

**The Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi Sunday)**

60 Days After Easter

Corpus Christi is Latin for the “Body of Christ.” In the Catholic Church in the West, Corpus Christi is celebrated as a solemnity on the Sunday following the Most Holy Trinity Sunday since the liturgical reforms of Vatican II. At its core the solemnity is a celebration of the Tradition and belief in the Eucharist as the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Juliana of Liège

Saint Juliana of Liège, O.Praem, (Premonstratensian Order; also known as the Norbertines) was the one who became the spark leading to a joyous celebration of Corpus Christi. For her devotion, life, and efforts, she is known as the “Apostle of the Blessed Sacrament.”

Liège was already a center for devotion to the Eucharist. So from her early youth, Juliana had great veneration for the Eucharist and longed for a special feast day in its honor. In 1208 at age 16, she began having visions of a full moon having one dark spot. Her vision presented the moon in its full splendor, crossed diametrically by a dark stripe. In time she came to understand that the moon symbolized the life of the Church on earth, the opaque line, on the other hand, represented the absence of a liturgical feast in honor of Christ’s Body and Blood. Not having any way to bring about such a feast, she kept her thoughts to herself, except for sharing them with Blessed Eve of Liège, who lived in a cell adjacent to the Basilica of St. Martin, and a few other trusted sisters in her monastery. The vision was repeated for the next 20 years, but she maintained it as a secret. When she eventually relayed it to her confessor, he relayed it to the Bishop of Liège, Robert de Thorete. Eventually the celebration of Corpus Christi became part of the annual celebrations in the diocese.

Becoming a Universal Celebration

The archdeacon of the diocese, Jacques Pantaléon of Troyes was also won over to the cause of the Feast of Corpus Christi during his time in the Diocese of Liège. He eventually became Pope Urban IV in 1264. He instituted the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on the Thursday after Pentecost as a feast for the entire Latin Rite, by the papal bull *Transiturus de hoc mundo*. While Juliana prepared prayers and music for the feast, Pope Urban also requested that St. Thomas Aquinas write an office (special prayers) and hymns for the feast. It is from these offices that we have the two most well-known Eucharistic songs: *Tantum Ergo*, *Pange Lingua*, and *O Salutaris Hostia*.

Mass Intentions
June 3, 2024 – June 9, 2024

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**
Wednesday, June 5, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ **Irene Johnson** – *Daughter, Cindy*

Thursday, June 6, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ **Steven Farwell** – *Friends*

Friday, June 7, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**
+ **Brian Reidel** – *CWL*

Saturday, June 8, 2024
9:00 a.m. - **Intentions of Veronika Szierer** – *Sandra Naklowski*
5:00 p.m. - **Sister Joanne Baradziej, S.S.N.D & Sister Norma Schmidt, S.S.N.D.** – *Rosemary & Bernie Pickett*

Sunday, June 9, 2024 – **10:00 a.m.**
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

June 3 – Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.
June 4 – Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba
June 5 – Barnabite Fathers (C.R.S.P.)
June 6 – Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
June 7 – **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**
World Day of Prayer for Priests
June 8 – **Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
June 9 – **Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Stewardship Report – May 26th, 2024

Sunday Offerings	\$1,204.25
Votives.....	\$ 12.75
Building Fund.....	\$1,245.00
Pastoral Works.....	\$ 100.00

We are most appreciative of your ongoing prayerful and financial support for our parish, St. Teresa of Avila.

Donations to the parish can be made through the use of Sunday Offertory envelopes, Pre-Authorized Giving, E-Transfer, and CanadaHelps.

If you require any further information, please contact the parish office.

Parish Announcements

Coffee Sunday – June 9th, 2024

Join us for Coffee Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on June 9th. This is a special day for our little ones who will be receiving First Holy Communion. Come celebrate with us! Free-will offerings are appreciated.

Congratulations First Holy Communion Candidates!

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion students, who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday June 1st and Sunday June 2nd 2024:

Hailey Tavares
Xander Cruz
Chesney Garabaldi
Salem Tesfaldet
Kael Smith
Grace Aboyeji

Movie Night – June 15th, 2024

Join us after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday June 15th for our parish movie night in the parish hall. We will be viewing *Babette’s Feast* (1988), an Academy Award winning film! Dinner and popcorn will be served. Please stay tuned for more details.

Notice: Foyer Glass Door Handles

We will be replacing the door handles on the center foyer glass doors during the second week of **June**. Until then, please use caution when using the current door handles, as they can pinch!

Sanctuary Cleaning Team

We are looking for volunteers to join our Sanctuary Cleaning team. Teams are made in pairs, and cleaning takes place on Fridays. To join, please contact the parish office or enter your name on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer. Please let us know which dates you are available.

Catholic Women's League Mass and Dinner: Save the Date!

Tuesday, June 11th, St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Women's League, Elmira has invited our parish to 5:00 Mass at the Carmelite Monastery and dinner at Kennedys. We will carpool from St. Teresa Kitchener parking lot. Numbers are needed to make dinner registrations. Please call 519-578-2019 or stteresacwl@gmail.com to register.

Baptisms

Please note that baptisms will be scheduled for the last Sunday of the month. Please contact Fr. Stefano Lee to schedule individual baptisms.

New Parish Photo Directory – Join Us in Creating a Lasting Memory at St. Teresa of Avila!

We are excited to embark on a special project—a new parish photo directory! This cherished keepsake will capture the spirit and faces of our parish family at this moment in time, and we need your participation to make it a success! It is a wonderful way to celebrate and remember our parish community.

Sign Up Today!

You can sign up for your photo session by contacting the parish office or at the sign-up table in the narthex of the church before and after Mass on weekends. Don't miss this opportunity to be included in our parish family album.

Dates to Remember

Photographers will be available on the following dates:
● June 24th - 26th from 2:30 PM to 8:30 PM
● July 5th - 6th from 2:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Call for Committee Volunteers

Many hands make light work, and we need your help! If you are interested in contributing to this historic endeavor, come join the Parish Photo Directory Committee! For more details or to sign up, please contact the parish office or speak with Arinze at 548-333-2015.

Thank you for your participation and support. Let’s come together to make the St. Teresa of Avila photo directory a beautiful reflection of our vibrant parish community!

Diocese Announcements

Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate
Mr. Moices Rafael Caballero Ruiz
Mr. Joon Bin (John) Lim
Friday June 7th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
St. John – Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish
85 Strange Street
Kitchener, Ontario

Wisdom of the Saints
“God will give us all blessings which were promised us through Christ.”
-- *St. Justin*

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention
June 2024
Please join Pope Francis in praying for migrants fleeing their homes during the month of June.