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## *St. Teresa of Avila Parish*

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**Parish Office Hours**

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:**

Office Closed

**Weekday Liturgy Schedule**

Tuesday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. (Adoration @ 6:00)

Thursday & Friday Mornings: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Morning: 9:00 a.m. (excluding August)

Please check inside for schedule changes.

**Saturday Liturgy:** 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. **Sunday Liturgy:** 10:00 a.m.

**Adoration and Mass:** First Friday of each month.

Mass at 7:00 p.m.

**NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME!** Please introduce yourself to Father Stefano Lee and complete a registration form located in the pamphlet rack at the church doors.

**PARISH RECORDS:** Our parish records are very important and we try to keep them as up to date as possible. Please advise the Parish Secretary if you change your address or telephone number.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment. Baptisms will be scheduled for the last Sunday of the month. Please contact the pastor to schedule individual baptisms.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
30 min. before Mass; Sat., 4:15-4:45 p.m. No Sunday Confession.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**  
Engaged couples contact Parish Priest one year in advance.

**HOSPITAL & HOME VISIT/SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:**  
Please inform the parish office to arrange a pastoral visit. For hospital emergencies, a priest is always on call through the hospitals.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**  
Monday to Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Divine Mercy Chapel and First Fridays at 6:00 p.m. in the church.  
Co-ordinator: Sandra Naklusi - 226-789-1259

**PARISH BULLETIN:** News items for the bulletin must be into the parish office *in writing* by noon on Sunday.

**Vocations:** [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca)

**Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton:** [www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca)

**PARISH BEQUEST:** *Keep your love for your parish alive! Please remember St. Teresa of Avila Parish in your Will and when recommending your expressions of sympathy.*

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  
Section Two – Paragraph 4. The Creator

294 The glory of God consists in the realization of this manifestation and communication of his goodness, for which the world was created. God made us "to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace",<sup>138</sup> for "the glory of God is man fully alive; moreover man's life is the vision of God: if God's revelation through creation has already obtained life for all the beings that dwell on earth, how much more will the Word's manifestation of the Father obtain life for those who see God."<sup>139</sup> The ultimate purpose of creation is that God "who is the creator of all things may at last become "all in all", thus simultaneously assuring his own glory and our beatitude."<sup>140</sup>

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Mass Intentions December 1, 2025 – December 7, 2025
Tuesday, December 2, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 3, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 4, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. + Pete Richard – Jane Richard
Friday, December 5, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. + Tom Naklusi – Sandra Naklusi
Saturday, December 6, 2025 9:00 a.m. – + Stella Lemieux – Jane Richard 5:00 p.m. – + Ludwig Ceh – Theresa Ceh
Sunday, December 7, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar
December 1 – Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
December 2 – Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O’Mahony
December 3 – Order of Preachers, (Dominican), O.P.
December 4 – Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
December 5 – Rev. Bill Foote
December 6 – Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent

Stewardship Report – November 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025
Sunday Offerings .....\$ 1,810.00
Building & Maintenance.....\$ 228.75
All Souls’ Day.....\$ 150.00
Spirit of Hope Collection.....\$ 60.00
Missal Sales.....\$ 55.00
Votives.....\$ 14.00

Calendar Fundraiser – November 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025
Calendar Fundraising.....\$ 400.00

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

**First Friday Mass – December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
A reminder that our First Friday Mass will take place in the evening at 7:00 p.m., with a Holy Hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Mass. There will be no 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**Parish Celebration Breakfast – December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Next month, we will celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets will be available following the Masses this weekend and on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$10/adult and \$5/child. Parishioners are invited to bring photos of past parish events over the years to be displayed during the breakfast. If you wish to contribute your photos, please bring them in an envelope with your name on it to the sign-up table on the weekends leading up to the breakfast.

### December Events

#### First Holy Communion Information Meeting

Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

#### Family Advent Celebration of the Word

Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

#### Parish Advent Retreat

Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.



#### Parish Advent Confessions

Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

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### 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.

### Parish Advent Retreat – December 16<sup>th</sup>

We are pleased to announce that we will once again have the privilege of welcoming Allan Smith as this year's speaker at our Advent Retreat on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. There is no cost to attend this retreat, and all are welcome to join us in preparing our hearts for the celebration of the Christmas season. Detailed schedule to follow.

### 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. Without new volunteers, we will be unable to offer Children's Liturgy every Sunday. 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 Thursdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come and spend a quiet hour with Jesus. Please contact Sandra Naklusi - 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.

### CWL 2026 Membership



Please consider renewing your \$35 membership for next year. If you have questions call 519-578-2019.

### Eye Glass Collection for Cuba

To all our generous donors – thank you so very much! Because of your kindness, many Cuban people will be able to see much better! We will leave the eye glass collection box out until Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, and then hopefully, we will set it up again in November 2026. God Bless You! – Pat and Rosemary

### Diocese Announcements

#### Young Adults Night

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 during the Advent Season. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, December 6th at Holy Cross Church (14400 Argyll Rd, Georgetown, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

### Wisdom of the Saints

“The Lord has turned all our sunsets into sunrise.”

– St. Clement

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

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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