

# *St. Teresa of Avila Parish*

*44 Leonard St., Kitchener, Ontario N2H 6C8 Phone #519-743-4525*  
*e-mail stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com www.stteresakit.ca*

**Pastor:** Father Stefano Lee  
**Parish Office Administrator:** Claire Rouleau  
**Business Administrator:** David Agnew  
**Custodian:** Kabsoo Park

## ADVENT



**Prayer to St. Michael, the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel  
 defend us in battle.  
 Be our defense against the wickedness  
 and snares of the Devil.  
 May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
 and do thou,  
 O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
 by the power of God,  
 thrust into hell Satan,  
 and all the evil spirits,  
 who prowl about the world  
 seeking the ruin of souls.  
 Amen.

**Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church**

IV. The Mystery of Creation

God creates an ordered and good world

299 Because God creates through wisdom, his creation is ordered: "You have arranged all things by measure and number and weight."<sup>151</sup> The universe, created in and by the eternal Word, the "image of the invisible God", is destined for and addressed to man, himself created in the "image of God" and called to a personal relationship with God.<sup>152</sup> Our human understanding, which shares in the light of the divine intellect, can understand what God tells us by means of his creation, though not without great effort and only in a spirit of humility and respect before the Creator and his work.<sup>153</sup> Because creation comes forth from God's goodness, it shares in that goodness - "and God saw that it was good. . . very good"<sup>154</sup>- for God willed creation as a gift addressed to man, an inheritance destined for and entrusted to him. On many occasions the Church has had to defend the goodness of creation, including that of the physical world.<sup>155</sup> God transcends creation and is present to it

300 God is infinitely greater than all his works: "You have set your glory above the heavens."<sup>156</sup> Indeed, God's "greatness is unsearchable".<sup>157</sup> But because he is the free and sovereign Creator, the first cause of all that exists, God is present to his creatures' inmost being: "In him we live and move and have our being."<sup>158</sup> In the words of St. Augustine, God is "higher than my highest and more inward than my innermost self".<sup>159</sup>

Taken from: [vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_INDEX.HTM](http://vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM)

<p><b>Mass Intentions</b>  <b>December 22, 2025 – December 28, 2025</b></p> <p>Tuesday, December 23, 2025 – <b>7:00 p.m.</b>                  Wednesday, December 24, 2025 – <b>5:00 p.m.</b>                  Thursday, December 25, 2025 – <b>10:00 a.m.</b>                  Friday, December 26, 2025 – <b>8:30 a.m.</b>                  Saturday, December 27, 2025  <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  <b>5:00 p.m. – + Leona &amp; Sheldon Grobe – Peter Grobe</b>                  Sunday, December 28, 2025 – <b>10:00 a.m.</b>  <b>Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish</b></p>
--

<p><b>Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar</b></p> <p>December 22 – Rev. Richard Dordunu                  December 23 – Rev. Robert Kiffman                  December 24 – Consecrated Virgin Candidates                  December 25 – <b>The Nativity of the Lord</b>                  December 26 – Rev. Jason Kuntz                  December 27 – Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk                  December 28 – <b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b></p>
---

<p><b>Stewardship Report – December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b></p> <p>Sunday Offerings .....\$ 3,675.00                  Building &amp; Maintenance.....\$ 445.90                  Missal Sales.....\$ 5.00                  First Communion Preparation Books.....\$ 30.00                  Votes.....\$ 27.00</p>
--

<p><b>Calendar Fundraiser – December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b></p> <p>Calendar Fundraising.....\$ 632.00                  Calendar Sales.....\$ 45.00</p>
---

<p><b>Christmas Cards Fundraiser – December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b></p> <p>Christmas Card Sales.....\$ 25.00</p>
--

**We are most appreciative of your ongoing prayerful and financial support for our parish, especially during our present time of financial need.**

**Donations to the parish can be made through the use of Sunday Offertory envelopes, Pre-Authorized Giving, E-Transfer, and CanadaHelps. When you are traveling, please consider switching to E-transfer donations in your absence.**

**If you require further information on how to give, please contact the parish office, or visit the parish website for more details.**

**Parish Announcements**

**Parish Holiday Office Hours**  
 The parish office will be closed December 25<sup>th</sup> until January 1<sup>st</sup>. Regular hours will resume on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Holiday Mass Schedule

#### Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.



#### Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

#### New Year's Eve

Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 p.m.

#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Years Day)

Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 a.m.



### 2026 Parish Calendars

Our 2026 parish calendars are now available for \$15 each at the back of the church!

