

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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Third Sunday of Lent

March 20, 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

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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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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

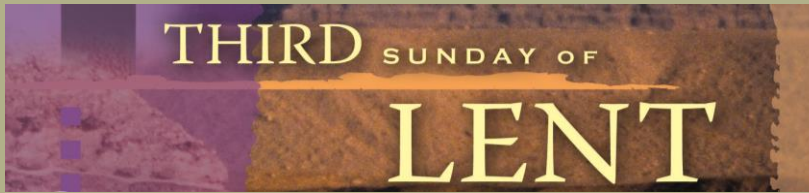
Sunday Liturgy:

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



One of the recurrent themes throughout the Lenten season is **the compassion and mercy of our God**. It is something that we constantly need to be reminded about. His love for us never changes, no matter how we behave, no matter how serious our sins may be. It has to be that way because our God not only loves, **He IS Love**. Love is of the very essence of His being; He cannot not love.

In today's Gospel (Luke 13.1-9), some people approach Jesus and tell Him of how some Galileans had been killed by Roman soldiers in the Temple sanctuary. Did they want Jesus, as a Galilean Himself, to denounce the Roman authorities? Jesus responds by taking another track altogether. Instead, He mentions another incident, apparently a sheer accident when a building fell on some purely innocent people and killed many. Jesus asks His questioners: **"Did these people die because of their sin? Was this God's way of punishing them? If I do not suffer in that way, does that mean that I have no sin?"** When thousands are killed or made homeless as the result of some terrible natural disaster, an earthquake or a cyclone, are we to read it as an act of punishment for those people or even for the whole country?

Does God love those victims less? Are those who escape such disasters more loved by Him? Maybe it is the other way round. Those who died may have been ready to meet their God while those who survive are being given an opportunity to put things right with their lives. Jesus gives a clear warning: **"Unless you repent, you will ALL die as they did."** 'Repent' (Greek, metanoia) implies not just regret for the past but a radical conversion and a complete change in our way of life in responding to and opening ourselves to the love of God.

Lenten Spiritual Exercises

We invite you to pray during this holy season for a special grace that would help you to improve your life. **You may write your intention and place it into the basket that is in front of the painting of the crucified Jesus**. This image reminds us of the enormous Love that God wants to bestow upon each of us. We will pray for all these intentions, with our entire community, every Sunday.

"God has been very good to me, for I never dwell upon anything wrong which a person has done, so as to remember it afterwards. If I do remember it, I always see some other virtue in that person."
St. Teresa of Ávila

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

March 21 – Rev. Mark Morley
 March 22 – Rev. Paul Vellimoozhayil
 March 23 – Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)
 March 24 – + Rev. James McSharry
 March 25 – Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
 March 26 – Rev. Ireneusz Koziak, S.A.C.
 March 27 – **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Vocations

Third Sunday of Lent March 20, 2022

The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life. 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.

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.

St. Teresa Quilting Group



The St. Teresa Quilting Group has continued to remain active, during the pandemic. They are donating 40 baby quilts that will go to Ukraine mothers who had to quickly leave their homes, to avoid the war.

**Mass Intentions
March 21, 2022 – March 27, 2022**

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**
+ **Katharina Bortscher** – *Corinne Kennedy & Marilyn Moser*

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ **Doris Kelba-Helm** – *Tim Helm & Frances Tessaro*

Thursday, March 24, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
Holy Souls – *Moser Family*

Friday, March 25, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
+ **Laurie Dougherty** – *Sandra Naklowski & Family*
7:00 p.m. – *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday, March 26, 2022 –
9:00 a.m. – + **Mila Navaleza** – *Navaleza Family*
5:00 p.m. – + **Dave Tschirhart** – *Pat Wilkins*

Sunday, March 27, 2022 – **10:00 a.m.** –
Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)–
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>

Coffee Sunday - Thank you!

Thank you to Ken & Ellie and Ken & Betty for organizing our Coffee Sunday on March 13, 2022. It was wonderful to have this opportunity to socialize, as a parish family!

If any family would like to organize a Coffee Sunday, please contact the parish office.

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 13, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 1970.00
Loose	\$ 100.00
Building and Maintenance	\$ 25.00
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (January 2022)	\$ 1867.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (February 2022)	\$ 1907.00

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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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.

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



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.

