

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 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

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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



In today's Gospel (Luke 15:11-32), we have one of the most graphic descriptions of Jesus' – and therefore of God's – thinking. Jesus answers the Pharisees by telling three parables, only one of which is given in today's Gospel. The first parable is about a shepherd who has lost one of his sheep. He goes to extraordinary lengths, even leaving all the other sheep, to find that single one that has gone astray. That is a picture of God and the sinner. The second parable is about a poor woman who loses a coin. It may be only one coin but it means a lot to her. She turns her house upside down till she finds it and when she does, she joyfully tells all her neighbours. But the most striking story is the third parable. We normally call it the "Prodigal Son" but, in fact, the emphasis is less on the son than on the father, who clearly represents God and Jesus.

There is no force involved. The police are not sent out. Servants are not instructed to haul him back. No, the father waits. It is up to the son himself to make the crucial decision: does he want to be with his father or not?

**"Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." Lk 15: 18-19**

Eventually he "came to his senses", that is, he realised the wrongness of what he had done. The father, for his part, filled with compassion for his son's experiences, runs out to meet him, embraces him and brushes aside the carefully prepared speech the son had got ready. **God is not interested in the past but only in the present.** I am judged not by what I have done or not done earlier. Nor need I be anxious how I will behave in the future. I am judged by my relationship with God here and now.

#### 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.

**"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."**

St. Teresa of Ávila

#### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

March 28 – Rev. William Trusz  
 March 29 – Rev. David Reitzel  
 March 30 – Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada (C.S.J.)  
 March 31 – Rev. Ross Campbell  
 April 1 – Rev. Peter Robinson  
 April 2 – Rev. David Reilander  
 April 3 – **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

#### Vocations

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent March 27, 2022

Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? 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](mailto: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.

**Confirmation – Important Date!**

A reminder to candidates of your upcoming Retreat and Rehearsal for Confirmation on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **The rehearsal will take place on April 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Obligatory for candidates and their sponsors.**



**CWL** - Thank you to all of our members who attended our meeting on Sunday. The time you took to come to the meeting and to vote is very appreciated.

**Membership:** It's not too late to pay your membership or to become a member for 2022. Please place your \$25 in an envelope labelled with your name and CWL Membership and place in the collection basket.

**Mass Intentions  
March 28, 2022 – April 3, 2022**

Tuesday, March 29, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**  
**Intentions of Ken Skinner** – *Anniyah Milligan*

Wednesday, March 30, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**  
+ **Frank & + Rose Lehmann** – *Lehmann Family*

Thursday, March 31, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**  
+ **Mila Navaleza** – *Marilyn, Clara & Bernadette*

Friday, April 1, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**  
+ **Mila Navaleza** – *Navaleza Family*  
**7:35 p.m.** – *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday, April 2, 2022 –  
**9:00 a.m.** – **Intentions of Ron & Alice Paleczny & Family** – *The Mosers*  
**5:00 p.m.** – + **Maria Forthuber** – *Helene Meier*

Sunday, March April 3, 2022 – **10:00 a.m.** –  
**Fifth 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 – April 1, 2022  
Adoration, Mass, Stations of the Cross**

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.

Confession will be available

Mass at 7 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:35 p.m.

**Coffee Sunday** – Next Sunday, April 3, 2022, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass, please join us in the Parish Hall for coffee, treats and fellowship!

## 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](mailto:stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com)

### CanadaHelps

To support our parish via **credit card** or **PayPal** please visit [canadahelps.org](http://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 20, 2022

Envelopes .....	\$ 3068.00
Loose .....	\$ 30.00
Initial Offering .....	\$ 5.00
Flowers .....	\$ 40.00
Miraculous Medal Donation .....	\$ 2.00
BLD Auction .....	\$ 100.00

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** – Next weekend, April 2/3, 2022, the Share Lent Collection will take place. This collection is taken up on the fifth Sunday of Lent.



**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>.

**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, located in front of the altar.

**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/](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!




**Heartache to Healing - Grief Support Group**

St. Michael Parish, 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo. Wednesday evenings – April 20 – May 25, 7-8:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.). **Register by April 13** by contacting St. Michael Parish office - 519-884-9311 or email [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca)

This program is designed to assist people after the death of a loved one, or a significant loss and follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. Everyone is welcome. There is no fee, but you must register by April 13<sup>th</sup>. Visit our website for more information at [www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support](http://www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support).

