

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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Second Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2022

St. Teresa of Ávila

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



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Pastor: Fr. Marian Gil, OMI
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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

Second Sunday of Lent

Luke (Lk 9.28b-36) today gives the story of the Transfiguration. Three of Jesus' most intimate disciples are brought to "the mountain". We do not know which mountain but, in general, mountains in Scripture are holy places, places where God is especially felt to be present. Although traditionally Mount Tabor is identified as the mountain in question, it really does not matter. Here Peter, James and John have an experience of Jesus totally transformed in His appearance. The light of God shines through Him. The transformation or transfiguration of Jesus that the disciples experienced was not simply something they were to see and experience as happening to Him alone. It was also an invitation for them to undergo a transformation and transfiguration of their own.

“And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. (...) Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!””

We are faced in today's readings with a paradox of our Christian faith – we belong here and we do not belong here. It is in this world and through this world that we are to find our God. Yet, this is not our permanent home; we are pilgrims on a journey to a more permanent dwelling place, a place of total union with our God of Truth and Love. That is the goal of living and we need to keep it constantly before our eyes. It is so easy to get obsessed with things on the way: our career, our financial security, the education of our children, the house we want in some desirable area... These are mere stepping stones to a life beyond. We must not, like Lot's wife, look back nostalgically at the past and become petrified into stone. Life, as one writer put it, is like watching a movie in a cinema. One cannot cry out: "Stop! I want to stay in this scene!" No, the movie goes on. And life goes on. And it is important to know where it is headed.

During Lent, we are invited to consider our attentiveness to Jesus and to one another. In the pace and noise that often characterizes family life, how well do we listen to one another? What opportunities do we have for quiet prayer?

“Christ does not force our will; He only takes what we give Him. But He does not give Himself entirely until He sees that we yield ourselves entirely to Him.”

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Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

March 14 – Rev. Francis Hubilla
 March 15 – Rev. Gregory Merkley
 March 16 – Lay Parish Ministers
 March 17 – Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei.
 March 18 – Rev. Robert Bulbrook
 March 19 – Rev. Christopher Tracey
 March 20 – **Third Sunday of Lent**

Vocations

Second Sunday of Lent March 13, 2022

Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. 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.

Financial Presentation for 2021 –

This weekend our Finance Committee is presenting the financial report to our parish community for the year 2021. A copy of the financial statement is included in our bulletin. If you have any questions, you can always approach members of our finance committee who will be available this weekend at the back of the church for any clarifications. Members of our finance committee are: Don Pickett (chair), Joanna MacGillivray, Bill Zister, Bernie Henry and Beata Sebastian. I would like to thank everyone for your generous contributions in 2021. Your dedication and generosity help us to make our parish family financially sound and vibrant.

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. Please see the Chapel Guidelines as you enter the chapel. 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.

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. Parish Groups who would be willing to read the meditations during this devotion, are asked to please contact the parish office at 519-743-4525.

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**March 14, 2022 – March 20, 2022**Tuesday, March 15, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.****Group Intentions**+ **Hector Cusson** – *Bob & Irene Schmidt*+ **Odessa Barrett** – *William Barrett*Wednesday, March 16, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.****Living and deceased members of the CWL – CWL**Thursday, March 17, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**+ **Howard and + Catherine Kurt** – *Moser Family*Friday, March 18, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**+ **Brenda Haskins** – *Bill & Mary Alice Zister*
7:00 p.m. – *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday, March 19, 2022 –

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**9:00 a.m.** – + **Franz Novak** – *Helene Meier***5:00 p.m.** – + **Carmel Stumpf** – *Marie & Cathy Seitz*Sunday, March 20, 2022 – **10:00 a.m.** –**Third 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>**Baptism**

On Saturday February 26, 2022, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed:

Alina Maekele Merke

daughter of

Maekele Kidane and Yirgealem Sibhatu

Stewardship Report

It is a wonderful blessing to be able to gather, as a parish community, in the church. 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 March 6, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 2237.00
Loose	\$ 89.50
Building and Maintenance	\$ 205.00
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$ 10.00
Funeral	\$ 150.00

