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St. Teresa of Avila Kitchener
Diocese of Hamilton

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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Parish Office Hours	Weekday Liturgy Schedule
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri	Tuesday Evening: 7:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Thursday & Friday Mornings: 8:30 a.m.
	Saturday Morning: 9:00 a.m. (excluding August)
	<i>Please check inside for schedule changes.</i>

**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:
6:30-6:50 p.m. on Wednesdays and 8:30-8:50 a.m. on Saturdays.

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 5. Heaven and Earth

The angels in the life of the Church (Part 2)

335 In her liturgy, the Church joins with the angels to adore the thrice-holy God. She invokes their assistance (in the Roman Canon's Supplices te rogamus. . .["Almighty God, we pray that your angel..."]; in the funeral liturgy's In Paradisum deducant te angeli. . .["May the angels lead you into Paradise. . ."]). Moreover, in the "Cherubic Hymn" of the Byzantine Liturgy, she celebrates the memory of certain angels more particularly (St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, and the guardian angels).

336 From infancy to death human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession.²⁰² "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life."²⁰³ Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God.

II. The Visible World

337 God himself created the visible world in all its richness, diversity and order. Scripture presents the work of the Creator symbolically as a succession of six days of divine "work", concluded by the "rest" of the seventh day.²⁰⁴ On the subject of creation, the sacred text teaches the truths revealed by God for our salvation,²⁰⁵ permitting us to "recognize the inner nature, the value and the ordering of the whole of creation to the praise of God."²⁰⁶

338 Nothing exists that does not owe its existence to God the Creator. the world began when God's word drew it out of nothingness; all existent beings, all of nature, and all human history are rooted in this primordial event, the very genesis by which the world was constituted and time begun.²⁰⁷

339 Each creature possesses its own particular goodness and perfection. For each one of the works of the "six days" it is said: "and God saw that it was good." "By the very nature of creation, material being is endowed with its own stability, truth and excellence, its own order and laws."²⁰⁸ Each of the various creatures, willed in its own being, reflects in its own way a ray of God's infinite wisdom and goodness. Man must therefore respect the particular goodness of every creature, to avoid any disordered use of things which would be in contempt of the Creator and would bring disastrous consequences for human beings and their environment.

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<p>Mass Intentions February 16, 2026 – February 22, 2026</p> <p>Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – 7:00 p.m. + Lucy Baker – <i>Helene Meier</i></p> <p>Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – 7:00 p.m. + Delmar Ferreira – <i>Citelia Ferreira</i></p> <p>Thursday, February 19, 2026 – 8:30 a.m. + Hans Forthuber – <i>Helene Meier</i></p> <p>Friday, February 20, 2026 – 8:30 a.m. + Odessa Barrett – <i>Bill Barrett</i></p> <p>Saturday, February 21, 2026 9:00 a.m. + Ken Skinner – <i>Bill Barrett</i> 5:00 p.m. + Mr. & Mrs. William Hoffarth – <i>Ann Snyder</i></p> <p>Sunday, February 22, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish</p>
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<p>Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar</p> <p>February 16 – Rev. Jarke Pachocki, O.M.I. February 17 – Rev. Robert Love February 18 – Ash Wednesday February 19 – Rev. Jeffery Oehring February 20 – Rev. Francesco Cucchi February 21 – Rev. Mark Gatto February 22 – First Sunday of Lent</p>

Stewardship Report – February 8th, 2026	
Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,985.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 289.75
Initial Offerings.....	\$ 5.00
New Year’s Offerings.....	\$ 5.00
Seminary Education.....	\$ 5.00
Votives.....	\$ 37.25

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

Family Day – February 16th
 The parish office and Divine Mercy Chapel will be **closed on Monday, February 16th** for the Family Day holiday. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, February 17th at 9:00 a.m.

Ash Wednesday School Liturgy

On Wednesday, February 18th, there will be two school liturgies for Ash Wednesday at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. Parishioners are welcome to join our students at either of these times.

Ash Wednesday Mass

Please note that our Ash Wednesday Mass will take place at 7:00 p.m. on February 18th.

Reminder: Parking

A reminder to parishioners and visitors to avoid parking in the fire routes along the driveways into the parking lot.

Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation Changes

Parish confession times have been updated to reflect our parish needs. Confessions will now be offered from 6:30 to 6:50 p.m. on Wednesdays and 8:30 to 8:50 a.m. and 4:30 to 4:50 p.m. on Saturdays.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary come and see meeting has been postponed. The new meeting date is February 25th following the Mass. For more information, please contact Sr. Lisa Cleasby, Curia President at 519-572-2618 or lamcleasby@hotmail.com.

Serra Club – Kitchener-Waterloo

The Serra Club is glad to resume meetings at **St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo** on the second Thursday of the month. Join us at St. Agnes for a Holy Hour, Rosary and Benediction at 6:00 and Mass at 7:00. There will be a brief meeting and fellowship in the parish hall following evening Mass. Serrans are lay Catholics – men and women of all ages and from all walks of life, all dedicated to promote and foster vocations. Serra International (“Serra”) is formally recognized by the Holy See as the only global lay apostolate for vocations in the Catholic Church. Masses for 2026 are March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 19, October 8, November 12, December 10, 2026. Join us for the Rosary on ZOOM every Monday at 7:00 pm. Address: 891 4699 8295, Pass Code GvsW9U. New members are welcome! Contact ma_zister@hotmail.com.

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.

Connecting with a Priest While in Hospital

Parishioners who are hospitalized and require a priest are encouraged to notify the hospital nurses, who will connect you with the chaplain. If the chaplain unavailable, they will help you connect with the on-call priest. If the on-call priest is unavailable, please contact Fr. Stefano by calling (519) 743-4525 and dialing either line.

Diocese Announcements

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.

Young Adults Night

Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and music for Lent in support of you as you discern your vocation and as we prepare to celebrate Easter. The Young Adults Night begins at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 7th at St. Ann Church (120 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton, ON). For information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Wisdom of the Saints

“Love is repaid by love alone.”

– St. Francis de Sales

Pope Leo XIV’s Prayer Intention for February 2026

For children with incurable diseases:

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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