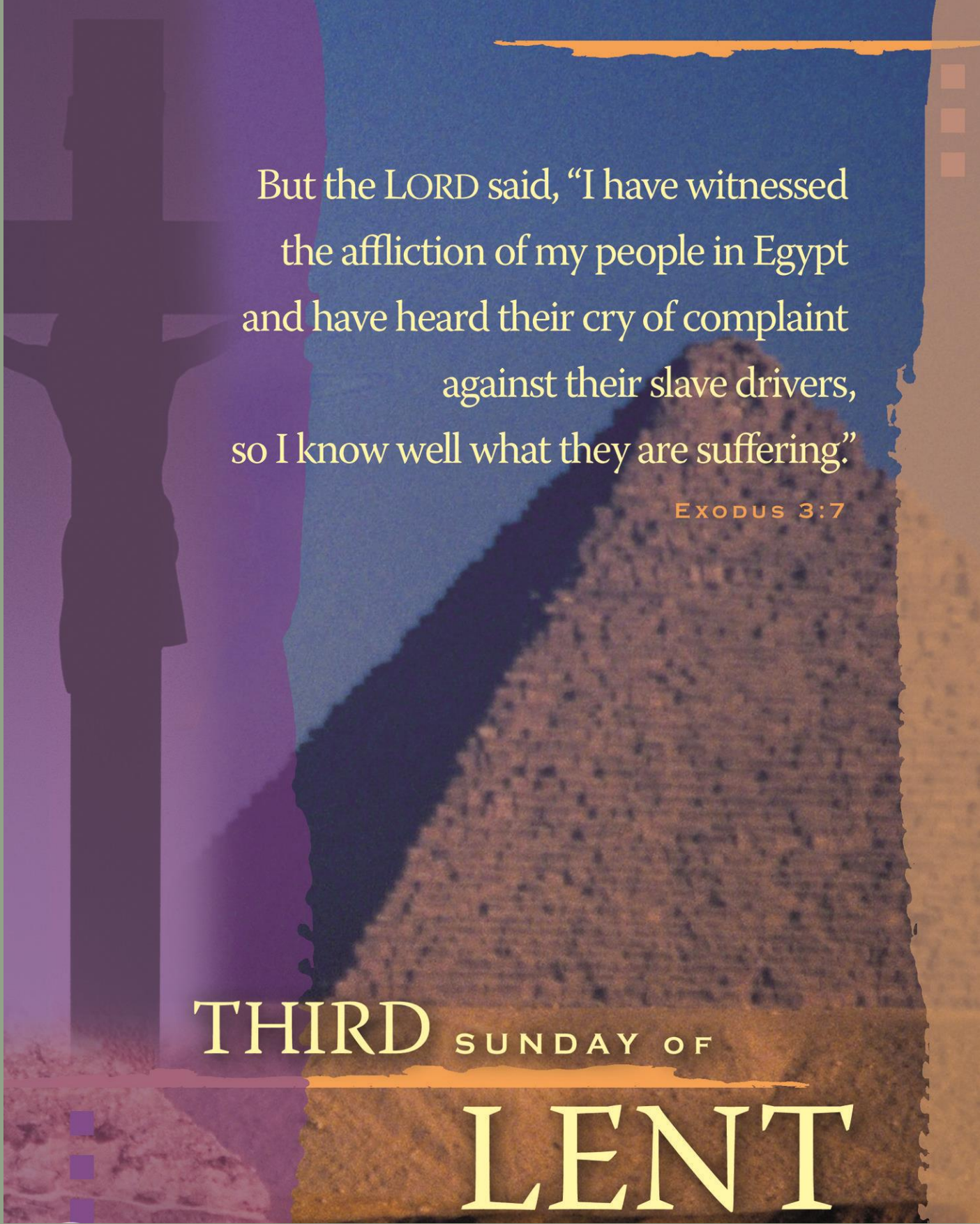
Grief Relief - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will be offering an online grief program beginning in April. Find out more on the Diocesan website at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support>, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.



Synodal Survey

We would like to remind everyone to complete the Synodal Survey which you received a few weeks ago. **The deadline is March 27, 2022.**

Please place your survey into the basket which is located in front of the altar.



But the LORD said, "I have witnessed
the affliction of my people in Egypt
and have heard their cry of complaint
against their slave drivers,
so I know well what they are suffering."

EXODUS 3:7

THIRD SUNDAY OF

LENT



A LENTEN FAST

BASED UPON THE BEATITUDES

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

LET US FAST FROM SELF-INTERESTS, TO GAIN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO MOURN

LET US FAST FROM AVOIDING GRIEF & HEALING, TO EXPERIENCE THE TRUE COMFORT OF THE LORD

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

LET US FAST FROM PRIDE AND SELF-PROMOTION, TO INHERIT THE EARTH

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

LET US FAST FROM PARTICIPATION IN ALL FORMS OF INJUSTICE, TO EXPERIENCE TRUE SATISFACTION

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

LET US FAST FROM INDIFFERENCE TO AND JUDGMENT OF NEIGHBOR, THAT WE MIGHT RECEIVE MERCY

BLESSED ARE THE PURE OF HEART

LET US FAST FROM WHAT DEFILES OUR INTERIOR - SPIRITUAL LIFE, THAT WE MAY SEE THE FACE OF GOD

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

LET US FAST FROM ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE, DISCORD AND ABUSE, THAT WE MAY BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR THE SAKE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

LET US FAST FROM MEDIOCRITY AND HUMAN EXPEDIENCY, TO INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN THEY INSULT YOU FALSELY BECAUSE OF YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH JESUS CHRIST

LET US FAST FROM FEAR OF THE CROSS & THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

**REJOICE AND BE GLAD
FOR YOUR REWARD WILL BE GREAT IN HEAVEN!**