

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

April 24, 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

### 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

## St. Teresa School

Principal: Mr. Brian Goodyear

Secretary: Mary Lavigne

519-743-2131

**Second Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

On this, the first Sunday after the celebration of Easter, the emphasis is on faith in the presence and power of the living Jesus in our midst. This Risen Jesus now lives on in the community which believes in Him. It is endowed with the same powers that Jesus had during His life here on earth. **“So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past.”**

The Gospel, brings us back to an earlier stage when the disciples have not yet come to the full realization that Jesus, whom they saw crucified, dead and buried, is now alive, that He is risen. He breathed on them, saying: “Receive the Holy Spirit.” The very empowering authority of Jesus is transferred to them: “Whose sins you shall forgive... whose sins you shall retain...” When they act together in the name of Jesus, they have His authority. And, above all, their task is to “forgive sin”, that is, to bring about a deep reconciliation between people and God and among people themselves, to make all one in Him.

But the story is not yet finished. Thomas, “one of the Twelve,” was not there on that Easter Sunday. He stands for the sceptic in all of us. **“Unless I see with my own eyes ... I will not believe.”** The following Sunday – the Sunday we are celebrating today, Thomas is directly addressed.

*“Put your finger here; look at my hands.  
Put your hand in my side.  
Don’t doubt any longer but believe.”*

There follows the greatest confession of faith in all of the gospels: **“My Lord and my God!”** Thomas had been invited to touch the wounds but he does not seem to have done so. And his cry of recognition is not based only on the evidence of his senses. He does not say, “Jesus, it’s you!” but “My Lord and my God!”

**“Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world.”**

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Diocese of Hamilton  
Prayer Calendar

April 25 – Rev. Patrick McKelvie, C.R.  
April 26 – Rev. David Mowat, C.R.  
April 27 – Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb (S.O.C.)  
April 28 – + Rev. Peter Pigott, C.R.  
April 29 – Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.  
April 30 – Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.  
May 1 – Third Sunday of Easter

**Vocations**

**Second Sunday of Easter  
April 24, 2022**

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God’s Call to priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life? 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.

**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 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  
April 25, 2022 – May 1, 2022**

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**  
+ **Frank and + Rose Lehmann** – *Lehmann Family*

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**  
+ **Delmar Ferreira** – *Citelia Ferreira*

Thursday, April 28, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**  
**Deceased Members of Paleczny Family**

Friday, April 29, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**  
**Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**  
+ **Odessa Barrett** – *William Barrett*

Saturday, April 30, 2022 –  
**9:00 a.m.** – + **Mila Navaleza** – *Marilyn, Clara & Bernadette*  
**5:00 p.m.** – + **Lauretta Bauer** – *Pat & Dan Weiler*

Sunday, May 1, 2022 – **10:00 a.m.** –  
**Third Sunday of Easter –Year C – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

**CONFIRMATION 2022**

The following candidates will be Confirmed by Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We congratulate them and embrace them & their families in our prayers.

<b>Mary Daly</b>	<b>Ethan Dawe-McDonald</b>
<b>Samantha Elphick</b>	<b>Simone Kuepfer</b>
<b>John Loughran</b>	<b>Cristina Mendes</b>
<b>Harrison Raj</b>	<b>Lilly Walker</b>
<b>Maeve Wilkin</b>	

**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>

**Thank you!**

**Baptism**

This Sunday, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome:

**Sienna Rose Royall**  
daughter of  
**Korey Vieira and Michelle Taschner**

Thank you to all those who were involved in preparing and assisting in our Holy Week and Easter celebrations (Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Choir, Organists, Custodian, Parish Secretary) and all those volunteers who made these celebrations a great success. May the Risen Christ reward you abundantly for your generosity and kindness. The Easter flowers are beautiful and we are grateful to all those who made donations to assist us in covering these costs – Thank you!

**Stewardship Report April 10, 2022**

Envelopes .....	\$ 2719.00
Loose .....	\$ 44.50
Flowers .....	\$ 75.00
Easter .....	\$ 545.00
Needs of the Church in the	
Holy Land .....	\$ 180.00
Building Fund .....	\$ 135.00
Share Lent .....	\$ 510.00
Development & Peace – Ukraine ..	\$ 1000.00
In Memoriam – Helen Mueller ....	\$ 55.00
Candles .....	\$ 76.90

**Stewardship Report April 17, 2022**

Envelopes .....	\$ 1703.00
Loose .....	\$ 451.20
Flowers .....	\$ 85.00
Easter .....	\$ 2748.00
Needs of the Church in the	
Holy Land .....	\$ 949.80
Building Fund .....	\$ 30.00
Share Lent .....	\$ 20.00
Christmas .....	\$ 10.00
In Memoriam – Helen Mueller ....	\$ 520.00
Candles .....	\$ 40.65

**Thank you to those who continue to remember the parish through financial donations - We appreciate your continued support!**



**CWL Online Auction - Fall 2022 –** We are looking for BRAND NEW items for the auction. Start collecting now! More information to follow.

**St. Teresa CWL Bursary Opportunity –** St. Teresa CWL offers a bursary to young people graduating from high school, that are active members of St. Teresa Parish. If you are interested in applying for this bursary, please email [stteresacwl@gmail.com](mailto:stteresacwl@gmail.com) to receive an application form.

**CWL is collecting for Canadian Food for Children** This month we are collecting salt for Canadian Food for Children. There is a desperate need for this item. Bins will be at the main entrance of the church for the next few weeks starting April 24th. Please be generous to those who have so much less than we do.



**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.

**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. To register and for more information: <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> or contact Teresa Hartnett at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250; [thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com)

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!

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.

