

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:

Business Administrator: David Agnew

Custodian:

Baptism Preparation Team:

CWL President:

Lector Co-ordinator:

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

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.



Second Sunday of Advent

On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that He would bring to us.

Mark's description (Mark 1:1-8) of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John. He says that he has baptized with water, but that **the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit**. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, Baptism commissions us to prepare the way of the Lord. The gift of the Holy Spirit leads us to continually renew our lives so that we might lead others to Jesus.

Family activities:

As you gather together as a family, talk about ways in which the example of others has called you to be a follower of Jesus. Name the people who have been examples to you of Christian discipleship and describe their characteristics that you have tried to emulate. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:1-8.

Vocations

Second Sunday of Advent – December 10, 2023

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call:

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

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

December 11 – Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
December 12 – Married Couples
December 13 – Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)
December 14 – Rev. Wallace Metcalf
December 15 – Rev. Charles Galea
December 16 – Rev. Robert Kiffman
December 17 – **Third Sunday of Advent**

Mass Intentions

December 11, 2023 – December 17, 2023

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas

Living and deceased members of the CWL – CWL

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

+ Frank & + Rose Lehmann – Lehmann Family

Thursday, December 14, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Intentions of Mother Catherine, O.C.D., Prioress – Ewa Dabrowska

Friday, December 15, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

+ Pete Richard – Ken & Betty

Saturday, December 16, 2023 –

9:00 a.m. – + Helen Deckert – Buckle Family

5:00 p.m. – + Leona Grobe – Peter Grobe

Sunday, December 17, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) – Year B – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Coffee Sunday - Please join us this Sunday, December 10th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass for coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall.

Bambinelli Sunday

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing generally takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to the **10 a.m. Mass, next Sunday, December 17th** to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas



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1st Sunday of Advent
On the 3rd of Dec. 2023

“We are blessed by God who is blessed by us”

Dear Parishioners,

The advent season is already begun! Throughout this season, we are going to prepare ourselves for the great feast of our savior, Jesus’ nativity. As Christians we are also waiting for our Lord who will come again. To wait for Jesus, we should know who Jesus is and what He taught us. Getting to know our savior, Jesus will be our means of awakening. We are waiting for our Savior who promised us to come again. To await Jesus, we should know who Jesus is. If we don’t know Him, we can’t wait for Him.

When we try to think of Him, when we place His words in the depths of our hearts, The Holy Spirit will let us know gradually who Jesus is. And then, Eventually, when our Savior comes again, this spiritual guidance will allow us to recognize Him and we will be renewed. Then our lives will be more vigorous and beautiful with the newness given us by the Holy Spirit and our families and our world will be more life-filled in accordance with God’s will.

According to the liturgical calendar of the Church, December 3rd is first day of the new liturgical year. We are going to begin this new year of God with awaiting our savior Christ Jesus. So, we, the parish leadership team would like to invite all of you to some special events that will be taking place on the 12th - 15th of December in our parish, our spiritual week of the Advent season. Please mark these events on your calendar!

Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00pm

Advent Family Celebration with Mass, beginning with singing Advent songs together. During the Mass, volunteering families will decorate the Jesse tree.

Thursday, December 14th at 7:00pm

We are fortunate to have Sister Eileen Schuller visit. She is a member of the Ursuline Sisters of Chatham and a retired professor at McMaster University. She has also taught at the Atlantic School of Theology(Halifax) and Newman Theological College (Edmonton). Sr. Schuller is a scholar of Biblical Studies, the Dead Sea Scrolls and Judaism at the time of Jesus, and will be sharing her wealth of knowledge about Jesus’ prayers.


Friday, December 15th at 7:00pm

There will be a parish communal Penitential Service led by Deacon Han. Afterwards, you are invited to the individual Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. Brian Quigley M.C.C.J., Msgr. Earl Talbot, and Fr. Stefano Lee will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to assist with your preparation for the great feast of our Savior’s Nativity.

We hope that these spiritual events will assist you in imitating Jesus and help you to be more spiritual allowing you to receive more of God’s blessings on yourself and family. And we would like to say to each and every one of you, ‘Thank you for your on-going support for the parish!’. See you in the church and let us cultivate this beautiful God’ vineyard, St. Teresa of Avila into the Kingdom of God.

Yours in Christ,


Rev. Fr. Stefano Lee
Pastor, St. Teresa of Avila


Rev. Mr. T.J. Han
Parish Permanent Deacon



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!!

Christmas Schedule St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Kitchener

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23, 2023 – Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 24, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25, 2023– 10:00 a.m.

Octave of Christmas – Weekday Schedule

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 30, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 31, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Sunday, December 31, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, January 1, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 6, 2024 – Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 7, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.



Baptism

On Saturday, December 2, 2023, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed:

Xavier McKinley Ringwald

son of

Jesse Ringwald and Whitney McKinley

Reception into Full Communion

On Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 we welcomed

Titus

into the Full Communion of the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church through a Profession of Faith and the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist.

Congratulations Titus and Congratulations on your upcoming wedding!

Stewardship Report – December 3, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1897.05
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Votive Candles	\$ 16.00
Flowers	\$ 80.00
Christmas Cards	\$ 930.00
Calendars	\$ 390.00

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