

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 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  
**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Taek Jong (TJ) Maximus Han  
**Parish Secretary:** Mary Steffler  
**Business Administrator:** David Agnew  
**Facilities Manager:** Jack Pigeau

### 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  
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Magie Navaleza - 519-588-8668

**Finance Council Chair:**  
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**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

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we have one of the most famous Gospel stories, the “Good Samaritan”. There are four people in the story:

1) A Jewish priest, a man of deep religious convictions, serving in the Temple at Jerusalem. 2) A Levite, also a religious person with Temple connections. 3) A Samaritan, a traveller apparently on business. Samaritans were regarded by devout Jews as outsiders, heretics, people not to be seen in company with. 4) An unknown man, beaten up by robbers on the roadside. Presumably a Jew to give the story its full impact but not necessarily so. In a sense it is totally irrelevant what labels are attached to the man. Maybe he was stupid to be travelling alone with money on a notoriously dangerous road. **In the story, the injured man – a complete stranger – has a higher priority than the needs of any of the other three.** The first two are rushing to the Temple to worship God. What they fail to realise is that a child of God and their own brother is right there lying on the road. **God can be worshipped right here!** A real neighbour in the Gospel is one who can show real compassion to a total stranger in need, unconditionally and without moral judgement.

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel speaks of hospitality but from a very different perspective. This time the visitor is Jesus Himself and apparently no stranger to the house. Jesus, we know, had no home of His own. Jesus was totally at the service of others by being continually on the move, going from place to place. In return, people saw to His personal needs.

The house of Martha, Mary and Lazarus seems to have been a place where Jesus could go to when things got too difficult for Him in nearby Jerusalem. **Hospitality is a very important element of life in the Middle East.** This is not surprising, given the hostile terrain of large stretches of waterless desert and hot sun. **Such hospitality for us has become a victim of modern urban living.** We only open our doors to our own family or people we know well. Our houses are constantly locked, even when we are at home. There are peepholes, cameras, and alarms. Strangers can no longer be trusted. One wonders if this is a step forward in our so-called civilized, cultured, developed and sophisticated society?

In our very action-oriented society we may tend to sympathize with Martha slaving away in the kitchen while Mary seems to just sit looking dreamily into Jesus’ eyes. The situation may look less than ideal but we must remember that the purpose of the story is to help us get our priorities right.

**Prayer is an act of love; words are not needed.**

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## Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

July 11 – Rev. Msgr. Raymond Modeski  
 July 12 – Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos  
 July 13 – Society of Christ (S.Chr.)  
 July 14 – Rev. Arthur Scidmore  
 July 15 – Rev. James Curtin  
 July 16 – Rev. Edward Hampson  
 July 17 – **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

July 18 – Rev. Peter Meyer  
 July 19 – Rev. Emmanuel Olusola  
 July 20 – Pallottine Fathers (S.A.C.)  
 July 21 – Rev. Gordian Okpuruka  
 July 22 – Rev. Ken Miskiewicz  
 July 23 – Rev. Terence Sehl  
 July 24 – **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Vocations

### *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 10, 2022*

It's a simple concept: love God with your whole being and put that love into practice. How is God calling you to love? Have you considered the way of loving called ‘priesthood’, ‘diaconate’ or ‘religious life’?

### *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 17, 2022*

We are like Martha. There’s plenty to be anxious about but only one thing that is required of us. For five minutes today be like Mary, rest with Jesus and ask Him what He requires of you?

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)

**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. If you would like to sign up for one of the hours, please call the parish office at 519-743-4525.

**Friday Masses in August** – Please note that during the month of August, there will be no Friday morning Mass. **The Friday Masses will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday 9:00 a.m. Masses** – There will be no Saturday morning Masses in August. They will resume in September.

**Parish Office** – In the absence of our parish secretary the week of **July 10<sup>th</sup> – July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, please call, in advance, to request any services.

**Parish Bulletin** – During the months of July and August, the parish bulletin will be published bi-weekly.

**Records/New Parishioners** – If you are new to the parish – Welcome! Please call the office and we would be pleased to forward a Parish Registration form to you; or pick up a parish registration envelope in the narthex/vestibule. If you are a parishioner, it would be greatly appreciated if you could notify the office of any changes.

**Mass Intentions for 2022** – The offering of Mass is a most excellent way of remembering a loved one. Please call the parish office if you would like to request a Mass.

