good tree by its good fruits. Because **“a good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”** This is good advice for our good life, which leads us to God, and which gives us our divine teacher Jesus Christ.



⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? ⁵ Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Matthew 7:1-5

Family Connection

We shine God's light in the world when we are “lit from within” with God's grace, willing to examine our own conscience and recognize our own need for transformation through Jesus. As busy parents responsible for our children's physical, emotional, and spiritual growth, we may sometimes be challenged to find time and energy to care for ourselves and attend to our own spiritual growth. Yet doing so can improve our family relationships and help us guide our children in their faith. We can be reminded of the simple safety instruction we hear when flying: to put on our own “spiritual” oxygen mask before helping others.

“Our souls may lose their peace and even disturb other people, if we are always criticizing trivial actions ...”

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Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

February 28 – Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
 March 1 – Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P.
 March 2 – **Ash Wednesday**
 March 3 – Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.
 March 4 – Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.Sp.
 March 5 – Rev. Allen Varlaki
 March 6 – **First Sunday of Lent**

Vocations

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“In the Lord your labour is not in vain”. Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. 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 –

March 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. – Catechetical Session 4: “*Confirmed in the Spirit*” (parents & candidates)

First Reconciliation and First Communion –

March 6, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. – *Holy Mass – blessing of the Rosary and Medallions* (parents and candidates)

March 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. - Catechetical Session 4: “*We Prepare for reconciliation*”. (parents & candidates)

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. **We are currently in need of an Adorer for Fridays from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** If you would like to sign up for an hour, please call the parish office at 519-743-4525.

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. Please call the parish office if you would like to request a Mass.

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.

Lectors/Ushers – We are currently in need of more volunteers to Lector and/or Usher at the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. If you would be willing to serve in either capacity, please call the parish office. Thank you.

**Mass Intentions
February 28, 2022 – March 6, 2022**

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

Group Mass Intentions

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**

Ash Wednesday (Day of Fast & Abstinence)

Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

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

Holy Souls – *Magie & Marlowe*

Friday, March 4, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

(World Day of Prayer) - First Friday

+ **Brenda Haskins** – *Leona Binkle*

6:00 p.m. – *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

7:00 p.m. – *Healing Mass*

7:35 p.m. – *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday, March 5, 2022 –

9:00 a.m. – **Intentions of Ron & Alice Paleczny & Family** – *Moser Family*

5:00 p.m. – + **Amos Perreault & + Renee**

Morin – *Don & Brenda Monastyrski*

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

First Sunday of Lent – 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>

**First Friday – March 4, 2022
Adoration, Mass, Stations of the Cross**

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.

Confession will be available

Mass at 7 p.m.

Stations of the Cross at 7:35 p.m.

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 as you leave Mass; or during the Offertory, when it is 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 20, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 2147.00
Loose	\$ 96.00
Building and Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Initial Offering	\$ 55.00
Seminary Education	\$ 105.00

Relics of St. André Bessette

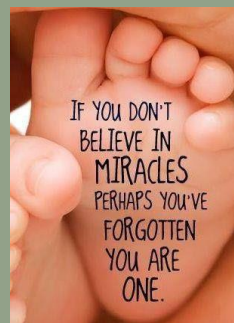
The relics of St. André Bessette (Brother André) will be here at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, on March 8, 2022.

Lenten Concert – March 25, 2022 – Mark your calendar! John B. Miller (musician who played over Christmas) will be here with other musicians to present a Lenten Concert. The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Stations of the Cross, followed by a Lenten-themed concert. More information coming soon.



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.



Prayer Vigil –

Thursday, March 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

LENT

How the Lenten Season Is Observed

The Lenten season is a time when many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ—His suffering and His sacrifice, His life, death, burial, and resurrection.

The Significance of 40 Days

The significance of the 40-day period of Lent (Technically 46, as Sundays are not included in the count) is based on two episodes of spiritual testing in the Bible: the 40 years of wilderness wanderings by the Israelites after the exodus from Egypt (Numbers 33:38 and Deuteronomy 1:3) and the Temptation of Jesus after He spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness (Mt 4:1-11; Mk 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13).

The Distribution of Ashes

During Mass, the ashes which give Ash Wednesday its name are distributed. The ashes are made by burning the blessed palms that were distributed the previous year on Palm Sunday. After the priest blesses the ashes the faithful come forward to receive them. They will be distributed by sprinkling on the head of each person. There will be no tracing of the cross on the forehead.

Ash Wednesday

The Church emphasizes the penitential nature of Ash Wednesday by calling us to fast and abstain from meat. **Catholics who are over the age of 18 and under the age of 60 are required to fast, which means that they can eat only one complete meal and two smaller ones during the day, with no food in between.** Catholics who are over the age of 14 are required to refrain from eating any meat on Ash Wednesday.

Attention: Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, begins the Holy Season of Lent. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. Please note there will be no morning Mass.

Stations of the Cross – We would like to invite all parishioners to join us during Lent for the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. We will begin this devotion on **March 4th, which is the First Friday. See the revised schedule for March 4th.** Parish Groups who would be willing to read the meditations during this devotion, are asked to please contact the parish office – 519-743-4525.



The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis and the Liturgy Office have prepared a variety of resources for parishes and families for the Lenten season.

The link below brings you to the **Lent 2022 Virtual Resources** on the Diocesan web page. A few of these resources are highlighted below.

- Liturgy of the Word for Ash Wednesday with His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger prepared with an elementary school participant in mind. This can be celebrated virtually in a classroom or at home.
- Tips for families celebrating the Lenten rituals of prayer, fasting and almsgiving at home.
- Resources available for purchase from the Diocese office or free on-line links to children's activities, literature for teens, and adult resources.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/lent2022/>