

Feast of the Ascension

The Feast of the Ascension is the fortieth day after Easter Sunday, which commemorates the Ascension of Christ into heaven, according to Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51, and Acts 1:2. In the Eastern Church this feast was known as analepsis, "the taking up", and also as the episozomene, the salvation, denoting that by ascending into His glory, Christ completed the work of our redemption. The terms used in the West, ascensio and, occasionally, ascensa, signify that Christ was raised up by His own powers. Tradition designates Mount Olivet near Bethany as the place where Christ left the earth. The feast falls on Thursday. It is one of the Ecumenical feasts ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter and of Pentecost among the most solemn in the calendar. The feast has a vigil and, since the fifteenth century, an octave which is set apart for a novena of preparation for Pentecost, in accordance with the directions of Leo XIII.

Mother's Day Message

Mother o' Mine"
 If I were hanged on the highest hill,
 Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!
 I know whose love would follow me still,
 Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!
 If I were drowned in the deepest sea,
 Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!
 I know whose tears would come down to me,
 Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!
 If I were damned of body and soul,
 I know whose prayers would make me whole,
 Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!

— Rudyard Kipling

We wish a Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our parish and community!

From Fr. Stefano and Parish Staff



Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

- May 13 – Rev. Marko Stefanec
- May 14 – Rev. Joseph Akanbi
- May 15 – Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (S.S.M.I.)
- May 16 – Rev. Charles Jordan
- May 17 – Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I
- May 18 – Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I
- May 19 – **Pentecost Sunday**

Vocations

Ascension of the Lord - May 12, 2024

Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem - to wait - to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God's will for their future. Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? If you feel that you are being led to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call:

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

**Mass Intentions
 May 13, 2024 – May 19, 2024**

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**
 + **Ed Forwell** – *Betty Jane Forwell & Family*

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**

Thursday, May 16, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
 + **Ludwig Ceh** – *Family*

Friday, May 17, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
**For the Deceased and Living Members of the
 Clarence Kuntz Family** – *Doris Paleczny*

Saturday, May 18, 2024
9:00 a.m. + Amaro Rodrigues – *Rodrigues Family*
5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 19, 2024 – **10:00 a.m.**
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Stewardship Report – May 5th, 2024

Sunday Offerings	\$2,029.05
Votives.....	\$ 25.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 260.00
Pastoral Works.....	\$ 230.00
Special Donations.....	\$ 150.00

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, and the following:

- **Pre-Authorized Giving** – Forms found at the parish office or parish website.
- **E-Transfer** – use: stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com
- **CanadaHelps** – <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119110450R0053-st-teresas-parish/>
 Donations made through CanadaHelps will receive a tax receipt directly from CanadaHelps, via email.

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

Parish Announcements

For those who wish to plan First Communion for public school students, please contact the parish office to schedule the First Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Stefano Lee.

First Communion Interviews with Families

First Communion interviews with First Communion students and their families are taking place throughout May. A letter to parents has been sent out with more details. Please note that this **interview is mandatory** to proceed with First Holy Communion. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

Confirmation – May 15th, 2024

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Teresa of Avila Parish on May 15th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Very Reverend Monsignor Murry Kroetsch, Vicar General of the Diocese of Hamilton will preside at the celebration. For any questions, please contact the parish office.

Baptism

On Saturday, May 11th at 11:00 a.m., through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed:
Chiezugo Benedict Okonkwo,
 son of
Arinzechukwu Okonkwo and Adaobi Okoye

Congratulations on your Baptism, Chiezugo Benedict!

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.

Why is this important?

- **Strengthen Community Bonds:** This directory celebrates our parish community and will help everyone feel more connected and engaged.
- **Free Personal Directory:** Each participating household will receive one complimentary photo directory.
- **Complimentary Portrait Sitting:** Enjoy a free sitting provided by IPC Photo, with the option to purchase additional portraits—perfect for sharing with loved ones.

Sign Up Today!

Starting this weekend, 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

Relics of St. Brother Andre Bessette Visit Hamilton Diocese

The major reliquary of St. Andre Bessette (Brother Andre of Montreal Oratory) will visit the Diocese of Hamilton May 17-24, 2024. The relics of Brother Andre start their tour at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King and finish at Holy Family, Hanover. See the diocesan website, Saint Brother André in the Diocese of Hamilton (hamiltondiocese.com) for dates and times. This is a wonderful opportunity to invoke the intercession of one of our own Canadian Saints.

Exploring God's Call:

Join Our Religious Life Vocation Retreat

How do I discern a vocation to Religious Life? If you're looking to understand God's plan for you, join us for the 'Come and See' day retreat on May 25th at St. Mary's Parish. This retreat offers a chance to join community prayers, engage in discussions with three Resurrectionists, and meet other young people on a similar journey. For further details, please visit our website: <https://resurrectionists.ca/vocations/come-see>

Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Hamilton Diocese Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at 1:30 PM. Please see the Hamilton Diocese website for details and to register. You will also be able to register at the parish.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention
 May 2024**

Please join Pope Francis in praying for the formation of religious and seminarians during the month of May.