**Mass Intentions  
July 11, 2022 – July 17, 2022**

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**  
**Living and deceased members of the CWL – CWL**

Wednesday, July 13, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**  
**+ Frank & + Rose Lehmann – Lehmann Family**

Thursday, July 14, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**  
**Intentions of Lynne Mac Gillivray – Ken & Betty**

Friday, July 15, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**  
**Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church**

**Intentions of Wayne Mac Gillivray – Ken & Betty**

Saturday, July 16, 2022 –  
**9:00 a.m.** – **+ Mila Navaleza – Navaleza Family**  
**5:00 p.m.** – **+ Leona Grobe – Peter Grobe**

Sunday, July 17, 2022 – **10:00 a.m.** –  
**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time –Year C –  
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

**Mass Intentions  
July 18, 2022 – July 24, 2022**

Tuesday, July 19, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**  
**Group Mass Intentions**

Wednesday, July 20, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**  
**+ Lennie Hoffarth – Ken & Betty**

Thursday, July 21, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**  
**+ Delmar Ferreira – Citelia Ferreira**

Friday, July 22, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**  
**Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene**  
**Intentions of Krystyna Krolak – Ken & Betty**

Saturday, July 23, 2022 –  
**9:00 a.m.** – **+ Theresa Hutflusz – Estate of Theresa  
Hutflusz**  
**5:00 p.m.** – **+ Ludwig Ceh – Theresa Ceh & Family**

Sunday, July 24, 2022 – **10:00 a.m.** –  
**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time –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>

**Baptism**

Sunday, July 10, 2022, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome:

**Niwli Abraham Tesfamicheal**  
son of

**Nazret and Abraham Zerchristos**

Tuesday, July 12, 2022, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome:

**Maya Irena Fletcher**  
daughter of

**Alicja Kulik and Justin Fletcher**

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Congratulations to the following couples who will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage in July:

July 12, 2022 – **Alicja Kulik & Justin Fletcher**

July 23, 2022 – **Carolina Sobieszczanski & Mark Deckert**

**Stewardship Report June 26, 2022**

Envelopes .....	\$ 1163.00
Loose .....	\$ 142.00
Building and Maintenance .....	\$ 284.00
Cura Pastorum .....	\$ 10.00
Pope's Pastoral Works .....	\$ 10.00
Funeral .....	\$ 150.00
Pre-Authorized Giving – June .....	\$ 1907.00

**Stewardship Report July 3, 2022**

Envelopes .....	\$ 1081.00
Loose .....	\$ 165.25
Building and Maintenance .....	\$ 40.00
Cura Pastorum .....	\$ 30.00
Votive Candles .....	\$ 99.25

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

**Custodian** – St. Teresa of Avila Parish, in Kitchener, requires a part-time Custodian (25 hours per week). Reporting to the Parish Pastor, this position offers a competitive rate of pay and requires a commitment to work flexible hours. Please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/job-opportunities.php> for more details. We thank all candidates for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



**The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild** invites all members, families and friends to attend the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass, to be held **Sunday, July 17, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.**, at St. Agatha Catholic Church, 1839 Notre Dame Dr., St. Agatha. The Rosary will precede the Mass. The celebrant will be Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton. Reception with light refreshments to follow.



**Novena to St. Anne** – St. Mark's Parish in Kitchener (55 Driftwood Drive) invites you to participate in a 9-Day Novena to St. Anne, from July 17th to 25th at 7:00 p.m. each day. Please see the poster on the bulletin board, or visit their website at <http://www.stmarkcatholicparish.org>.



**Hamilton Diocese  
Marian Days 2022  
Basilica of Our Lady  
Immaculate, Guelph**



(Begins with Confessions – 9:00; Mass – 10 a.m.)

- August 6** – Benediction/closing at 2:00 p.m.  
Bishop Ustrzycki
- September 3** – Benediction/closing at 2:00 p.m.  
Bishop Lobsinger
- October 1** – Solemn Crowning of Our Lady with Rosary at 11:00 a.m. –  
Bishop Crosby

After the Solemn Crowning all are welcome to attend The Queen's Tea (The Queen of Heaven, that is). Advance registration for the Tea is required by calling the Basilica at 519-824-3951. Cost: \$20 per person, payable at the door. For more details see the poster on the parish bulletin board.

**We welcome into our parish permanent deacon  
Rev. Mr. Taek Jong (TJ) Maximus Han**



**Jesus said “I chose you and sent you out to bear much fruit “**

Hello brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

My name is Maximus (TJ) Han and I was born into a devout Buddhist Korean family. I came to Canada in 1982 to take care of my younger brother who was trained as a figure skater.

In 1997, my wife joined a Korean Catholic Parish and was baptized. My wife took instruction to become a Catholic but it took me a bit more time to become a true Catholic. As a devout Buddhist, I attended the Korean parish with a good heart, but not in worship of the Lord. I even did many chores behind the scenes to be virtuous in love and mercy.

