

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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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

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday

On this, the first Sunday after the celebration of Easter, the emphasis is on faith in the presence and power of the living Jesus in our midst. This Risen Jesus now lives on in the community which believes in Him.

The Gospel, brings us back to an earlier stage when the disciples have not yet come to the full realization that Jesus, whom they saw crucified, dead and buried, is now alive, that He is risen. He breathed on them, saying: “Receive the Holy Spirit.” The very empowering authority of Jesus is transferred to them: **“Whose sins you shall forgive... whose sins you shall retain...”** When they act together in the name of Jesus, they have His authority. And, above all, their task is to “forgive sin”, that is, to bring about a deep reconciliation between people and God, and among people themselves, to make all one in Him. But the story is not yet finished. Thomas, “one of the Twelve,” was not there on that Easter Sunday. He stands for the skeptic in all of us. **“Unless I see with my own eyes ... I will not believe.”** The following Sunday – the Sunday we are celebrating today, Thomas is directly addressed. **“Put your finger here; look at my hands. Put your hand in my side. Don’t doubt any longer but believe.”** There follows the greatest confession of faith in all of the gospels:

“My Lord and my God!”

Thomas had been invited to touch the wounds, but he does not seem to have done so, and his cry of recognition is not based only on the evidence of his senses. He does not say, “Jesus, it’s you!” but “My Lord and my God!”



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

April 17, 2023 – April 23, 2023

Tuesday, April 18 – 7:00 p.m.

Group Intentions Mass

+ **Cora Reyes**

Wednesday, April 19 – 8:30 a.m.

+ **Frank & + Rose Lehmann** – *Lehmann Family*

Thursday, April 20 – 8:30 a.m.

+**Delmar Ferreira** – *Citelia Ferreira*

Friday, April 21 – 8:30 a.m.

+ **Barbara Fabina** – *Family & Friends*

Saturday, April 22 –

9:00 a.m. – Birthday Blessings for Lito Navaleza

5:00 p.m. – + Loretta Bauer – *Angela Straus & Family*

Sunday, April 23, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter – Year A

– **Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

Vocations

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Will you respond to God’s call to be sent as priest, deacon, sister or brother or consecrated virgin? If God is calling you, 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

April 17 – **St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Protectress of Canada**

April 18 – Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger

April 19 – Jesuit Fathers (S.J.)

April 20 – Rev. Joseph Gregory Michel

April 21 – Rev. Wilson Andrade, C.S.C.

April 22 – Rev. Emmanuel Ralte, C.S.C.

April 23 – **Third Sunday of Easter**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Sunday – This Sunday, April 16, 2023 after the 10 a.m. Mass. Please join us in the parish hall!

Tool Organizer – We are looking for a tool organizer. If you have one and would like to get rid of it, we would have a use for it. Please call the office – 519-743-4525.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to all those who were involved in preparing and assisting in our Holy Week and Easter celebrations (Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Choir, Organists, Flower Arrangers, Banner Hangers) and all those volunteers who made these celebrations a great success. A very special thank you to the cleaning crews, who volunteered their time to assist in cleaning the church after the liturgies, particularly Holy Saturday, to ensure the church was pristine for the next celebration. May the Risen Christ reward you abundantly for your generosity and kindness. The Easter flowers are beautiful and we are grateful to all those who made donations to assist us in covering these costs – Thank you!

2023 Clergy Pastoral Appointments

On Friday, March 29, 2023, His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I. announced the 2023 Clergy Pastoral Appointments. At this time, we wish to advise you that our Pastor, **Father Marian Gil, O.M.I.** has been appointed Pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Hamilton. **Father Stefano Lee** has been appointed our Pastor. The appointments are effective on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at twelve o'clock noon. Please pray for Father Gil and Father Lee and for God's blessing upon these new appointments.

CONFIRMATION 2023

The following candidates will be Confirmed today, April 16, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. by His Excellency, Bishop Fred Colli, Bishop of Thunder Bay. We congratulate them and embrace them & their families in our prayers.

Isabella Putro	Isis Steel
David Rouleau	Kaiden Weiler
Wyatt Schnarr	Declan Williams
Izabella Sebastian	Kieran Williams
Tanner Sereda	Nicole Marie Zister

PUBLICATION OF BANNES OF ORDINATION

Reverend Mr. Carlos Diaz is scheduled to be ordained to the Priesthood at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, Ontario. If anyone knows of a serious cause why this ordination should not take place, please notify your Parish Priest.

Let us all pray that Reverend Mr. Carlos Diaz will be a good and faithful servant of the Lord and His Church.

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund collection – There will be a second collection next weekend, April 22nd / 23rd, 2023. This collection supports local initiatives of healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Please see Bishop Crosby's letter included in today's bulletin.

Stewardship Report – April 9, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1623.65
Votive Candles	\$ 41.85
Share Lent	\$ 120.00
Easter flowers	\$ 122.00
Building Fund	\$ 410.00
Building Fund – In Mem – L. O'Donnell	\$ 20.00
Easter	\$ 3792.00
Good Friday–Needs of Church in Holy Land...	\$ 1674.25

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

“Loving Our Grown Children When Beliefs Collide”: Sometimes our beliefs about our faith can clash with those of our grown children. We may wonder **“Where did we go wrong?”** When choices clash, divisions run deep & tension exists, how do we trust God's plan, keep communicating **and HOW do we love our way through this?** **Sunday, April 30th** from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Parish with guest Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, Diocese of Hamilton. For event details visit the Events section at www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org

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

Aging Issues: Listening to Indigenous Voices – join us for this chance to learn about aging from the perspective of three Indigenous speakers in our region. The Diocese, through the Family Ministry Office, is co-sponsoring this Zoom event on Saturday, April 22 from 2-4 p.m. For registration and information, please contact Ellen Ryan, hamiltonagingcommunity@gmail.com or 905-648-0437.