

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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“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

Custodian: Scott Piggott

Baptism Preparation Team:

CWL President:

Lector Co-ordinator: Mary Steffler

Eucharistic Minister Co-ordinator:
Kim Voelzing

Adoration Chapel Co-ordinator:
Elizabeth Heydel- Quintanilla –
519-590-5348

Secondary Chapel Co-ordinators:
Herb Altman – 519-893-4793

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. 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.

Confession: 30 min. before Mass; Sat., 4:15 – 4:45 p.m.
No Sunday Confession

Healing Mass: First Friday of each month
(September – June) – 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting: Temporarily suspended

Weekday Schedule

Please check inside for
weekly schedule

Sunday Liturgy:

10:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s Gospel Matthew emphasizes the relation between Jewish Law and the teaching of Jesus. Matthew reassures his readers that Jesus has not come to abolish the Law and the prophets but to bring them to completion. So, in a sense, the Law still has force. “Until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.”

On the other hand, there is much in Jesus’ teaching that is completely new. For Jesus, just to keep the Law externally is not enough. To be a disciple of Christ, the foundation of our lives must go deeper – to a mutual love.

**To keep the Law without love
is like having a body without a soul.**

Literally to keep the Law of God and of the Church is not the same as being a good disciple of Jesus. “If your virtue goes no deeper than the Scribes and the Pharisees, (who were perfect observers of the letter of the Law), then you will never enter the Kingdom of God,” Jesus says today. We do not keep the Law through our behaviour but through our basic attitudes, our basic values. “If you refuse to love, you must remain dead; to hate your brother is to be a murderer” (1 John 3:15).

**May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let
this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul
the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.**

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Vocations

“No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him.” If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God’s love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact:

Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations
(905-528-7988); vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

or

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate Vocation Office
71 Indian Trail, Toronto, ON M6R 2A1
vocations@omiap.org

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - The Eucharist is the center and origin of the life of the Church. Therefore, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is taking place Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., in our church (Divine Mercy Chapel). We would like to invite our parishioners to sign up for adoration and dedicate at least one hour a week to be with Jesus and nourish your spiritual life. To sign up, please contact Elizabeth at 519-590-5348.

“If you are passing before a Church, enter to greet our Lord. Could you pass the door of a friend without saying hello?” St. Jean-Marie Vianney

Mass Intentions

February 13, 2023 – February 19, 2023

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 – **7:00 p.m.**

**Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop
Living and deceased members of the CWL – CWL**

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Laurie Dougherty** – Sandra Nakluski & Family

Thursday, February 16, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

Intentions of Bob & Mary Montreuil – Ken & Betty

Friday, February 17, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

Birthday Blessings for Katherine Ward – Mom

Saturday, February 18, 2023 –

9:00 a.m. – + **Hans Forthuber** – Helene Meier

5:00 p.m. – + **Leona Grobe** – Peter Grobe

Sunday, February 19, 2023 – **10:00 a.m.**

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

– **Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

Following the Diocesan Initiative to “Come Home for Christmas” we have suspended live-streaming from our church at this time.

Stewardship Report – February 5, 2023

Sunday Offering	\$ 2348.50
Votive Candles	\$ 60.25
Building Fund	\$ 35.00
Building Fund – In Mem - L. O’Donnell	\$ 20.00
Initial Offering 2023	\$ 30.00
Seminary Education	\$ 827.40
Good Friday	\$ 5.00
Easter	\$ 5.00
Pope’s Pastoral Works	\$ 5.00

**We are most appreciative of your ongoing
prayerful and financial support.**

Donations to the parish can be made through the use of Sunday Offertory envelopes, Pre-Authorized Giving and Interac e-Transfer. Interac e-Transfers can be made using the following email account:

stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

February 13 – Rev. Francis Noronha, C.S.C.

February 14 – Rev. Rafal Tomon

February 15 – Discalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D.)

February 16 – Very Rev. Tim Uniack, C.R.

February 17 – Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R.

February 18 – Rev. Chris Buda, C.R.

February 19 – **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preparing For Confirmation & First Communion & Reconciliation

First Reconciliation and First Communion – February 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. – Catechetical Session 3: “*Discovering the gift of the Eucharist*” – Part II (parents & candidates)

Confirmation – February 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. – Catechetical Session 3: “*Eucharist – the gift of God’s Love*” (parents & candidates)

R.C.I.A. – February 12, 2023 at 10 a.m. – Rite of Acceptance

Lift Jesus Higher Rally – Empowered to Stand Saturday, March 4, 2023 – 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Metro Toronto Convention Centre (North Building)
Come experience compelling speakers and powerful praise and worship. There will be testimonials, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions and more. Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins. **If you are interested, please sign up on the list provided at the back of the church. If we have enough people, we would organize a bus.**

Mass Intentions 2023 – 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. We will now accept all Mass Intentions.

World Youth Day – If anyone would like to support this project or if you know of a young person 16 yrs. of age or older who would like to attend World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, please contact the parish office. We will have a presentation by the Oblate Youth Ministry **this Sunday**, February 12th, at the 10 a.m. Mass.

Income Tax Receipts for 2022 will be at the back of the church this weekend in alphabetical order. We would like to thank you for your generosity and continued support of our parish.

Coffee Sunday – Next Sunday, February 19th after the 10 a.m. Mass. Please join us in the parish hall!

Altar Servers – At this time we would like to invite families with children, who have received First Holy Communion, to sign up their children to serve at Mass on Saturdays or Sundays. Registration forms will be available at the back of the church this Sunday. Formation sessions for Altar Servers will take place on Sundays at 9:30 a.m., in our Sacristy, beginning February 26, 2023. Deacon TJ and Merline and Pradeesh Raj will assist us with this program. This is a wonderful way to teach our young children, not only in how to serve at Mass, but to gain a deeper understanding of the Eucharist.

Stations of the Cross at St. Teresa Parish - We would like to invite all parish organizations, especially First Communion and Confirmation students to lead the Stations of the Cross during our Lenten season on **Friday at 7 p.m. beginning February 24th**. Please contact the parish office to let us know which Friday your group would like to lead.



Euchre – The games are scheduled for every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and will take place in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. For information, call Chris - 519-575-1692.



Pure **Maple Syrup** will be available on February 18th & 19th after each Mass, at the back of the church. **Just \$15.00 cash for a 500ml bottle**
Proceeds aid the K of C in their charitable work.

Young Adults Night - March 4th – Waterloo - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Evening ends with Compline at 9 p.m. Saturday, March 4th at St. Michael's Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.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 (under "Events") for more information on these upcoming retreats & programs:

- **Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment** - February 17-19
- **Silent Spring in Dead of Winter: A Weekend Retreat** - February 17-19
- **Knowing the Heart of Jesus** - February 24-26

Register online at loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or 519-824-1250 ext 266.



We are currently accepting applications for the following opportunities:
Lunch Hour Supervision
Please visit our website for job details and application criteria:
www.wcdsb.ca