After my baptism in 2009, my love for Jesus became a wild fire. Unfortunately, there were not many resources in the Korean language, but Jesus, who was preparing my calling, was now taking me in a different direction, which was to serve Him as a permanent deacon. As I was discerning my calling, Jesus opened up so many classes and sent friends who were witnesses of His love.

In 2016, I was ordained as a permanent deacon in Hamilton Diocese to serve Korean and Canadian parishes. Jesus chose me to become His feet and hands, especially in proclaiming His obedience to the Father and salvation of His people.

A permanent deacon is one who lives *“in persona Christi servi”*. He is mostly involved in works of charity in society – reaching out to the isolated, marginalized and abandoned, just like Jesus did. In the Church, the deacon serves as a teacher of faith and proclaiming the Gospel. I will talk more about the process or formation of a permanent deacon later.

I thank the Lord who chose me and sent me to this faithful community of St. Teresa, where the oneness of Jesus is handed down with love and humble hearts. My blessing is that I can walk along with you all, here at St. Teresa Parish, to bear much fruit.

Deacon Maximus

## World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday, July 24, 2022. As described in his official message, Pope Francis invites everyone to celebrate this day so that we ensure “no one lives this day in loneliness.” The theme chosen by the Holy Father is **“In old age they will still bear fruit”** (Ps 92:15).



### Pope Francis stated the following as he presented his catechesis on the elderly:

“I wish to emphasize that the tenderness of the elderly and grandparents shows us the tenderness of God.

Watch how a grandfather or a grandmother look at their grandchildren, how they embrace their grandchildren – that tenderness, free of any human distress, that has conquered the trials of life and is able to give love freely, the loving nearness of one person to others.

This is what God is like, He knows how to embrace. And old age helps us understand this aspect of God who is tenderness. Old age moves ahead toward its destination, towards God’s heaven. Old age therefore, is a special time of separating the future from the illusion of a biological and robotic survival,

especially because it opens us to the tenderness of God’s creative and generative womb.

May the spirit grant us the re-opening of this spiritual - and cultural – mission of old age that reconciles us with the birth from above. When we think of old age like this, we can say – why has this throw-away culture decided to throw out the elderly, considering them useless? The elderly are the messengers of the future, the elderly are the messengers of tenderness, the elderly are the messengers of the wisdom of lived experience. Let us move forward and watch the elderly.”

Pope Francis sees the role of grandparents as essential to a healthy growth from generation to generation. At World Youth Day in Rio in 2013 he stressed this to the youth. **“Grandparents are a treasure. Often old age isn’t pretty, right? There is sickness and all that, but the wisdom our grandparents have is something we must welcome as an inheritance. A society or community that does not value, respect and care for its elderly members doesn’t have a future because it has no memory, it’s lost its memory. The elderly are those who transmit history to us, who transmit doctrine, who transmit the faith and give it to us as an inheritance.”**

He also detailed grandparent’s important role as well: **“Grandparents, who have received the blessing to see their children’s children (cf. Ps 128:6), are entrusted with a great responsibility: to transmit their life experience, their family history, the history of a community, of a people; to share wisdom with simplicity, and the faith itself - the most precious heritage! Happy is the family who has grandparents close by! A grandfather is a father twice over and a grandmother is a mother twice over.”**

[Follow this link for the full text of the Message of Pope Francis for The Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly](#)

## Faith and Grandparents: Bless Your Grandchildren



Grandparents (with the parent's permission) can have a great influence on their grandchildren's faith. Here are a few suggestions:

- → When meals are at your home be sure to say grace before and after meals
- → Have your grandchildren occasionally join you at Mass at your parish and every now and then attend their parish
- → Tell stories about your faith traditions at holiday times
- → When possible, find stories that include your faith traditions
- → Join them in night time prayers when you are around at bedtime (or Skype in if you are at a distance!)
- → Tell them your story in receiving the sacraments; tell them your child's story and be sure to attend these important moments in their lives
- → Celebrate their baptism day with a card, special meal, or a reminder that you are praying for them on this very special day
- → Share your values, morals and beliefs with your grandchildren and let them know why these are important to you
- → Talk to them about the beauty of God's creation and share it during walks, vacations, or whenever the moment arises

## PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I give thanks to you, Lord,  
For the blessing of a long life  
For, to those who take refuge in You,  
Grant always to bear fruit.  
Forgive, O Lord,  
Resignation and disillusionment,  
But forsake me not  
When my strength declines.  
Teach me to look with hope  
To the future you give me,  
To the mission you entrust to me  
And to sing your praises without end.  
Make me a tender craftsman  
Of Your revolution,  
To guard with love my grandchildren  
And all the little ones who seek shelter in You.  
Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis  
And grant Thy Church  
To deliver the world from loneliness.  
Direct our steps in the way of peace.  
Amen.