### Christmas Cards

Our parish Christmas cards are now available at the back of the church in six different varieties for \$25 for a pack of twelve.

### 2026 Giving Envelopes

Remember to pick up your 2026 Giving Envelopes for next year! If you do not have envelopes and wish to start using them, please contact the parish office.

### Children's Liturgy Schedule

We are currently offering Children's Liturgy on the **first and third Sundays of every month!** We are still looking for volunteers to help run our Children's Liturgy. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact the parish office.

### Divine Mercy Chapel

We have openings in the chapel for Wednesdays at 10:00, Thursdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays from 2:00 p.m. and at 3:00 p.m. Come and spend a quiet hour with Jesus. Please contact Sandra Nakluski - 226-789-1259.

### Anniversary Blessing

Married couples celebrating an anniversary who wish to have their marriage blessed and do vow renewals, please contact the parish office to arrange with Fr. Stefano.

### Diocese Announcements

#### Christmas Young Adults Night

During the Christmas Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise

music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night begins at 6:30 p.m. at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### Reel Justice Film Festival

The Reel Justice Film Festival is back with another year of enlightening films and meaningful dialogue! Our lineup for 2026 explores topics of housing insecurity, intellectual freedom, Indigenous rights, and ecological debt. Visit us online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> to view our full event schedule, learn more about our films, and register for screenings.

### Parenting Tip

Christmas is a wonderful time of year! We see family, experience the joys of gift giving and receiving and have some time as a family just to be. It is however, more than any of these things, the celebration of the birth of Christ. In the hustle and bustle of the season we can forget to focus on this moment, where a child came into the world so that each of us could experience the profound gift of Salvation. This Christmas, enjoy all the fun stuff, but remember to focus on the joy of Christ's birth and the real reason for the season.

### Marriage Tip

Marriage is a journey that two people undertake with a plan to navigate life together. When researchers investigate what makes the journey both long and happy, many things come into play, but a strong one is repeated by most: "I married my best friend." It is good to ask yourself then, are you being a good friend to your spouse? Friendships thrive and last in this kind of environment, so make friendship a foundation of your marriage.

### Wisdom of the Saints

"Christ's birth was not necessity, but an expression of omnipotence, a sacrament of piety for the redemption of people."

– St. Peter Chysologus

### The Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2025

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

**ERB & GOOD**  
 FAMILY FUNERAL HOME  
 Exceeding Expectations Since 1946  
 Paula Heimpel & Rebecca Hlavac  
 (nee Henhoeffer)  
 Funeral Directors & Owners  
 171 King Street South Waterloo  
 519-745-8445 | www.erbgood.com

**S M**  
**SUPERIOR**  
 MEMORIALS  
 Since 1924  
 528 Victoria St. N., beside Weston's Bakery  
**519-745-6136**

www.roofman.com  
**519 744-3830**  
  
**Roofman Inc.**

GLOGOWSKI  
**euro food**  
 403 Highland Rd W, Kitchener  
**519•584•7190**  
 ZAPRASZAMY NA ZAKUPY

**We ♥ our Residents.**  
 Lanark Village  


Independent & Assisted Living  
**519-743-0121**  
 44 Lanark Cres Kitchener  
*Join Today!*

  
 Experience the Best of  
 Local & Authentic  
 Mexican Food!  
**300 King St E**  
**519-830-6547**  
 www.marquezchurros.ca

**Henry Walser**  
 FUNERAL HOME LTD.  
 AN INDEPENDENT FAMILY  
 OWNED FUNERAL HOME  
 507 FREDERICK ST.  
 (at expressway)  
**519-749-8467**

Frederick Mall Pharmacy  
 Ramzy Shaker  
 BSc, PharmD, RPh  
  
 • Free Pick Up & Delivery  
 • Certified Injection Administrator  
 • Save \$2.00 on your drug plan co-pay  
**385 Frederick St**  
 www.frederickmallpharmacy.com  
**519-745-4700**

  
**Shopping  
 Locally  
 Saves Gas**

**It's WISE to ADVERTISE!**

**THE PERFECT SPOT  
 TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!**  
  
**TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL  
 1-800-268-2637**

**E. DYCK OPTICIANS**  
 for your eyes only  
**Noah Wiles**  
 385 Frederick St. (Frederick Mall)  
 519-745-9741 • www.edyckopticians.ca

**Remember...**  
 Let our advertisers know  
 you saw their ad here. 