

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate  
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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

April 10, 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,  
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

Diocese of Hamilton  
Prayer Calendar

**Holy Week Schedule & Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, April 12: 7:00 p.m. Mass**

Living and deceased members of the CWL – CWL

**Wednesday, April 13: 8:30 a.m. Mass**

+ Odessa Barrett – *Jack & Jo-Anne Konings*

**Holy Thursday, April 14:**

**7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord’s Supper** (on Zoom)

For vocations to priesthood

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight**

**Good Friday, April 15:**

2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Devotion

**3:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy** (on Zoom)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday, April 16:**

11:00 a.m. Blessing of Easter Food

6:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena

**7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass**

**Easter Sunday, April 17:**

9:30 a.m. – Divine Mercy Novena

**10:00 a.m. The Mass of Easter Day** (on Zoom)

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

30 minutes prior to each Mass

There will be no Confession during the Holy Triduum

**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](https://zoom.us/j/5887658626)

**Daily Readings:**

Lectors may find daily readings at this link:

<https://readings.livingwithchrist.ca>

**“Out of suffering comes the serious mind; out of salvation, the grateful heart; out of endurance, fortitude; out of deliverance faith.”**

**St. Teresa of Ávila**

April 11 – Rev. Francis Noronha, C.S.C.  
April 12 – Rev. Allison Mahoney, C.S.C.  
April 13 – Permanent Deacons  
April 14 – **Holy Thursday**  
April 15 – **Good Friday**  
April 16 – **Holy Saturday**  
April 17 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

**Vocations**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
April 10, 2022**

Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord! Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If God is calling you, 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.

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Today, as we celebrate Love Incarnate who came to live, and work, and dance among us, perhaps we are the borrowed colt. Perhaps we need to lay down our coats to line the way. The story continues, and we have prepared our feet to follow its path with a hope that is stronger than despair, a light that is stronger than darkness, and a love that is stronger than death. This is a day both of triumph and tragedy. There is the joy of Jesus entering Jerusalem and getting an enthusiastic welcome from the crowds. **“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”** Words we continue to sing during the Eucharistic Prayer at every Mass. But the picture very soon changes to darkness, to suffering and death.

### Holy Week

It is most definitely a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it. **Historical documents tell us that as early as the fourth century the Church celebrated this "Great Week" with a feeling of profound sanctity.** It begins with **Palm Sunday**, which marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The central feature of the service proper to this day, as it was in the earliest times, is the procession of palms. The other notable and very ancient feature of the present Palm Sunday service is the reading of the Gospel of the Passion by three readers.

### Easter Triduum

Especially important for Catholics is the Easter Triduum. This is the three days just before Easter. On **Holy Thursday**, we reenact the Lord's Last Supper, which He shared with His apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. At the Mass, the priest will wash the feet of twelve men, just as Jesus did. Also on this night, priests all over the world will renew their sacred vows. This is because, at the Last Supper, Jesus not only instituted the Mass (Eucharist) but also the ministerial priesthood.

On **Good Friday**, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have the veneration of the Cross. A service is held at three o'clock in the afternoon (the hour He is believed to have died) and another later in the evening. We go forward and kiss the Cross in order to show honour and respect for Christ's sacrifice for our sake. There is no consecration of the Eucharist on this day, and the Communion we receive will be from the night before, which has been reserved in the tabernacle.

**Holy Saturday** is a vigil. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Savior. This was the day He went down into the netherworld in order to bring back up with Him into heaven those who had died before His coming. Up to this time, the gates to heaven were closed and no one could go there because of the original sin of Adam. Jesus changed all that. By paying the price for our sins on the Cross, He gained for us our eternal salvation, and heaven was opened once more.

### Easter Sunday

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb on the third day after His crucifixion. Easter is the fulfilled prophecy of the Messiah who would be persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day. (Isaiah 53). Remembering the resurrection of Jesus is a way to renew daily hope that we have victory over sin.

### Dear Parishoners & Friends of St. Teresa Parish

*Therefore, if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. Col 3, 1-2*

### Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Truly Risen, Alleluia!

**May the glory of our Risen Saviour  
renew our hopes, rekindle our faith  
and bring us joy!**

**May His unconditional love inspire us to be  
true witnesses,  
joyful bearers of the Good News,  
and Disciples of the Risen Lord!**

**Happy Easter!**

**Fr. Marian Gil OMI**

### 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 April 3, 2022

Envelopes .....	\$ 1605.00
Share Lent .....	\$ 1795.50
Building Fund .....	\$ 190.00
Votives .....	\$ 309.80
Flowers .....	\$ 125.00
Christmas .....	\$ 40.00
Mary, Mother of God .....	\$ 5.00
Easter .....	\$ 25.00
In Memoriam – Helen Mueller ..	\$ 50.00
Funeral .....	\$ 150.00

**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.

**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.**

**Easter Flowers** – Envelopes are available at the back of the church for those wishing to make a contribution to assist with the cost of flowers. Thank you for your generosity.

**Good Friday Collection** – There will be a collection taken on Good Friday for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land. This collection was originally initiated by Pope John Paul II for the support of the Church in the Holy Land.



### What the CWL has been doing in March!

March 1 - Zoom executive meeting.

March 4 – First Communion gifts ordered and prepared to give to the children at an appropriate time.

March 20 – meeting after Mass for instructed vote on fee increase at National level and to change patroness from Our Lady of Good Counsel to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Both were unanimously voted down by the attendees.