LENT

2022

John B. Miller & Friends

Join us for Stations of the Cross followed by a Concert

- Mar. 4 - Basilica of Our Lady, Guelph
- Mar. 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Waterloo
- Mar. 18 - Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener
- Mar. 25 - St. Teresa Church, Kitchener
- Apr. 1 - St. Mary Church, Kitchener
- Apr. 8 - St. John Church, Kitchener

All events start at 7pm. A \$10 cash donation is appreciated. Contact us at www.johnbmiller.ca or facebook.com/johnbmillerandfriends



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. A \$10 cash donation is appreciated. Contact us at

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Coffee Sunday – March 13, 2022

It's already been 2 years since we've had an opportunity to socialize as a parish family. Please join us following the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 13, 2022 for Coffee Sunday in the Parish Hall. We hope to see you all here! Have a blessed weekend!



CWL General Meeting - **Important!!!**

ALL CWL members are encouraged to join us on Sunday March 20th following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The National Office of the Catholic Women's League, has put forward a motion to increase its fee from \$13 to \$25. That would increase our 2023 membership to almost \$40. There is a second motion to change the patroness from Our Lady of Good Counsel to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Information regarding the items we will be needing to vote on has been sent out in an email to our members. If you would like to have this information sent to you, please send an email to stteresacwl@gmail.com or call Barbara at [519-635-2604](tel:519-635-2604).

There will be no reports or other business at this meeting. We look forward to a meeting at a later date.

CWL Membership Drive – March 19th and 20th before and after the Saturday and Sunday weekend Masses. If you haven't paid your membership, this will be your opportunity. You must be a paid-up member to vote.

Prayer for Victims of Abuse and Peace

On the Second Sunday of Lent, **this Sunday**, we will have **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9:30 a.m.** and the Rosary for victims of physical and sexual abuse; as well as for peace in Ukraine. We invite everyone to join us for this time of prayer.



DIocese of HAMILTON

Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis - Parishioners wishing to make a donation to the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis can do so online through Development & Peace at:

https://www.devp.org/en/wp_press_release/solidarity-prayers-and-support-for-ukraine-development-and-peace-joins-relief-efforts/

or by calling 1-888-664-3387

A reminder to please be careful of texts or e-mails seeking donations to support Ukraine. If anyone wishes to make a donation it is better to do so through a reputable agency. **Do not click** on any links from unsolicited emails or texts. Make sure you are on the organization's secure website before sharing your financial information!

Evenings with His Excellency, Bishop Lobsinger –

Join Auxiliary Bishop, Wayne Lobsinger, for *Evenings with His Excellency*, an opportunity to learn more and ask questions about our Catholic Faith. You may attend online or in person at Canadian Martyrs Parish, Hamilton, on the 2nd Friday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, visit: <https://www.canadianmartyrshamilton.com/upcoming/2021/9/10/evenings-with-his-excellency>.

3 Keys to Creating Your CatholicHOM (Household on Mission)

is the third talk in our **Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series** - What does it take to create a happy, holy family life? Is that even possible these days? It is! Join us for a dynamic discussion of the three things every Catholic family can do to relate more lovingly, connect more meaningfully, and care for each other and the world more deeply. Discover simple, practical ways you can create a more joyful, peaceful family life, encounter Christ more meaningfully at home, and experience your faith as the source of warmth in your home. Join us on Tuesday, March 22nd from 7-8:30 p.m. as we welcome Dr. Greg and Lisa Popcak, creators of CatholicHOM (CatholicHOM.com) a dynamic online community, directors of CatholicCounselors.com, founders of The Peyton Institute for Domestic Church Life, as well as authors of over 20 popular books integrating the timeless wisdom of our Catholic faith with contemporary research in counseling psychology. Visit: <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com> for more information on the series and to register. Contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 for more information.