

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

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.

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.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus commands His disciples not to be afraid. Jesus is well aware of the many challenges that will face all who choose to follow Him in faith and preach in His name. A little earlier He says: **“I am sending you like sheep among wolves”** (Mt.10:16). Jesus gives an exhortation that will be recalled in the future when the Church will face persecution: **“And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”** The “body” is a perishable shell, and the “soul” that is immortal is one’s real self. Other human beings can destroy one’s impermanent body, but only God has power over life and death eternally. Do not fear other men and don’t even fear Satan, but have the reverent fear of God that leads to a righteous life and the fear of offending Him. **“Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.”**

Jesus’ warning is that salvation is only through the Redeemer-Messiah, who is God the Son. For us to acknowledge Jesus as Saviour and Lord to others, is a condition of discipleship. If we proclaim Him before others, it is Jesus’ solemn promise that He will stand as our divine Advocate before the judgment throne of God the Father.

Message from Father Marian Gil, O.M.I.

Dear Parishioners,

As my time comes to an end at St. Teresa Parish, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your heroic generosity that you showed during our One Heart One Soul Capital Campaign and every Sunday of the year. Without your dedication and support, this parish would not be able to exist. I am very blessed that I could journey with you for these last 5 years. By your openness and support you made me feel, at this parish, like at my home. Your prayers, words of kindness played a big deal in my ministry here, especially during the time of pandemic. During these years I witnessed in a powerful way God’s presence in the confessional, at Eucharist or administering the Sacrament of the Sick. One person whom I anointed and who received the Eucharist said: “Now, I can face anything in my life because I know that God is with me”. These small miracles and sincere testimonies that you shared shaped my faith as well. May God reward you for every gesture of kindness and support.

I would also like to say “sorry” to those whom I perhaps offended by my words or actions. I must say that it never was my intention to hurt anybody. Please pray for me as I will be praying for you. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus that we honour during this month heal our wounds and our brokenness and make us apostles of God’s mercy.

Thank you and God bless!

Mass Intentions

June 26, 2023 – July 2, 2023

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Living and deceased members of the CWL – CWL

Wednesday, June 28, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Memorial of Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

+ Alfred Novak – Helene Meier

Thursday, June 29, 2023 –

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:30 a.m. - + Lucy Baker (In memory of her 99th Birthday)

– Helene Meier

Friday, June 30, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Intentions of Sandra Mack – Theresa Coles

Saturday, July 1, 2023 –

9:00 a.m. – + Pete Richard – Richard Family

5:00 p.m. – Intentions of Ken & Betty – A Friend

Sunday, July 2, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.

Vocations

“Have no Fear.” Considering a ministerial vocation is not popular, but it may be what God is calling you to. If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life, 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

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Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

June 26 – Very Rev. Jeff Bergsma

June 27 – Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.

June 28 – Holy Ghost Congregation (Spiritans) (C.S.Sp.)

June 29 – **Saints Peter & Paul**

June 30 – Rev. Guillermo Diaz

July 1 – Rev. Paul Edmondstone

July 2 – **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visiting & 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.

Farewell BBQ for Father Marian Gil, OMI

This Sunday, June 25th we will be saying goodbye to Father at our parish BBQ following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We hope you will join us to celebrate him and wish him many blessings as he moves on from St. Teresa's. Please bring your lawn chairs. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, salads, desserts and beverages. Free will offerings to cover expenses will be gratefully accepted.

Father Gil has requested no monetary gifts, but would be very pleased to receive cards with messages as to how his ministry has influenced your life.

Flowers and Gardens – Thank you to all those who have volunteered to assist with maintaining our church gardens. We are still in need of 3 families for the St. Teresa flower bed, the chapel flower bed and for the combined little flower bed in front of Grotto and lower driveway flower bed. Please contact the parish office at 519-743-4525, if you would like to assist. For those who would like to aid in covering the costs of the flowers, envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Through the Mission Co-Operative Program of the
Diocese of Hamilton:



On the weekend of July 8 and 9, Fr. George Berendt will speak at all Masses about the work of the PIME Missionaries. Founded in Italy in 1850, PIME Missionaries are priests and brothers who dedicate themselves as lifelong messengers of the Gospel to those who have not yet heard the Word of God. They live and work alongside the poorest among us in 19 countries, shedding light on the silent struggles of our brothers and sisters in the missions and connecting them to those with a spirit to help.

Find out more at: www.pimeusa.org.

World Youth Day 2023 - Fundraising

Thank you to all those who have made donations and/or who purchased pierogies in support of World Youth Day. A special thank you to Supreme Pierogies (Mr. Joseph Wilk) for supporting this project. Thus far we have raised the following:

- Parishioners, clergy & parish organizations - \$5423.25
- Nativity and honey sales - \$864.00
- Pierogies Fundraiser - \$1290.25

Your financial and prayerful support of Angelina Raj, Jeanine Rouleau and Robert Sebastian, who will be representing our parish at World Youth Day in Lisbon, is greatly appreciated! Our fundraising goal of **\$8100** is getting closer! May God reward you for your kindness!

The Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle for the Religious and Laity - All are invited to this Cenacle Prayer on **Tuesday evenings** from **7:30 - 8:30 p.m.**, following the evening Mass. 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". For more info: <https://mmpcanada.ca/> or join us Tuesday evenings.

Stewardship Report – June 18, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 2052.10
Votive Candles	\$ 41.25
Building Fund	\$ 90.00
Building Fund – In Mem – L. O'Donnell	\$ 30.00
Cura Pastorum	\$ 95.00

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 using the following email account:

stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com



The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites all members, families and friends to attend the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass to be held at the Carmel of St. Joseph Monastery, St. Agatha on July 16, 2023 at 2 p.m. The Mass will be preceded by the Rosary.

Celebrant: Most Rev. Wayne L. Lobsinger.

HAMILTON DIOCESAN MARIAN DAYS – These days will be celebrated from June to October 2023 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The day will start with Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m., Rosary Procession at 11:00 a.m. and lunch at 12:00 p.m., Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis at 1:00 p.m. The day will close with Benediction at 2:00 p.m. Please bring your own lunch. Coffee and Tea will be available. The remaining Presiders will be, **Bishop Douglas Crosby:** Sat., July 1; **Bishop Gerard Bergie:** Sat., August 5; **Bishop Wayne Lobsinger:** Sat., September 2; **Thomas Cardinal Collins:** Sat., October 7.

DID YOU KNOW? Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program! If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, contact the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>.