**KNIGHTS  
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**BECOME A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS**

Our goal is to help men, their families and their parishes grow closer to Christ. Through our programs and resources, we provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith.

**Membership Benefits include:**


- **Columbia Magazine**  
Members will receive the print edition of our monthly magazine, as well as any special fraternal publications produced throughout the year.
- **Accidental death Coverage**  
Eligible members and their spouses will be automatically enrolled in the Order's accidental death coverage at no cost.
- **KofC's Insurance Program**  
Members are eligible to purchase our life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance, and retirement products.
- **Programs and Events**  
Members will be eligible to participate in or attend local, regional, and national charitable and fraternal events.

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**Contact Council #1504**

Kitchener Knights of Columbus  
Father Funken Council #1504  
797 Guelph Street  
Kitchener, ON N2H 5Z2

Phone: 519-893-1504  
Email: [grandknight@kofc1504.com](mailto:grandknight@kofc1504.com)  
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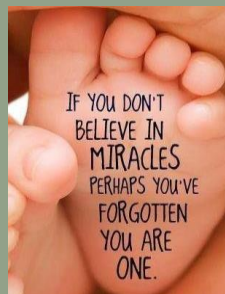
**Canadian Food for Children (CFFC) - Request for help.**

The Catholic parishes in our area have always been so generous with donations to CFFC, donations particularly of clothes, housewares, school supplies, bedding and hygiene goods.

With the onset of covid two years ago, our donations drastically diminished. If your parish has not already heard of our present needs, we are appealing to you to help us.

Our warehouse is located at 843 Guelph Street in Kitchener and we are open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. to accept your donations. If desired, our expanded "Wish List" can be accessed by emailing [pinn@golden.net](mailto:pinn@golden.net).

We thank you in advance for helping us clothe and provide for the poor in so many Third World Countries.

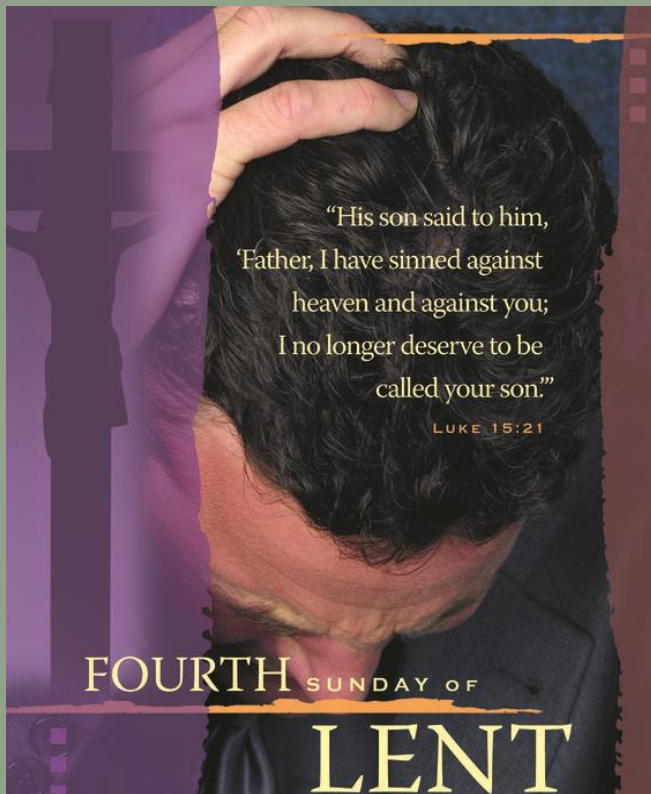


**Prayer Vigil – Thursday, April 7, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**(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.prayervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com)



“His son said to him,  
'Father, I have sinned against  
heaven and against you;  
I no longer deserve to be  
called your son.'”  
LUKE 15:21


**FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
LENT**

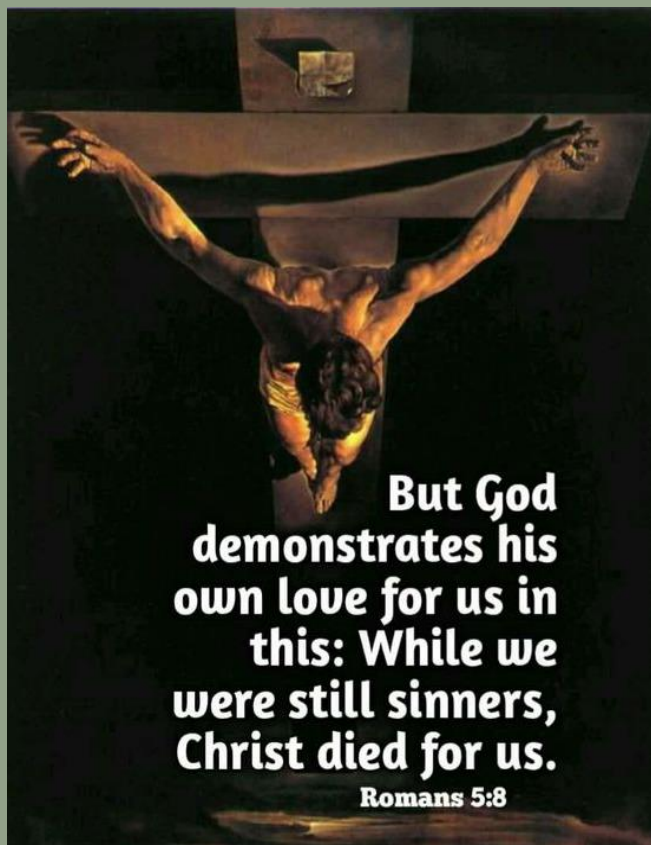


## LAETARE SUNDAY

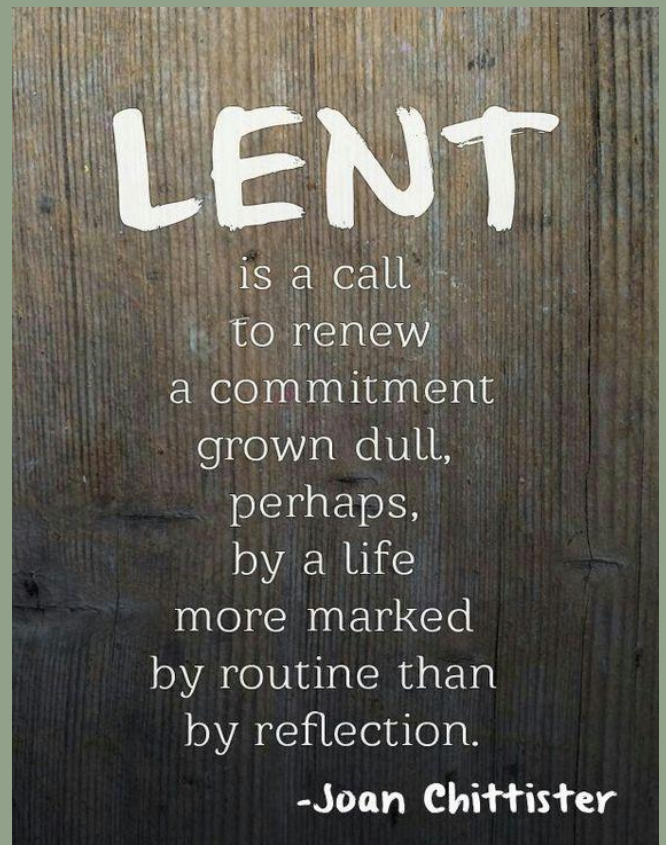
The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday, from the first words of the Introit at Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem" ('Rejoice, O Jerusalem').

Like Gaudete Sunday midway through Advent, Laetare reminds us of the event we look forward to at the end of the penitential season and the joy in anticipation of the Resurrection. The vestments for this day will be rose, as they are on Gaudete Sunday in Advent.

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**But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**  
Romans 5:8



# LENT

is a call  
to renew  
a commitment  
grown dull,  
perhaps,  
by a life  
more marked  
by routine than  
by reflection.

**-Joan Chittister**