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St. Teresa of Avila Kitchener
Diocese of Hamilton

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.

Weekday Liturgy Schedule

Tuesday Evening: 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m.
Thursday & Friday Mornings: 8:30 a.m.
Saturday Morning: 9:00 a.m. (excluding August)
Please check inside for schedule changes.

Wednesday:
Office Closed

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.

Pastor

Father Stefano Lee

Parish Office Administrator

Claire Rouleau

Business Administrator

David Agnew

Custodian

Kabsoo Park

Divine Mercy Chapel Coordinator

Sandra Naklowski
226-789-1259

Parish School

St. Teresa School
Principal: Pamela Baillie
Secretary: Connie Rawski
519-743-2131

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.

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

Vocations: www.vocationinfo.ca

Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton: 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.*

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church

Paragraph 4. The Creator

V. God Carries Out His Plan: Divine Providence (Part 5)

312 In time we can discover that God in his almighty providence can bring a good from the consequences of an evil, even a moral evil, caused by his creatures: "It was not you", said Joseph to his brothers, "who sent me here, but God. . . You meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive."¹⁷⁸ From the greatest moral evil ever committed - the rejection and murder of God's only Son, caused by the sins of all men - God, by his grace that "abounded all the more",¹⁷⁹ brought the greatest of goods: the glorification of Christ and our redemption. But for all that, evil never becomes a good.

313 "We know that in everything God works for good for those who love him."¹⁸⁰ The constant witness of the saints confirms this truth:

St. Catherine of Siena said to "those who are scandalized and rebel against what happens to them": "Everything comes from love, all is ordained for the salvation of man, God does nothing without this goal in mind."¹⁸¹

St. Thomas More, shortly before his martyrdom, consoled his daughter: "Nothing can come but that that God wills. and I make me very sure that whatsoever that be, seem it never so bad in sight, it shall indeed be the best."¹⁸²

Dame Julian of Norwich: "Here I was taught by the grace of God that I should steadfastly keep me in the faith... and that at the same time I should take my stand on and earnestly believe in what our Lord shewed in this time - that 'all manner (of) thing shall be well.'"¹⁸³

314 We firmly believe that God is master of the world and of its history. But the ways of his providence are often unknown to us. Only at the end, when our partial knowledge ceases, when we see God "face to face",¹⁸⁴ will we fully know the ways by which - even through the dramas of evil and sin - God has guided his creation to that definitive sabbath rest¹⁸⁵ for which he created heaven and earth.

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Mass Intentions

January 26, 2026 – February 1, 2026

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 – **7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, January 28, 2026 – **7:00 p.m.**

Thursday, January 29, 2026 – **8:30 a.m.**

Friday, January 30, 2026 – **8:30 a.m.**

Saturday, January 31, 2026

9:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m. – + Brenden & Kim Schiebel – Jean Giles

Sunday, February 1, 2026 – **10:00 a.m.**

Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

January 26 – Rev. Timothy Higgins

January 27 – Very Rev. David Wynen

January 28 – Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, C.M.I.

January 29 – Rev. Fadi Wajih Rizk

January 30 – Rev. Marko Stefanec

January 31 – Rev. Edward Mahony

St. John Bosco, Priest

February 1 – **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Stewardship Report – January 18th, 2026

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,363.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 332.35
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.....	\$ 30.00
Initial Offerings.....	\$ 20.00
Votives.....	\$ 31.50
Missal Sales.....	\$ 25.00

Calendar Fundraiser – January 18th, 2026

Calendar Sales.....	\$ 100.00
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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

2026 Parish Calendars

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

Happy Birthday

Congratulations and happy birthday to Lee Binkle on the occasion of her 102nd birthday on January 19th!

Legion of Mary

We are excited to introduce the Legion of Mary in in our parish. The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolate bringing its active members to deepen their holiness through prayer and works of mercy in the Parish. Auxiliary members lift these works to Jesus through our Blessed Mother with their commitment to prayer. We will be at your Parish the weekend of January 31st and February 1st, for signups and to share more about the Legion. We look forward to talking with you and having you join us. Our come and see meeting will be on Wednesday, February 11th following evening Mass. For more information, please contact Sr. Lisa Cleasby, Curia President at 519-572-2618 or lamcleasby@hotmail.com.

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.

Divine Mercy Chapel

We have openings in the chapel for Mondays at 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., Thursdays at 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., and Fridays at 3:00 to 4:00 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

Sunday of the Word of God

“The word of Christ dwells among you” (Col 3:16)
The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how *#TheBibleSpeaks* in our hearts and within our communities of faith. This is the seventh annual celebration of this special day in the life of the

Catholic Church. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for your celebration of Bible Sunday 2026. Visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/> for more information.

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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.

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. The Young Adults Night begins at 6:30 p.m. on **Saturday, February 7th at St. Michael’s Church, Waterloo ON.** Sponsored by the Vocations For more information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Wisdom of the Saints

“Hope is the power behind love. When hope fails, so does love.”

– St. John Climacus

Pope Leo XIV’s Prayer Intention for January 2026

For prayer with the Word of God:

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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