

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

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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

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).

Adoration and Mass: First Friday of each month
Adoration – 6:00 p.m.; Mass – 7:00 p.m.



**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**
(World Day of Youth)

Today, the last Sunday of the Church year, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. It is one of the most beautiful and meaningful feasts of the year. The concept of king and kingdom is at the very heart of Jesus' message to us. He came to inaugurate among us the Kingdom of God.

Here is the wonder of our King and what it means to be part of His Kingdom. It is beautifully described in the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer in today's Mass:

**“As King He claims dominion over all creation,
that He may present to You, His almighty Father,
an eternal and universal kingdom;
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.”**

Our King has been chosen for us by God but it is for each one of us to profess our allegiance to Him. Today we are called to work together to expand the reality of His Kingdom in our families, in our society and in the world generally.

In today's Gospel (Mt 25:31-46), Jesus describes to His disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgement. We hear this description of the final judgement at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. All the nations will be assembled before Him, and He will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgements made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies Himself with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows Himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept Him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

READ: The Gospel presents the Last Judgement where Christ, the judge, bares our soul to us. Christ the King will finally deliver the Kingdom to the Father, having defeated death once and for all. Matthew offers the final criterion for eternal life: How did I treat others? Nothing matters as much. **PRAY:** With the power of the Holy Spirit, pray that you may recognize those in need. Pray that good be done to the world through you without you being aware of it. **REFLECT:** How funny or strange it would have been, if the people on the right answered thus: “Yeah, Lord, we knew it was You we were serving when we fed the hungry and clothed the naked.” It doesn't fit the script, right? The remarkable thing is, these good souls had no idea they were serving Christ when they were engaging in these acts of mercy! Doing good was just their second (or first) nature? Goodness is never so better when done unawares. How about you? **ACT:** Look for opportunities to meet Jesus' expectations in your daily life.

Mass Intentions

November 27, 2023 – December 3, 2023

Monday, November 27, 2023 – **privately**
Birthday Blessings for Anny Leudjo Taka

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 – **7:00 p.m.**
+ **Edwin Enriquez – CWL**

Wednesday, November 29, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**
Intentions of Sharon Barrett – Dad

Thursday, November 30, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**
Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle

Intentions of Father Marian Gil, O.M.I. – Bill Barrett

Friday, December 1, 2023 – **7:00 p.m.**
+ **Grace Williamson – Bill Barrett**

Saturday, December 2, 2023 –
9:00 a.m. – + Mary Wandt – Ann Snyder & Family
5:00 p.m. – + Pierre Lemieux – Stella Lemieux & Family

Sunday, December 3, 2023 – **10:00 a.m.**
First Sunday of Advent – Year B – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.

Vocations

Christ the King – November 26, 2023

“Lord, when was it that we saw you ...?” Have you heard the Lord as well? If God is calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact:

Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations
905-528-7988; vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

November 27 – Rev. Roger Yaworski, S.J.
November 28 – Parents & Guardians
November 29 – Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ (p.j.c.)
November 30 – Rev. Edward Hampson
December 1 – Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
December 2 – Rev. David Reilander
December 3 – First Sunday of Advent

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Christmas Cards

Please see the sample attached to the bulletin board. The Christmas Cards are now available for purchase. There are 2 designs. Each set will contain 10 cards - 5 of each design with envelopes. They are \$25 per set and can be purchased through the parish office.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

December 1, 2023

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.
Confession will be available. Mass at 7 p.m.

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!!

Baptism

On Sunday, November 19, 2023, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed:

Ryder Korga and Ronnie Korga
daughter and son of
Justin Korga and Marisa Figura

Family Advent Mass Jesse Tree Celebration

On **December 12, 2023** we invite all parishioners; parents, students and staff of St. Teresa School to join us for the **7 p.m. Mass** as we celebrate a family Advent Mass and a Jesse Tree Celebration with families. All are welcome and we hope you will join us!!



St. Teresa School Angel Tree Campaign

St. Teresa has a rich history of supporting our students



and their families as well as supporting those in need in our community. Our Social Justice Club has taken on efforts to support our families who may need a “hand-up” this holiday season through our Angel Tree Campaign. Our Social Justice Club, the students, the staff, and the community of St. Teresa ask for your help. We feel strongly that each student deserves to have a joyful holiday, and we know that this is a challenging time for so many in our communities. The Angel Tree initiative will help to support our Tiger families by collecting unwrapped toys and gifts for children ages: 0-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-14 and gift cards. The Social Justice Club supervisors will ensure that these items are in the hands of families who need them before Christmas. If you have any questions, please contact the school, 519-743-2131. Thank you in advance for your support.

"Five Levels of Retirement Living" presented by Marjorie Wood, Retirement Living Consultant with AgeCare Elmira Estate. Thursday, Nov. 30th, 1:30 p.m. - Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Parish Secretary

St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Kitchener is looking for a Secretary (25 hours per week) for the church office. Reporting to the Parish Priest, this position offers a competitive rate of pay and benefits package.

Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/job-opportunities.php> for more details. We thank all candidates for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



CWL Membership

The 2024 CWL membership fee is \$35. Please put your membership money/cheque in the envelope that is in your Sunday Offering box. Make sure your name is on the envelope and put it in the weekend collection. Your email address would also be helpful if you have one. Memberships paid before November 29th will be in a draw for a free membership. If you have questions, 519-578-2019 or email stteresacwl@gmail.com.

Catholic Women's League Christmas Potluck - *This* Wednesday, November 29th at 5:30 p.m. Bring your favourite food, husband, children, grandchildren and friends. All are welcome. Entertainment by Sue Weber Bell.

We NEED volunteers to help with setup and decorating earlier that day. 519-578-2019 or stteresacwl@gmail.com.

Stewardship Report – November 19, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1089.15
Building Fund.....	\$ 100.00
Votive Candles	\$ 11.65
Flowers	\$ 60.00

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



DIocese of HAMILTON

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS...WHEN YOU HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE

Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies on coping at Christmas. The session will be facilitated by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry. The gathering will be held at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in Hamilton, on Sunday, **December 3rd, 2023** from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. You are welcome to join the session in person or by zoom. The event is **FREE** of charge. Please call Sarah to reserve a seat, or to receive the zoom link: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or register online at:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/family-ministry/healing-and-or-counselling/coping-with-the-holidays/> (You must register to join by zoom; in person you can also walk in the day of the event.)

FREE...Come Home for Christmas Festival, bring your families and come celebrate with us!

Sunday, December 3, 2023 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre, Ancaster
437 Wilson Street East, Ancaster, ON, L9G 3K4

Fun includes: Music, Hot Cocoa, Cookie Decorating, Crock-a-Doodle Christmas Ornament Painting, Magic Show, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Local Artisans (cash only) & Santa Donations of cash, or non-perishable food items collected to benefit the Bishop's Charities. For more information, contact: mcmorgan@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext. 2251