

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: Claire Rouleau

Business Administrator: David Agnew

Custodian:

Baptism Preparation Team:

CWL President:

Lector Co-ordinator: Claire Rouleau

Eucharistic Minister Co-ordinator: Kim Voelzing

Adoration Chapel Co-ordinator: 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.



Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

“Gaudete Sunday” this name is taken from the first word of the Entrance Song in Latin. Gaudete means ‘Rejoice!’ the Mass text and readings today are full of joy, especially the Entrance Song, the Opening Prayer and the First Reading from Isaiah. **“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say, rejoice!”** is the cry of the Entrance Antiphon. Why? Because “the Lord is near”. Today we light the rose candle, and the priest may wear rose vestments, to express our joy in the coming of Jesus, our Savior.

Today’s Gospel tells us that John the Baptist came as a witness to testify to the Light, i.e. Jesus. The coming of Jesus, the Light, into the world is cause for rejoicing, as He removes darkness from the world. We should be glad and rejoice also because, like John the Baptist, we, too, are chosen to bear witness to Christ Jesus, the Light of the world. We are to reflect Jesus’ Light in our lives so that we may radiate it and illuminate the dark lives of others around us. The joyful message of today’s liturgy is clear. The salvation we await with rejoicing will liberate both the individual and the community, and its special focus will be the poor and lowly, not the rich and powerful.

The evangelist John presents John the Baptizer as the fulfillment of Isaiah 40:3, "a voice in the desert" calling for Israelites to prepare a way for the coming of Jesus. John in his Gospel takes special care to stress the fact that Jesus surpasses John the Baptist. The Baptizer declares: **"I am baptizing only with water; but there is One among you - you don't recognize him - and I am not worthy to untie the straps of his shoes."**

There was a Rabbinic saying which stated that a disciple might do for his master anything that a servant did, except only to untie his sandals. That was too menial a service for even a disciple to render. So John said: "One is coming whose slave I am not fit to be." John's mission was only to “prepare the way.” Any greatness he possessed came from the greatness of the one whose coming he foretold. John is thus the great example of the man prepared to obliterate himself for Jesus. He lived only to point the way to Christ.

WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

“A soul that has believed has both conceived and bears the words of God and declares God’s works. Let the spirit of Mary be in each of you, so that it rejoices in God.

– *St. Bede the Venerable*

“A heart enamoured of God is unconquerable, since God is its strength.”

– *St. Catherine of Genoa*

Mass Intentions December 18, 2023 – December 24, 2023

Tuesday, December 19, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Group Intentions Mass

+ Murray Brockman – Ken & Betty

+ Intentions of Audrey Brockman – Ken & Betty

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

+ Sophie Piller – Helene Meier

Thursday, December 21, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

+ Delmar Ferreira – Citelia Ferreira

Friday, December 22, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

+ Howard & Edna Weber – Sue Weber Bell

Saturday, December 23, 2023 –

9:00 a.m. – + Helen Bastian – Sandra Naklusi

5:00 p.m. – + Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Sunday, December 10, 2023 –

10:00 a.m. Second Sunday of Advent – Year B – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.

5: p.m. Christmas Eve – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish.

Vocations

Third Sunday of Advent – December 17, 2023

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call:

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

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

December 18 – Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman

December 19 – Single Catholics

December 20 – Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.)

December 21 – Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino

December 22 – Rev. Ronald Hodara

December 23 – Rev. Donald Wilhelm

December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 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.

Parish Calendars

Parish Calendars are now available for purchase. They are \$15 each and can be purchased through the parish office.



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.

Nativity and Church Christmas Decoration

Church Christmas decorating will take place on December 23 after the 10 a.m. Mass. Parishioners are welcome to join us in preparing for the Christmas season.

Stewardship Report – December 10, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$ 2753.25
Votive Candles	\$ 29.05
Flowers	\$ 235.00
Christmas Cards & Calendars	\$ 375.00

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, CanadaHelps and Interac e-Transfer.

Pre-Authorized Giving - A digital copy of the form can be found on our parish website or call the parish office. Simply print the form, complete it and return it to the Parish Office.

E-Transfer – To donate through E-Transfer, please use the following email account:

stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com

CanadaHelps - To support our parish via **credit card** or **PayPal** please visit **canadahelps.org** You can access our parish directly by following this link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119110450RR0053-st-teresas-parish/>

Please note that donations made through the CanadaHelps website, will receive a tax receipt directly from CanadaHelps, via email. If you require any further information, please contact the parish office.

2023 ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES IN KITCHENER

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- Tuesday December 12, 7 PM at St. Joseph
 - Wednesday December 13, 7 PM at St. Aloysius
 - Thursday December 14, 7 PM at St. Mark
 - Friday December 15, 7 PM at St. Teresa
 - Tuesday December 19, 7 PM at St. Anne
 - Wednesday December 20, 7 PM at St. Anthony Daniel
 - Thursday December 21, 7 PM at Blessed Sacrament

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.

