

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate  
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 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

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

**EASTER IS THE TIME** when we both remember and celebrate the new life which has come to us through our Risen Lord. What do we mean by this “new life”? Can you say that you have experienced this “new life” this Easter or, for that matter, in any previous Easter? Are you aware of becoming changed in any way – for the better – over the years? Or has the Easter experience simply passed you by?

The word “new” appears several times in today’s readings. The “new life” that the Scripture speaks of is also referred to as “conversion”, a turning round, or, in Greek meta-noia. In the Gospel (J 13:1, 31-33a, 34-35) Jesus speaks of the foundation and heart of His teaching and message. These are His parting words to His disciples before He goes to His passion and death. What is this message? He tells us to love other people – and to love them as He has loved us. This, He says, is a “new” commandment. The Hebrew Testament told us to love God with our whole heart and soul and so on; and to love our neighbours as ourselves. Jesus has added a new element in telling us that the true test of discipleship is to love other people in the same way that He has loved us.

A NEW COMMANDMENT  
I GIVE TO YOU, THAT YOU

LOVE

ONE ANOTHER; AS I HAVE  
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JOHN 13:34 (NKJV)

**In a state of grace, the soul is like a well of limpid water.**

**St. Teresa of Ávila**

## Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

May 16 – Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.  
May 17 – Rev. Mark Sullivan  
May 18 – Seminarians  
May 19 – Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen  
May 20 – Rev. Stephen Gilbert  
May 21 – Very Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, S.A.C.  
May 22 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

## Vocations

### Fifth Sunday of Easter May 15, 2022

The new commandment of love is required of everyone who follows the risen Lord. How do you fulfill the commandment? 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/>

or

**Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate  
Vocation Office**

71 Indian Trail, Toronto, ON M6R 2A1

[vocations@omiap.org](mailto:vocations@omiap.org)

### 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.

**The Divine Mercy Chapel** – Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Divine Mercy Chapel, **Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.** Please see the Chapel Guidelines as you enter the chapel. We are in urgent need of an Adorer for **Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.** If you would be available to assist us or would like to sign up for another hour, please call the parish office at 519-743-4525.

**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.

**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.

**First Holy Communion & Reconciliation  
Thank you!**

I would like to thank the teachers from St. Teresa School - Karen Schropp and Alexander Battler; and our volunteers - Ellie Fields, Magda Siemieginska and Magie Navaleza who accompanied the children over the past year and our entire parish community for praying for our First Communion children and their parents.

**First Holy Communion 2022**

The following children will receive their First Holy Communion, on Sunday, May 15, 2022, at the 10 a.m. Mass. We congratulate them and embrace them & their families in our prayers.

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| Quentin Amorim | Oliver Brown           |
| Emma Evans     | Keaton Fernandes       |
| Jacob Jobst    | Anniyah Milligan       |
| Hudson Nash    | Layla Nobre            |
| Maxine Onn     | Avangelina (Ava) Orosz |
| Sienna Royall  | Niko Sprenger          |
| Abel Tesfaldet | Isaac Vokey            |
| Leeam Warner   | Alexa Weiler           |

**Mass Intentions  
May 16, 2022 – May 22, 2022**

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**

**Group Mass Intentions**

+ **Della & + Wayne Skinner** – *Ken & Betty*

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Theresa Hutflusz** – *Bill & Mary Alice Zister*

Thursday, May 19, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Odessa Barrett** – *William Barrett*

Friday, May 20, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Theresa Hutflusz** – *Estate of Theresa Hutflusz*

Saturday, May 21, 2022 –

**Optional Memorial of St. Eugène de Mazenod**

**9:00 a.m.** – Intentions of Father Marian Gil and all Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

**5:00 p.m.** – + **Frank & + Rose Lehmann** – *Lehmann Family*

Sunday, May 22, 2022 – **10:00 a.m.** –

**Sixth Sunday of Easter –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>

**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.

**Coffee Sunday** – We are planning another Coffee Sunday for **Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022** and are seeking volunteers who would be willing to bake cakes for this occasion, as we have a nice social with our Confirmation students. Please call the office, at 519-743-4525, if you would be willing to assist. Thank you!

## May – The Month of Mary

During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts a fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration.

**Following each Mass in our church we will have a short Marian devotion meditating upon the virtues of our Blessed Mother and recite the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** I would like to invite all our families to pray, at home, at least one decade of the Rosary during this month, in union with those praying in the church, to prepare yourselves for the Act of Consecration that will take place on the last Sunday of the month and on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Attention all gardeners** – We are seeking volunteers to help tend to our beautiful church gardens. We can accommodate the days and times that work best for you. If you would like to assist us, please contact the parish office at 519-743-4525. Thank you.

