

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

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Maximus Han

Parish Secretary: Mary Steffler

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Custodian: Scott Piggott

Baptism Preparation Team:

CWL President:

Lector Co-ordinator: Mary Steffler

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Kim Voelzing

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Elizabeth Heydel- Quintanilla –
519-590-5348

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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.
No Sunday Confession

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

The context of the Gospel, is Jesus' long discourse with His disciples, at the Last Supper. They are aware that Jesus is about to leave them. **"Do not let your hearts be troubled,"** are the encouraging words He speaks to them. **"Trust in God still, and trust in me"** is a call to total faith in the Father and in Jesus. The disciples cannot be too happy to hear that Jesus is about to leave them. It is no wonder that their hearts are "troubled". This, in spite of the promise, that Jesus is going away, to "prepare a place" for them, that He will return to take them with Him, "so that where I am, you may be too".

Jesus, has now been with them for three years. He has taught them continuously, all during this time, and they have seen Him teaching and working among the people, so **"You know the way to the place where I am going,"** they are told.

Thomas, the man who likes to confront, and the one with the very literal mind, protests: **"Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"** He is clearly thinking in geographical terms. In fact, all of Jesus' words about going and coming, are spoken with quite a different level of meaning. However, we can be grateful to Thomas for drawing out of Jesus, one of the great sayings, in John's Gospel: **"I AM the Way — I AM Truth and Life. No one can come to the Father except through me."** To follow the Way of Jesus, is not to go anywhere. It is to become a special kind of person, a person whose whole being reflects the Truth and Life that Jesus reveals to us. It is to be a person, who has totally identified with the vision and the values of Jesus. To be such a person, is to be a person of Truth and Life.

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

May 8 – Rev. David Lewis
May 9 – Rev. Ron Cote
May 10 – Congregation of the Resurrection (C.R.)
May 11 – Rev. Michael Bennett
May 12 – Rev. Ralph Diodati
May 13 – Rev. Robert Dunn
May 14 – **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Vocations

"The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these..." Are you willing to do the work of the Lord as a 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

Mass Intentions

May 8, 2023 – May 14, 2023

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 – **7:00 p.m.**

Living and deceased members of the CWL – CWL

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

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

Thursday, May 11, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

Intentions of Sister Norma Schmidt, S.S.N.D. – Rosemary & Bernie Pickett & Family

Friday, May 12, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Regina Maloney – Jesus Light of the World Prayer Community**

Saturday, May 13, 2023 –

9:00 a.m. – + Delmar Ferreira – Citelia Ferreira

5:00 p.m. – + Parents of Tim Helm & Frances Tessaro

Sunday, May 14, 2023 – **10:00 a.m.**

Sixth Sunday of Easter – Year A – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Devotions & Crowning of Mary - During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of their home, offer up to Mary a fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. **Following each Mass in our church we will have a short Marian devotion** meditating upon the virtues of our Blessed Mother and recite the Litany. **Crowning of Mary will take place on Sunday, May 7th at the 10 a.m. Mass.** I would like to invite you to join us for this ritual by bringing your flowers and placing them in the vase in front of the altar. I also encourage all our families to pray, at home, at least one decade of the Rosary during this month.

Coffee Sunday: Sunday, May 14th, **Mother's Day.** There will be entertainment to help celebrate our moms.

First Holy Communion 2023

The following children will receive their First Holy Communion, this Sunday, May 7, 2023, at the 10 a.m. Mass. We congratulate them and embrace them & their families in our prayers.

Antonio James Bruckman-Vieira

Max Georghiades

Emilia McLean

Somto Franklin Obi

Lauren Reitzel

Nolan Sarac-Docherty

Ryker Harrop

Max James Malley

Winifred Pickett

Reid Richard Reitzel

Hudson Yolkowski

Visiting and Holy Communion to the Sick – All those who are visiting the sick and taking Holy Communion to them or family members are asked to come to the Sacristy before Mass and sign in. Please leave your pyx in the Sacristy. You will receive the pyx in the new hand-painted pouches after the Communion Prayer, before the Final Blessing.

On Mother's Day, May 14th and Father's Day, June 18th we will accept multiple Mass intentions. Please call our parish office if you would like to make a request. All the requested intentions on this occasion will be listed in the bulletin.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - The Eucharist is the center and origin of the life of the Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., in our Divine Mercy Chapel. All are welcome! If you wish to sign up for a specific hour, please call Elizabeth at 519-590-5348.

World Youth Day

Thank you once again to all those who have already supported financially and prayerfully our young people who will be attending World Youth Day, later this summer. If anyone would like to support this initiative, please contact the parish office or cheques may be made payable to St. Teresa Parish. Donations made to this initiative will receive an income tax receipt. Thank you for your generosity!

Pierogies Fundraiser in support of World Youth Day

We are planning another Pierogies Fundraiser to take place the weekends of **May 20th/21st** and **May 27th/28th**. Our last Pierogies Fundraiser was a great success and the pierogies were delicious and enjoyed by all - here and at home! Please come and support this World Youth Day Fundraiser! We thank Supreme Pierogies (Mr. Joseph Wilk) for their support. More details to follow.

The Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle for the Religious and Laity - All are invited to this Cenacle **Prayer, Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.** A Cenacle: Invitation to Prayer, consists of the rosary, hymns, various prayers for priests, a reading and short meditation on one or more messages in the book, "To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons" (Blue book). For more info: <https://mmpcanada.ca/>. Please contact Magie Navaleza or Parish secretary to purchase Blue Book - \$10 each.

Stewardship Report – April 30, 2023	
Sunday Offerings	\$ 1531.95
Votive Candles	\$ 80.75
Building Fund	\$ 752.00
Indigenous Reconciliation Fund	\$ 65.00

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

Congratulations Rev. Father Carlos Diaz!

Father Carlos received the Sacrament of Holy Orders on May 6, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. We congratulate him on his Ordination to the Priesthood and assure him of our prayers. We hope that in the near future he will come to our parish to celebrate Mass and impart on us his priestly blessing, as a newly ordained priest. Wishing you God's richest blessings Father Carlos.

**Spaghetti Dinner in honour of
Father Jonathan Paul Reitzel
Holy Family Parish, New Hamburg
May 18, 2023**

The Council of Catholic Men, on behalf of Holy Family Parish, would like to congratulate Father Jonathan on his ordination to the priesthood on May 6th, 2023 and in his honour sponsor a spaghetti dinner on Thursday May 18th. There will be 2 seatings (5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.). Take out is available for pickup at 5 p.m. or 7 p.m.

All proceeds will go to Father Jonathan and he will be present that day.

For more information call Pat at 519-242-4763. **Orders must be placed by May 14th.**

The simple menu will be spaghetti with either meat or tomato sauce, garlic bread, Caesar salad, and coffee, tea or punch.

The cost is \$12.00 adults, \$7.00 children under 16, \$35.00 family (2 adults and all children under 16).

Father Jonathan is the grandson of Lou and Carole Reitzel of our parish.

Join us for an **ELEGANT AFTERNOON TEA** on **Saturday, May 13th** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Come and enjoy the ritual of an authentic English Afternoon Tea. There are two seatings 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. For tickets, please contact the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 or email stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com. Please request gluten free needs, when you purchase your ticket.

EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY – Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for “Evenings with His Excellency”. This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. This month we will continue our look at *The 10 Commandments*. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith. All are welcome.