

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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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

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Baptism Preparation Team:

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Elizabeth Heydel- Quintanilla –
519-590-5348

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519-749-1501

St. Teresa School

Principal: Mr. Chris Luciani
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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

Weekday Schedule

Please check inside for
weekly schedule

Saturday Liturgy:

9:00 a.m. (except in August)
5:00 p.m.

Sunday Liturgy:

10:00 a.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

Fourth Sunday of Lent
(Laetare Sunday)

This Sunday is known as **Laetare Sunday** and is a Sunday of joy. Lent is half over, and Easter is enticingly near. In the reformed calendar this Sunday is not different from the other Sundays of Lent even though the entrance antiphon for the day still begins with the Latin word "laetare" and the vestments worn by the celebrant are rose-coloured, not violet. The day is important because it is the day of the second scrutiny in preparation for the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil.

In today's Gospel (J 9: 1-38), the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light.

In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of His time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man. The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals Himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

LENTEN EXERCISES AT OUR PARISH: Dedicate ONE HOUR or half an hour for prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament in our Divine Mercy Chapel... **Participate** in Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7:00 p.m. **Pray & reflect** upon the text which you will receive each Sunday following the liturgy or **read** each day a short passage from the Bible. Choosing one of these commitments will help you to have a deep, powerful and unforgettable Lent! **It's not what you give up... It's what you want to give!**

Adoration 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
March 20, 2023 – March 26, 2023

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 – **7:00 p.m.**
Deceased members of St. Teresa Parish for 2020, 2021 & 2022 – CWL

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**
Blessings and healing for Anna Mazur – Artur & Ewa Miciula

Thursday, March 23, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ Patrick Carr – Helene Meier

Friday, March 24, 2023 –
8:30 a.m. – Healing for Marta – A Friend
7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 25, 2023 –
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
9:00 a.m. – + Vince Caldarola – Family
5:00 p.m. – + Ludwig Ceh – Theresa Ceh & Family

Sunday, March 26, 2023 – **10:00 a.m.**
Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year A
– Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Vocations

"We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day." Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you to serve Him 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

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

March 20 – **St. Joseph, Patron of Canada & the Universal Church**
March 21 – Rev. Laszlo Amaszka
March 22 – Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)
March 23 – Rev. Piotr Golinski
March 24 – Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
March 25 – **The Annunciation of the Lord**
March 26 – **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preparing For First Communion & Reconciliation:
April 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. – Catechetical Session 4: "We Prepare for Reconciliation" (*parents and candidates*)

Preparing For Confirmation:
April 1, 2023 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Confirmation Retreat

Stations of the Cross at St. Teresa Parish – Please join us for the Stations of the Cross during our Lenten season on **Fridays at 7 p.m.** Thank you to the Prayer Group, Parish Pastoral Council, St. Teresa Catholic Women's League and the Choir, and our Lectors who have led over the last few weeks; and to the parents of our First Holy Communion candidates who will lead on March 24th and the St. Teresa St. Vincent de Paul who will lead on March 31st.

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.

World Youth Day

At this time, we have 2 young people in our parish who will be attending World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal this summer with Pope Francis. Their names are:

Angelina Raj and Robert Sebastian

If any parishioners would like to make a financial donation to assist in covering their costs for the trip to Lisbon, it would be greatly appreciated. Income Tax receipts will be issued and any cheques should be made payable to St. Teresa Parish with a notation that it is for World Youth Day. The goal is to raise as much as possible so as not to burden their parents, as Angelina and Robbie will be representing our parish community.

Movie Screening – *Bridge of Roses* – On March 25th, following the 5 p.m. Mass, here at St. Teresa Parish we will have a screening of the film *Bridge of Roses*. We hope you will join us!

Church Bulletin Advertising – Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2023 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

Stewardship Report – March 12, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1865.00
Votive Candles	\$ 49.60
Building Fund	\$ 265.00
Building Fund – In Mem - L. O'Donnell	\$ 20.00
Turkey & Syria – Earthquake	\$ 100.00
Share Lent	\$ 50.00

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

Monday, March 20th is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Prayer to St. Joseph

Remember, O St. Joseph, loving and powerful protector, that according to the testimony of your faithful servant, great St. Teresa, no one who is truly devoted to you has seen his petition rejected. Filled with confidence and hope I come to you, worthy Spouse of Mary Immaculate. Do not close your ears to my prayer, you who have the glorious title of father of Jesus, but graciously hear and intercede for me. Amen.

Mass of Chrism – The Mass of Chrism will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on **Monday, April 3, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** This is a most beautiful liturgy in which the holy oils used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick are consecrated and distributed to the parishes in our diocese; and the priests of our diocese gather around our Bishop, and in communion with him, renew the promises of their Ordination. All are invited to attend!

The Serra Club of Hamilton is holding their Vocations Recognition Dinner on Tuesday May 2, 2023 at Liuna Station. If interested, please email SerraHamilton1965@gmail.com or leave a message at 905-628-5682. Tickets are \$90.

Grief Relief - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Join us on Thursdays from 7 – 8:30 p.m. from April 13th - May 18th, 2023 to learn more about what you are feeling and how to gently move forward. You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton program will be offered online using Zoom. To register, go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for April 13th under Upcoming Events. To find out more, please call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

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:

Prayer Bead Pilgrimage: A One-Day Retreat - March 25

Holy Week Retreat - April 1-9

Easter Triduum Retreat - April 6-9

The Call of the Land Weekend Retreat - April 28-30

Birds Weekend Retreat - May 19-21

8-Day Directed Silent Retreat - May 23-31

Building an Earthen Church: 8-Day Retreat - May 23-31

Register: loyolahouse.com, registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or by calling 519-824-1250 ext 266.