### Stewardship Report May 8, 2022

Envelopes .....	\$ 2158.00
Loose .....	\$ 129.05
Building and Maintenance .....	\$ 75.00
Pre-Authorized Giving – April 2022 .....	\$ 1907.00

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



#### St. Teresa Catechetical Workers League Opportunity –

St. Teresa Catechetical Workers League 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.

**Catechetical Workers League 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 until **May 15, 2022**. Please be generous to those who have so much less than we do



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**Indigenous Reconciliation Fund** – Special envelopes were distributed last weekend in preparation for the collection taking place this weekend, May 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Aging with Wisdom and Grace** is the fifth talk for the **Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series**. Using her own experiences and the wisdom of her contemporaries, Dr. Elizabeth Bookser Barkley will explore some of the physical, emotional and psychological issues we face as we age. The presentation will be interactive, challenging participants to reflect on their own aging journey. Pope Francis has repeatedly spoken of the importance of the elderly in our society, so join us to embrace this important stage of every person’s life. Dr. Bookser Barkley, Ph.D., is a professor of English at Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is the author of four books, including *Life After Death: Practical Help for the Widowed*, and numerous other feature articles. She is married, the mother of three daughters and the grandmother of seven. **Join us Wednesday, May 18 from 7-8:30 p.m.** To register or for more information, check the diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 or [thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com)

**ReStart** – Starting over after separation or divorce with support, care and tools for your journey. We invite you to our upcoming zoom sessions one on **Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and one session Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 p.m.** Check out the Diocesan website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php> to register and find out more detail. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**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? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will be offering a four week online grief program on **Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8:30 p.m. May 17, 24 & 31, and June 7, 14 & 21st.** Find out more on the Diocesan website and register to receive the zoom link at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support>, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**The Office of Youth Ministry is pleased to present Accompanying Forward – An Afternoon with Roy Petitfils** on May 27 at 1 p.m. for a virtual conversation about accompanying young people as they try to navigate their new realities and their mental health. Roy is a Catholic author, speaker and psychotherapist with more than 25 years of experience ministering to youth and young adults in parishes, dioceses, and schools. Registration can be found by [clicking here](#) or on our Diocesan website under Youth Ministers Events and Resources.

**Join the Reel Justice Film Festival May 26, 2022 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM** for our last screening of the season, He Named Me Malala. This documentary provides an intimate portrait of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded by gunfire as a 15-year-old. She miraculously survived and is now a leading campaigner for girls' education globally as co-founder of the Malala Fund. 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 register!



CYO Camp Brébeuf in Rockwood, ON is hiring teenagers and young adults as camp counsellors for this summer. For more information, please visit [www.campbrebeuf.ca/employment](http://www.campbrebeuf.ca/employment).

### *Domestic Church Family Retreat*

**When:** June 24 - 26, 2022. Friday evening to Sunday evening.

**Where:** St. John Paul II Retreat Centre, Port Burwell

**Topic:** Engaged and sacramentally married couples seeking to grow in holiness together and want to learn more about the Domestic Church.

**Highlights:** Sports and activities for children and youth. Food and lodging included. Time with your spouse to encounter God. Time for prayer and adoration. Fun for the whole family.

**Cost:** \$400 per family.

**Contact:** Marta & Jacek, 519-896-8979, [domestic.church.ontario@gmail.com](mailto:domestic.church.ontario@gmail.com)

### COME RETREAT WITH LOYOLA HOUSE!

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Interested in learning something new? See our website at [loyolahouse.com](http://loyolahouse.com) (under "Events") for more information on these upcoming retreats & programs:

- **Amazing Friendships Weekend Retreat - NEW!** - June 3-5 - *facilitated by Kerry Wilson & Greg Kennedy, SJ*
- **Directed Prayer Weekend** - June 3-5
- **Bees: Weekend Retreat - NEW!** - June 10-12
- **Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment** - June 10-12
- **8-Day Directed Retreat** - July 20-28

These retreats are on-site at Loyola House! There have been lots of changes...20 ensuite washrooms have been added, bedrooms updated, plus much more!

Register online at [loyolahouse.com](http://loyolahouse.com) or contact [registration@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:registration@ignatiusguelph.ca) or by calling 519-824-1250 ext 266.



We are currently accepting applications for the following opportunities:

- Registered Early Childhood Educators AND the Graduating class of 2022
- Occasional Teachers

Please visit our website for job details and application criteria: [www.wcdsb.ca](http://www.wcdsb.ca)