**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.dev.org/en/wp\\_press\\_release/solidarity-prayers-and-support-for-ukraine-development-and-peace-joins-relief-efforts/](https://www.dev.org/en/wp_press_release/solidarity-prayers-and-support-for-ukraine-development-and-peace-joins-relief-efforts/)




**Kitchener Knights of Columbus Annual Great Big Spring Clean-up.** - Set to go on Saturday May 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Bring your discarded and unwanted

to the St. Anthony Daniel parking lot at Ottawa and Franklin. We will be collecting all your old electronics, TVs, computers, laptops and cellphones. Bring your scrap metal, that includes copper, stainless steel and brass. Also, any gently used clothing is acceptable. Girl Guides will be there offering their popular cookies for sale. It's been over two years but the Kitchener K of C is again able to support the community. Aid the Knights by helping to raise the necessary funds for local charities.

**THE CHOSEN SEASON 1 STUDY GROUP:**

**The Chosen** is the first multi-season television series about the life of Christ, as witnessed through the eyes of those He impacted. Directed by Dallas Jenkins (The Resurrection of Gavin Stone) and distributed by VidAngel Studios. Join us at **Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo** parish office, starting **Friday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Our study group will begin watching one episode per week of season 1 which will be followed by discussions and fellowship. For more information and or to register please send us an email: to [lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com) with your name and contact information.




## 2022 Toronto March for Life

Friday, May 13, 2022  
Queen's Park

Schedule  
11:30am - Gathering  
12:00pm - Rally and Speeches  
1:30pm - March through downtown Toronto  
3:00pm - Closing Remarks and send off  
3:30pm - End

**KW Right to Life will travel**  
by Great Canadian bus line from  
**Fairview Park Mall** 2060 Kingsway Dr. Kit.  
parking lot opposite Walmart, near  
Fairway Road.  
**Departure time 9am.**  
**Return home by 6pm.**  
**Bus Seat cost is \$25.**  
**Students ride free.**  
Reserve bus seat(s)now.  
Call 519.746.5433 or  
email [jane@kwrtl.ca](mailto:jane@kwrtl.ca)



**25<sup>th</sup> MARCH FOR LIFE - RALLY & MARCH 2022**  
**Thursday, May 12**

12:30 p.m. – Rally on Parliament Hill  
1:30 p.m. – March downtown Ottawa  
2:30 p.m. – Silent No More Awareness Testimonies  
More info: <https://marchforlife.ca>

## Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska The Humble Instrument



Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland, during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's Diary sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her Diary, the Pope called her "**the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time.**"

Sister Faustina was born on August 25, 1905 in Glogowiec, Poland to a poor and religious family of peasants, the third of 10 children. She was baptized with the name Helena in the parish church of Swinice Warckie. From a very tender age she stood out because of her love of prayer, work, obedience, and also her sensitivity to the poor. At the age of seven she had already felt the first stirrings of a religious vocation. Helen made her first Holy Communion at the age of nine, which was a very profound moment in her awareness of the presence of the Divine Guest within her soul. She attended school for three years. After finishing school, she wanted to enter the convent, but her parents would not give her permission. Being of age at 16, Helen left home and went to work as a housekeeper in Aleksandrów, Lodi, and Ostrówek in order to find a means of supporting herself and of helping her parents.

### **Helen joins Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy**

Helen never lost her desire for a religious vocation. After being called during a vision of the Suffering Christ, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy on August 1, 1925, and took the name Sr. Maria Faustina of the Most Blessed Sacrament. She lived in the Congregation for thirteen years in several religious houses. She spent time at Krakow, Plock and Vilnius, where she worked as

a cook, gardener and porter. Externally, nothing revealed her rich mystical interior life. She zealously performed her tasks and faithfully observed the rule of religious life. She was recollected and at the same time very natural, serene, and full of kindness.



Although her life was apparently insignificant, monotonous and dull, she hid within herself an extraordinary union with God. It is the mystery of the Mercy of God which she contemplated in the word of God as well as in the everyday activities of her life, that forms the basis of her spirituality. The process of contemplating and getting to know the mystery of God's mercy helped develop within Sr. Maria Faustina the attitude of child-like trust in God as well as mercy toward her neighbors.

Sister Faustina was a faithful daughter of the Church, which she loved like a Mother, and the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ. Conscious of her role in the Church, she cooperated with God's mercy in the task of saving lost souls. At the specific request of and following the example of the Lord Jesus, she made a sacrifice of her own life for this very goal. In her spiritual life she also distinguished herself with a love of the Eucharist and a deep devotion to the Mother of Mercy.

### The Secretary of God's Mercy

The Lord Jesus chose Sr. Maria Faustina as the Apostle and "Secretary" of His Mercy, so that she could tell the world about His great message, which Sr. Faustina recorded in a diary she titled "Divine Mercy in My Soul". In the Old Covenant, He said to her: **"I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to My people. Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart."** (Diary, 1588)

In an extraordinary way, Sr. Maria Faustina's work sheds light on the mystery of the Divine Mercy. It delights not only the simple and uneducated person, but also scholars who look upon it as an additional source of theological research. Sister Maria Faustina, consumed by tuberculosis and by innumerable sufferings which she accepted as a voluntary sacrifice for sinners, died in Krakow at the age of just 33 on October 5, 1938, with a reputation for spiritual maturity and a mystical union with God. The reputation of the holiness of her life grew, as did the cult to the Divine Mercy and the graces obtained from God through her intercession. In the years 1965-67, the Investigative Process into her life and heroic virtues was undertaken in Krakow and in the year 1968, the Beatification Process was initiated in Rome. The latter came to an end in December 1992. On April 18, 1993 our Holy Father, John Paul II, raised St. Faustina to the glory of the altar. She was canonized on April 30, 2000. St. Maria Faustina's remains rest at the Sanctuary of the Divine Mercy in Krakow-Lagiewniki.