

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. Stefano Lee

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

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Elizabeth Heydel- Quintanilla –
519-590-5348

Secondary Chapel Co-ordinators:
Herb Altman – 519-893-4793
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Finance Council Chair:
Don Pickett, Jr.

Pastoral Council Chair:
Barbara Daly

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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.

July 16, 2023 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Unfortunately, we do not have an insert for this Sunday.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 13:24-43. Today's parable is Christ's answer to the question so frequently asked: "Why does God permit evil to triumph so often in this world, why are the wicked allowed to prosper?" The triumph of the wicked is short-lived, the reward of the Christian who suffers from their wickedness is everlasting. The very wickedness and injustices of evil-doers are one of the ways that God uses to perfect His elect. It is only on a battlefield that a true soldier can be proved. In the parable, the weed does not destroy the wheat. It only makes it more difficult for the wheat to grow to maturity. So it is with the Christian. No one can take his faith from him, but living up to it is made more difficult by the evil influence and bad example of sinners. If some succumb to this evil influence and give up the practice of their faith, the fault is theirs. God can force no man to serve Him. The patience of the farmer in letting the weed grow on until harvest time, exemplifies the infinite mercy of God toward sinners. The weed could not change its nature, but the sinner can change his ways and God gives him every chance and every help to do this, up to his last moment of life. No sinner will be excluded from heaven because of the sins he committed but because he did not repent of these sins while he had the opportunity.

Vocations

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 16, 2023 - Let anyone with ears listen! Do you hear God's call for you in your life? Have you considered the way of loving called "priesthood", "diaconate" or "religious or consecrated life"?

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 23, 2023 - "The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought..." For five minutes today rest with Jesus and ask Him what He requires of you.

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

World Youth Day 2023

Please keep Angelina, Jeanine and Robert in your prayers as they leave for Portugal July 26th. We wish them a safe journey and a time filled with many graces and blessings! Thank you to all for your prayerful and financial support!

Mass Intentions

July 17, 2023 – July 23, 2023

Tuesday, July 18, 2023 – **7:00 p.m.**

Group Mass Intentions

+ **Eber Ureta**

+ **David James Witzel** – *Kathy Witzel & siblings*

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Louie Sparks** – *Ken & Betty*

Thursday, July 20, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

Intentions of Stephan Wood – *Theresa Coles*

Friday, July 21, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

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

Saturday, July 22, 2023 –

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

9:00 a.m. – + **Carolyn Weber** – *Jean & Brian Giles*

5:00 p.m. – + **Ludwig Ceh** – *Theresa Ceh & Family*

Sunday, July 23, 2023 – **10:00 a.m.**

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly) – Year A – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.

Mass Intentions

July 24, 2023 – July 30, 2023

Tuesday, July 25, 2023 – **7:00 p.m.**

Feast of Saint James, Apostle

Intentions of Elizabeth Ewa Miciula – *Grandparents*

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

Feast of Saint Anne, Patron of the Province of Quebec and St. Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

+**Bill** and +**Dorothy Barrett** – *Bill Barrett Jr.*

Thursday, July 27, 2023 –

8:30 a.m. - + **Peter Richard** – *Catherine Mackid*

Friday, July 28, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Wilhelm** & + **Elisabeth Lamers** – *Lamers Family*

Saturday, July 29, 2023 – **Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus**

9:00 a.m. – **Intentions of Magie & Lito Navaleza** – *Ken & Betty*

5:00 p.m. – + **Larry Wismer** – *Joan Wismer*

Sunday, July 30, 2023 – **10:00 a.m.**

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

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



There will be a **second collection** this weekend, July 15/16th for the Mission Co-Operative Program

Bio of Father Stefano Lee

Fr. Stefano (Moung- Kyu) Lee was born in Masan City in the southern part of South-Korea on the 29th of August, 1975. He has one older brother as a sibling.

When he was in grade 2, he was baptized together with his mother and older brother, but his father who was a traditional and devout Buddhist was baptized when Fr. Lee was about to be ordained a deacon. Fr. Stefano was so happy and gave thanks to the Lord for allowing his family to form a Eucharistic family.

Since childhood, Fr. Lee has been devoted to the Blessed Virgin, Mother Mary by reciting the Holy Rosary often and he wanted to become a priest because he loved to stay in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ at the church. This passion made him enter the diocesan seminary in Korea in 1994.

He joined the Korean military service, which is mandatory for Korean men; after two years of seminary schooling.

After 26 months of military service, he went to the Philippines for the study of English. In the Philippines, he stayed with Filipino Missionary priests and seminarians for 5 months which led him on a road to become a missionary. After completion of his university studies (4 years' seminary course), he joined the Korean Missionary Society, and then he continued to study for 5 more years (graduation course, Noviciate and Overseas Training Program). During the missionary formation, he had an opportunity to have an Overseas training program in Papua New Guinea.

Right after his priestly ordination on July 12, 2007, he was sent to the Philippines and served until 2012. After serving as a Parochial Vicar in two parishes while he learned a local language, he became a parish pastor located in the mountainous area. After 10 months of serving God with local people, Fr. Lee came back to Korea where he served in a Korean local church as a guest priest for about one year.

Following that year Fr. Lee went to New Zealand in 2014 where he served the local church for 4 years as an associate pastor and as a pastor.

In 2019, Fr. Lee came to Canada and served Korean Churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto for one year and a half as an associate pastor. He also served at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Mississauga which is a cross-cultural church, for about 2 years. In June 2022, Fr. Lee became associate pastor at St. Joseph Parish, assisting Monsignor Kroetsch. Earlier this year, on April 1st, he was incardinated into the Diocese of Hamilton and has now been assigned to St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Kitchener as a pastor effective June 28th, 2023. He is going to put his best efforts to serve God's people in His vineyard at St. Teresa's Parish.

He loves to take landscape photos to try to capture God's images in grandeur. These photos have always given him inspiration and made him closer to God.

Coffee Sundays: mark your calendars for July 23 and August 20 and plan to join fellow parishioners for refreshments and socializing. Time spent with friends and neighbours is the best part of Coffee Sundays.

Building Fund Collection – There will be a second collection the weekend of July 29th / 30th.

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

July 17 – Rev. Marko Stefanec
July 18 – Rev. Joseph Abiola Akanbi
July 19 – Pallotine Fathers (S.A.C.)
July 20 – Rev. Tomy Chittinapilly
July 21 – Rev. Mark Morley
July 22 – **St. Mary Magdalene, Disciple of the Lord**
July 23 – **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** (*World Day for Grandparents & Elderly*)
July 24 – Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I.
July 25 – Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.
July 26 – **St. Anne & St. Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
July 27 – Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.
July 28 – Rev. Adam Voisin
July 29 – **Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Disciples of the Lord**
July 30 – **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Stewardship Report – July 2, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1476.00
Votive Candles	\$ 70.30
Building Fund	\$ 115.00
Building Fund – In Mem – L. O'Donnell	\$ 20.00
Cura Pastorum	\$ 50.00

Stewardship Report – July 9, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$2265.25
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Building Fund – In Mem – L. O'Donnell	\$ 20.00
Rosaries and Holy Cards	\$ 4.20

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

FRASSATI Leadership Program – Young people entering grade 10 in September are invited to register for the Frassati leadership program. This year long program is designed for young Catholic leaders who want to expand their Catholic leadership skills and grow in their relationship with Christ and their communities. For registration and more information please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/youth-ministry/frassati>.