

# 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

**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**

### 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

**Parish Priest - In cases of Emergency** – If you have an emergency and are unable to reach someone in the parish office and urgently need a priest, please call Father Stefano at 647-960-4078 (cell phone).

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



## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

We must remember that God is a loving God who is willing to forgive, but He has rules and formats that are for our good. The passage tells us that God, through Jesus Christ, gave the Church the authority to forgive sins of those who repent. The outward sign of our sincerity is our "going" to Confession. The outward sign of God's forgiveness is the absolution given to us, by the priest. The last part of the gospel reading is about prayer, which brings us back to our comment about the most dangerous prayer. Do you know what that prayer is? How often do you say amidst your prayers, "... and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." God is always ready to forgive us, but do we really want Him to forgive us ONLY as much as we forgive someone else in our life?

## Vocations

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 10, 2023-**  
"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." The community that gathers needs leadership; consider the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life. Contact:

**Fr. Mark Morley**, Director of Vocations  
905-528-7988; [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

## Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

September 11 – Rev. Ronald Voisin  
September 12 – Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.  
September 13 – Missionary Sisters of Christ the King  
September 14 – Rev. Roque Concepcion  
**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
September 15 – **Our Lady of Sorrows**  
September 16 – Rev. George Nowak, C.R.  
September 17 – **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Mass Intentions

**September 11, 2023 – September 17, 2023**

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 – **7:00 p.m.**

**Living and deceased members of the CWL – CWL**

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

**Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

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

Thursday, September 14, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**Intentions of James Mack** – *Theresa Coles*

Friday, September 15, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

**Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows**

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

Saturday, September 16, 2023 – **Memorial of Saints**

**Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

**9:00 a.m. – Blessings received and intentions of Josip**

**Fabina** – *Josip Fabina*

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

Sunday, September 17, 2023 – **10:00 a.m.**

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.**

## Parish Meetings this Week

**September 12<sup>th</sup>** – Father Stefano and Deacon TJ will meet with Chris Luciani, Principal of St. Teresa School

**September 13<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting for all Lectors (new and old)

**September 15<sup>th</sup>** – Father Stefano has an urgent meeting with Parish Finance and Parish Pastoral Council.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Father Stefano Lee Installation Mass

On Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby will be here to celebrate Mass and formally install Father Stefano Lee as pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Parish. We hope you will join us for this very special celebration!

**Mass Intentions for Mondays** – Father Stefano would be pleased to offer Mass, privately, on Mondays, for your intentions. The offering of Mass for the deceased, the sick, a personal intention, in thanksgiving, a special intention such as an anniversary, birthday, etc. 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.

**Adoration Chapel** – We are in need of an Adorer on **Fridays from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.** If you would like to volunteer for this hour, please call Elizabeth, 519-590-5348.

**Flower Donations** – Flower donation envelopes are at the back of the church. Any donation towards the cost of the flowers in the sanctuary would be greatly appreciated!! Thank you.

### Coffee Sunday

Please join us for Coffee Sunday this Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, we would like to formally welcome and have you meet our new pastor Father Stefano Lee, so please come out and be part of this community celebration. Then on September 24<sup>th</sup> we will continue with the regular Coffee Sunday tradition. We hope to make this a twice monthly community celebration in the Church Hall after the Sunday 10 a.m. Mass.

If you would like to host one of the Coffee Sundays, there will be a sign-up sheet at the September 10<sup>th</sup> event. You could also sign up to be a helper at one of the Coffee Sundays. If you would like to help with the Coffee Sunday on September 10<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> please call Rosemary or Bernie Pickett at 519-745-6334.

**Lectors** – There will be a meeting for all Lectors this Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., in the church, with Father Stefano. If you are currently a Lector or would like to become a Lector for our Saturday evening and Sunday Masses, please ensure you attend this meeting. Thank you.

**Parish Screening Committee – Volunteers needed!** We are still in need of a volunteer/volunteers for our Parish Screening Committee. As screening is mandatory in the Diocese of Hamilton, these volunteers are vital in screening all volunteers in our parish. Please speak to Father Stefano or call the Parish Office if you are willing to assist.

**Sunday Children’s Liturgy** – We are planning to begin the Sunday Children’s Liturgy on the first Sunday of October. If you would like to assist with this program by volunteering, please speak with Father Stefano or call the parish office.

### RCIA and Evangelization

St. Teresa of Avila Parish will be joining St. Agnes Parish and St. Anthony Daniel Parish for the RCIA program for 2023-2024. If you are thinking about or wishing to join the Roman Catholic Church, please speak with Father Stefano or call the Parish Office.

Father Stefano would also like to make this an opportunity for parishioners to take part in the RCIA program as a means of evangelization, to gain more knowledge of our faith and grow spiritually.

**The St. Teresa Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul** has resumed regular assistance to people in need in our neighbourhood. On the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, people will be able to make an appointment to come to the Church Hall to pick up their assistance. The pickup will take place between 4 to 6 p.m. on the Wednesday. If you would like to help, we would be happy for your support. Please call Rosemary or Bernie Pickett at 519-745-6334 for more information.

**St. Teresa School Mass** – September 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. All parishioners are invited to join the staff, students and parents of St. Teresa School for the Opening Mass for the school year.

### Stewardship Report – August 27, 2023

Sunday Offerings .....	\$ 1822.50
Building Fund .....	\$ 285.00
Building Fund – In Mem – L. O’Donnell .....	\$ 20.00

### Stewardship Report – September 3, 2023

Not available, will be in next week’s bulletin

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

**St. Teresa Of Avila's Annual Garden Party** will be held on **Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023** at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Enjoy our Community BBQ in the hall from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., an Outdoor Snack Booth and more. Lots of fun for young and old. Enjoy an evening of food and fellowship. All are welcome!

**Act II (Separated / Divorced Support Group) - St. Michael Parish, Waterloo** - Act II is an informal support group for those who are experiencing separation, or divorce. Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of every month following 7:00 p.m. Mass (7:30-8:30 p.m.) St. Michael Parish Resource Centre/Library (basement) There is no fee. Join when you can. Visit: <https://www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced>.

### WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

“Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has and this requires transforming greed into gratitude.”

– St. John Chrysostom

“In the beloved cross is true wisdom and that is what I am looking for night and day more eagerly than ever.”

– St. Louis Grignon de Montfort