

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 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

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CWL President: Mary Alice Zister
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Don Pickett, Jr.
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519-749-1501

St. Teresa School
Principal: Mr. Chris Luciani
Secretary: Connie Rawski
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

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We are presented in today’s Gospel (Luke 15:1-32) with an overwhelming picture of God. It is a picture that we could never have guessed at ourselves and, in spite of Jesus’ words, it is a picture that many of us still find difficult to accept, in its fullness.

In the Gospel we are given a threefold picture of how God looks on the sinful person and on a sinful people. The three stories hammer home the same theme: God will go to any length to bring the sinner back to a loving relationship with Himself. There is the story of the sheep, perhaps a rebellious maverick, which has wandered far from the flock. The shepherd does not rest till he has found it and brought it back. There is no punishment but rather an invitation to the neighbours to join in celebrating the reunion.

‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’

There is the woman, presumably poor, who loses a coin she can ill afford to be without. Again, the emphasis is on the joy shared with the neighbours on finding what had been lost. This is a picture of love and forgiveness we might find difficult to imitate. Imagine if one of your family were to squander all the family wealth in such a way, say, by reckless gambling or indulging in drugs. What kind of a welcome could he expect on his return? At the same time, all that we say about the way God receives us back must clearly be carried out in our relationships with other people. “Forgive us our sins,” we pray constantly in the Lord’s Prayer, “in the same way we forgive those who sin against us.”

The loving father is at the center of this parable (the prodigal son). Even though his son runs off with his father’s inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son’s return, the father, “full of compassion,” runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins. The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son’s reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father’s house to join in the rejoicing. The father’s response teaches us that God’s care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn’t wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

“It is by humility that the Lord allows Himself to be conquered, so that He will do all we ask Him”.

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Diocese of Hamilton
Prayer Calendar

- September 12 – Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.
- September 13 – Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.
- September 14 – Salesians of St. Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
- September 15 – Rev. Adam Voisin
- September 16 – Rev. David Wilhelm
- September 17 – Rev. Jeffery Oehring
- September 18 – **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Vocations

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 11, 2022**

God is the Father with the open arms. Who will preach this Good News of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. 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

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

or

**Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
Vocation Office**

71 Indian Trail, Toronto, ON M6R 2A1

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 currently in urgent need of someone for Mondays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.** If you can assist with this hour or would like to sign up for one of the other hours, please call the parish office at 519-743-4525.

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. 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 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.

Pamphlets, Posters, Articles – If you wish to leave articles, posters or pamphlets in the narthex or on the bulletin board, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Thank you to Jack Pigeau & Coffee Sunday

– Next Sunday, **September 18th**, following the 10 a.m. Mass. Please join us for treats and fellowship with other parishioners in the Parish Hall, as we thank our Facilities Manager, Jack Pigeau, who is retiring. This is not good-bye, but thank you! We thank Jack for his dedication and for the tremendous amount of work he has done here in the parish. We hope Jack will continue worshipping in our community and sharing his talents with all of us; and we wish him God’s richest blessings.

Stewardship Report September 4, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 1655.00
Loose	\$ 180.00
Building and Maintenance	\$ 25.00
Votive Candles	\$ 57.95

Thank you for your support of our parish.

Mass Intentions

September 12, 2022 – September 18, 2022

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**
Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Living and deceased members of the CWL - CWL

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
+ Frank & + Rose Lehmann – Lehmann Family

Thursday, September 15, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
Intentions of Jae Hoon Yoo – Birthday Blessings - Mom

Friday, September 16, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**
Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope; and Cyprian, Bishop; Martyrs
+ Delmar Ferreira – Citelia Ferreira

Saturday, September 17, 2022 –
9:00 a.m. + Mary Helen Stroeder – Roger & Rita Boudreau
5:00 p.m. – + Ludwig Ceh – Theresa Ceh & Family

Sunday, September 18, 2022 – **10:00 a.m.** –
Twenty-fifth 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>

**First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion
Confirmation
Registration Meetings**

Registration forms have been sent home with Grade 2 students and Grade 7 students at St. Teresa School and we wish to remind parents and candidates of their upcoming meetings. The meeting for **First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** takes place Sunday, **September 25, 2022** following the 10 a.m. Mass. The meeting for **Confirmation** will take place **October 1, 2022** following the 10 a.m. Mass. These are mandatory meetings and we ask that you bring the completed registration forms to the meeting. If your child does not attend St. Teresa School and you wish them to receive either of these sacraments, please call the parish office.

Mass – Sunday, September 25, 2022 – We invite, on the last Sunday of September, all staff, students and teachers at St. Teresa School to join us for the 10 a.m. Mass. We will pray for them, in a special way.



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Evenings with His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, continue this fall at St. Ann's Parish, Ancaster. Class is the second Friday of each month, beginning September 9th at 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit the Parish website: <https://stannparish.ca/>. The next class is October 14th.



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



Join brothers and sisters from around the Diocese in honouring Our Blessed Lady, for the last Marian Day of the year, with Bishop Crosby, on October 1, 2022, at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. Join us for Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Holy Mass with Bishop Crosby at 10:00 a.m., the Solemn Crowning of Our Lady with Rosary at 11:00 a.m., and The Queen's Tea at 12:00 p.m., honouring the crowning of the image of Our Lady. Cost for lunch is \$20.00 payable at the door. Call the Basilica to reserve your spot: (519) 824-3951.



**World Youth Day 2023:
Lisbon & Fatima, Portugal
July 28th – August 7th, 2023**

Bishop Crosby is sending a delegation of 40 young adults to World Youth Day in the summer of 2023. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the world. All young people aged 18-35 are welcome to join this pilgrimage experience. The registration deadline for WYD 2023 has been extended until **Friday, September 16, 2022**. We encourage all interested candidates between the ages of 18-35 to fill out a registration form and contact our office (wyd@hamiltondiocese.com) about payment details before that deadline. Spots are limited.

