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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.

Wednesday:
Office Closed

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.

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 Nakluski
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, 8:30-8:50 a.m. and 4:30-4:50 p.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 7. The Fall

387 Only the light of divine Revelation clarifies the reality of sin and particularly of the sin committed at mankind's origins. Without the knowledge Revelation gives of God we cannot recognize sin clearly and are tempted to explain it as merely a developmental flaw, a psychological weakness, a mistake, or the necessary consequence of an inadequate social structure, etc. Only in the knowledge of God's plan for man can we grasp that sin is an abuse of the freedom that God gives to created persons so that they are capable of loving him and loving one another.

Original sin - an essential truth of the faith

388 With the progress of Revelation, the reality of sin is also illuminated. Although to some extent the People of God in the Old Testament had tried to understand the pathos of the human condition in the light of the history of the fall narrated in Genesis, they could not grasp this story's ultimate meaning, which is revealed only in the light of the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.²⁶¹ We must know Christ as the source of grace in order to know Adam as the source of sin. the Spirit-Paraclete, sent by the risen Christ, came to "convict the world concerning sin",²⁶² by revealing him who is its Redeemer.

389 The doctrine of original sin is, so to speak, the "reverse side" of the Good News that Jesus is the Saviour of all men, that all need salvation and that salvation is offered to all through Christ. the Church, which has the mind of Christ,²⁶³ knows very well that we cannot tamper with the revelation of original sin without undermining the mystery of Christ.
How to read the account of the fall

390 The account of the fall in Genesis 3 uses figurative language, but affirms a primeval event, a deed that took place at the beginning of the history of man.²⁶⁴ Revelation gives us the certainty of faith that the whole of human history is marked by the original fault freely committed by our first parents.^{265]}

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Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

- April 13 – Rev. Ross Campbell
- April 14 – Most Rev. Joseph A. Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.
- April 15 – Permanent Deacons
- April 16 – Grandparents & the Elderly
- April 17 – Rev. Moices Caballero
- April 18 – Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
- April 19 – **Third Sunday of Easter**

Mass Intentions

April 6, 2026 – April 12, 2026

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – **7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 – **7:00 p.m.**

+ **Delmar Ferreira** – *Citelia Ferreira*

Thursday, April 16, 2026 – **10:30 a.m.**

Friday, April 17, 2026 – **8:30 a.m.**

Intentions of the Goveia Family – *Citelia Ferreira*

Saturday, April 18, 2026

9:00 a.m. – + **Leone & William Gough** – *Stephen Woodsworth*

5:00 p.m. – + **Ludwig & David Ceh** – *Theresa Ceh*

Sunday, April 19, 2026 – **10:00 a.m.**

Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Stewardship Report – April 5th, 2026

Sunday Offerings.....	\$ 1,792.00
Easter Offerings	\$ 2,490.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 601.85
Votives.....	\$ 43.00
Good Friday.....	\$ 520.00
In Memory of Rosa Artinger.....	\$ 380.00
In Honour of Mothers Day.....	\$ 10.00

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

School Easter Mass – April 16th

There will be a school Mass for St. Teresa School students on April 16th at 10:30 a.m. in the church. All are welcome to join in celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist with our students. There will be no 8:30 a.m. Mass that day.

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.

Parish Spaghetti Supper – April 18th

We will be hosting this year's Parish Spaghetti Supper on April 18th. There will be two seatings: from 4:30 to 6:00 PM and 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Tickets will be \$20 for adults, children under 12 years of age are free and children 13 years of age to 17 years of age are \$10. The dinner will consist of pasta with sauce, bread, salad, a drink, as well as coffee and tea with dessert. Tickets are on sale this weekend and next weekend.

Lectio Divina

Our parish is providing weekly copies of the Lectio Divina for parishioners. If you are interested, please take a copy from the counter in the Narthex. Copies are made available on Tuesdays or Wednesdays every week.

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.

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

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 at hamiltondiocese.com, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi

From Jan 10, 2026 to Jan 10, 2027, the Church marks a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of his death. During this year, the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by fulfilling the usual conditions and engaging in acts inspired by the Franciscan spirit. To learn more about this Holy Year, visit <https://bit.ly/yearoffrancis>.

World Youth Day Seoul 2027

The young people of the world have begun their preparations to meet with the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV at the 41st International Celebration of World Youth Day, Seoul, South Korea. To learn more about this pilgrimage of faith, visit: <https://wydseoul.org/en>. Join us in praying for all young people discerning their participation from our Diocese.

Reel Justice Film Festival

Join us **April 23 at 7:00 PM** for a screening of *Deep Rising*. Narrated and executive produced by Jason Momoa, the documentary investigates the push to mine the deep seabed for rare metals, exposing geopolitical, corporate, and scientific maneuvering to control these vital elements. Through awe-inspiring footage of the deep's most dazzling creatures, **Deep Rising** reveals the need to protect the seabed as the common heritage of humankind and stresses the urgency of responsible choices for the future of sustainable energy. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>.**

Did You Know...

Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program! If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>

Wisdom of the Saints

“Easter is a season of profound transformation, a time when the old gives way to the new and the broken is made whole. It is a reminder that God’s power is made perfect in weakness, and that his grace is sufficient for all our needs.”

– St. Faustina

Pope Leo XIV’s Prayer Intention for April 2026

For priests in crisis:

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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