Ella Daly, a St David's grad in 2020 was presented with CWL Bursary for her participation in school and St. Teresa Parish life.

March 22 - Meeting for visiting shut-ins and those in retirement and nursing homes. Phone calls and visits have started as we plan to visit about 25 people before Easter.

March 24 - Finished membership collection from 82 members, down 20 from 2021.

April 1 – CWL ladies led the Stations of the Cross.

April 2 – rosary before funeral Mass for 47 yr. member Helen Mueller.

### A heartfelt thank you to all who participated in these events.

*Dear CWL members: Thank you very much for the bursary that you presented me with. I was honoured to receive this award and appreciate all the work that you do in order for me to receive this bursary.*

*Sincerely, Ella Daly*



**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON**

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

1-888-664-3387 or

[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/)

### Wedding Anniversary Mass 2022 Registration –

The Wedding Anniversary Mass, which would normally have been scheduled for June of 2022, will not occur this year due to the continued concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> and we will be happy to send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass. The Wedding Anniversary Mass is listed on the home page under Upcoming Events.

### Join the Reel Justice Film Festival, April 28, 2022

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM for the screening of Seed: The Untold Story. As biotech companies control the majority of our seeds, farmers, scientists, lawyers, and indigenous seed keepers fight to defend the future of our food. In a harrowing and heartening story, these reluctant heroes rekindle a lost connection to our most treasured resource and revive a culture connected to seeds. 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!

**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 at the end of April. Find out more at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support>, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**The Real Me: Drawing Teens Out of the Shadows** is the fourth talk for the **Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series**. Our speaker, Roy Petitfils, has spent his life helping teens not to feel invisible. During his presentation he will provide insights into how parents/teachers/parish staff/others can help ensure no child ever feels unseen. Join us Tuesday, April 26th from 7-8:30 p.m. Roy will provide practical and experiential antidotes on how to assist teens to feel empowered, supported and strong enough to come out of the shadows and thrive in their lives. Roy Petitfils is an internationally recognized expert in understanding and raising teenagers. He is a therapist with a Masters in Mental Health and School Counseling and is an internationally sought-after speaker who uses humour, passion, clinical and life experience to help adults connect with teens and teens to know, understand and love themselves. He has authored, *What Teens Want You to Know (But Won't Tell You)*, *What I Wish Someone Had Told Me About the First Five Years of Marriage* and *God Wears Running Shoes: Spiritual Reflections for Those Ministering to Young People*. To register and for more information: <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> or contact Teresa Hartnett at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250; thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com

### 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).

**Serra Club of Hamilton** invites you to an **Appreciation Mass** on Tuesday May 3, 2022 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King starting at 7:00 p.m. We will celebrate and honour our brothers and sisters who have chosen the Priesthood or Consecrated/Religious Life and have marked their 50th Anniversary serving the Diocese of Hamilton in 2020, 2021 and 2022. Please see the website: [Celebration of Priesthood and Religious Life Dinner](#) or call Margaret Carreiro at 905-628-5682 for further details.

**ReStart** – Starting over after separation or divorce with support, care and tools for your journey. We invite you to check out the Diocesan website at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php> to see the programs we offer and to find out dates of the new program for 2022. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249



**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.

**Good Friday Fish and Chips** - Maryhill Heritage Park - 58 St. Charles St. E. Maryhill - 15<sup>th</sup> April 12 noon to 7 p.m. Eat In or Take Out. No reserved seating. First Come, First Served. Haddock with fresh hand cut fries served with coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon, 1 piece - \$15, 2 piece \$17. Kids under 12 are half price. Hot dogs available. Dessert, bar & refreshment available. Masks optional. Cash only. Take out orders – call ahead strongly advised. Phone (519) 648-2939.

# LENT & EASTER

LENT BEGINS

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Emphasizes our mortality and our need for ongoing repentance.

Easter is an **8 day celebration** leading to Easter Season, which ends on Pentecost.

## PALM SUNDAY

Commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem.

### ASH WEDNESDAY | GOOD FRIDAY DAYS OF FASTING

One full meal and two smaller meals.

## HOLY THURSDAY

Celebrates the Last Supper with the disciples and Passover.

### ASH WEDNESDAY | GOOD FRIDAY + EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

Abstain from consumption of meat.

## GOOD FRIDAY

We remember the Passion and Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross.

**40 DAYS** The 40 days of Lent are based on two accounts: the 40 years of wandering by the Israelites and our Lord's 40 days in the wilderness at which point He was tempted by Satan.

HE HAS RISEN!

## EASTER SUNDAY

Alleluia! The principal feast of the ecclesiastical year. Jesus has risen!

### PILLARS OF LENT

PRAYER | FASTING  
ALMSGIVING

The key to understanding the meaning of Lent is simple: **Baptism**.

# Holy Week

**PALM SUNDAY:** Jesus entered Jerusalem.

**HOLY MONDAY:** Jesus freed the sacrificial animals and cleansed the temple.

**HOLY TUESDAY:** Jesus taught at the temple.

**HOLY WEDNESDAY:** A disciple named Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus for pieces of silver.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** The Last Supper with the disciples  
Jesus washes their feet.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Jesus was crucified on a cross. Darkness covered the whole earth.

**HOLY SATURDAY:** Jesus rested in the tomb.

**RESURRECTION SUNDAY:** Jesus is Risen! His death, burial and resurrection paid for our sins and gives all who believe in Him eternal life.