For more information about WYD in the Diocese of Hamilton visit: <https://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com/>

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip 122. Conflict in any relationship is inevitable, but how we handle that conflict is not. When it comes to the spousal relationship, we often experience reoccurring conflict, which is not easily resolved because it is the result of fundamental differences in how we live in and/or view our world. Since it is hard to change a person's natural inclinations, couples have to find ways to resolve the ongoing conflict in ways that do not harm the love they feel for each other. One way to do this is to sit together when you are calm and find a middle ground that will work for both of you. We like to be right, so both partners will have to suspend their own desire and look for a workable solution for both. The benefit? Calmer moments, more shared love and a happy household! Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Marriage Support - Your marriage does not have to feel like it is more trouble than joy, that it feels stagnant or disconnected and/or that it is causing you constant stress. The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. The next Retrouvaille weekend is Oct. 21-23. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

ReStart – Start over after separation or divorce with care and tools for your journey. We invite you to check the Diocesan website at:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php> to see the programs and to find the dates of programs for the fall of 2022. Finding support and gaining strength can help as you journey forward. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

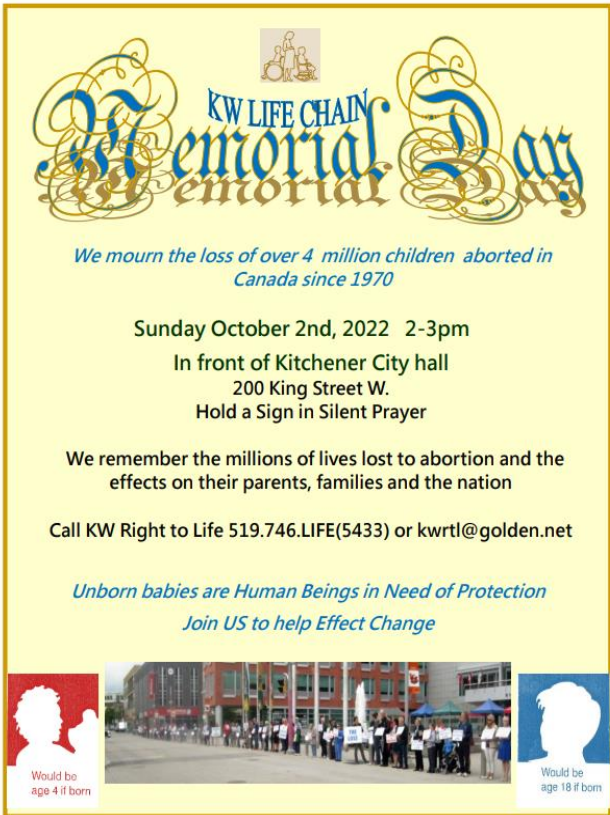
ST TERESA OF AVILA'S ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY will be held on **Friday, September 16th, 2022** at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 19 Flamingo Dr., Elmira. Enjoy our Community BBQ in the hall from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., an Outdoor Snack Booth with chips, soft drinks, fresh-made popcorn and candy. Lots of fun for young and old – penny table, silent auction, bouncies, tombola, 50/50, music, inside and outside activities, play area for children 5 and under and much more. Come and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship. Fun starts at 4:30 p.m. and ends with fireworks at dusk. All are welcome!

Career Opportunity: St. Francis of Assisi Parish is now accepting resumés for the position of Administrative Assistant/ Bookkeeper at St. Francis Parish, Kitchener. You can view the [Job Description by clicking here](#). Interested parties, please send your resumé to stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com.

40 Days for Life, Kitchener – This year, our annual campaign aimed at saving lives of those who can't speak for themselves, will take place between September 28th - November 6th. Please join us for the Opening Rally to Kick-Off this year's 40 Days for Life at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, 29 Midland Dr., Kitchener, on Tuesday, September 27th with Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by refreshments, fellowship and an opportunity to sign up for hours.

Pilgrimage Mass at St. Agatha Shrine of Our Sorrowful Lady will be held September 18th at 3 p.m., inside and outside the Chapel Shrine. The Seven Sorrows Rosary will precede the Mass at 2:30 p.m. The celebrant will be Father George Nowak, C.R. Bring a lawn chair, as the chapel has limited seating. Archangels Sacramentals will have a table set up, should you wish to purchase precious Sacramentals. Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine is open every Sunday from 1-4 p.m. until the end of September.

Rosary to Pray for Canada with a statue of Our Lady of Fatima – Every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the corner of King and Benton St., Kitchener.



KW LIFE CHAIN Memorial Day

We mourn the loss of over 4 million children aborted in Canada since 1970

Sunday October 2nd, 2022 2-3pm
 In front of Kitchener City hall
 200 King Street W.
 Hold a Sign in Silent Prayer

We remember the millions of lives lost to abortion and the effects on their parents, families and the nation

Call KW Right to Life 519.746.LIFE(5433) or kwrtl@golden.net

*Unborn babies are Human Beings in Need of Protection
 Join US to help Effect Change*

Would be age 4 if born | Would be age 18 if born



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Heritage Day
Sunday, September 18, 2022

11 a.m. Mass – 11:45 a.m. Mary Grotto – 12 noon car tour of the area shrines – 1:00 p.m. lunch (hosted by the CWL). Presentations, 50-50 Draw & Silent Auction. Tickets required for lunch – \$15. Email: maryhillroots@gmail.com or (519) 242-9595 or any board members.



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- **Occasional Teachers**

Please visit our website for job details and application criteria: www.wcdsb.ca