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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:**  
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](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.*

**Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church**

**Paragraph 7. The Fall**

**II. The Fall of The Angels**

391 Behind the disobedient choice of our first parents lurks a seductive voice, opposed to God, which makes them fall into death out of envy.<sup>266</sup> Scripture and the Church's Tradition see in this being a fallen angel, called "Satan" or the "devil".<sup>267</sup> The Church teaches that Satan was at first a good angel, made by God: "The devil and the other demons were indeed created naturally good by God, but they became evil by their own doing."<sup>268</sup>

392 Scripture speaks of a sin of these angels.<sup>269</sup> This "fall" consists in the free choice of these created spirits, who radically and irrevocably rejected God and his reign. We find a reflection of that rebellion in the tempter's words to our first parents: "You will be like God."<sup>270</sup> The devil "has sinned from the beginning"; he is "a liar and the father of lies".<sup>271</sup>

393 It is the irrevocable character of their choice, and not a defect in the infinite divine mercy, that makes the angels' sin unforgivable. "There is no repentance for the angels after their fall, just as there is no repentance for men after death."<sup>272</sup>

394 Scripture witnesses to the disastrous influence of the one Jesus calls "a murderer from the beginning", who would even try to divert Jesus from the mission received from his Father.<sup>273</sup> "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."<sup>274</sup> In its consequences the gravest of these works was the mendacious seduction that led man to disobey God.

395 The power of Satan is, nonetheless, not infinite. He is only a creature, powerful from the fact that he is pure spirit, but still a creature. He cannot prevent the building up of God's reign. Although Satan may act in the world out of hatred for God and his kingdom in Christ Jesus, and although his action may cause grave injuries - of a spiritual nature and, indirectly, even of a physical nature - to each man and to society, the action is permitted by divine providence which with strength and gentleness guides human and cosmic history. It is a great mystery that providence should permit diabolical activity, but "we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him."<sup>275</sup>

*Taken from: vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\_INDEX.HTM*

**Mass Intentions**  
**April 20, 2026 – April 26, 2026**

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – **7:00 p.m.**  
+ **Maria Porco** – *Adora Vizza*

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 – **7:00 p.m.**  
+ **Delmar Ferreira** – *Citelia Ferreira*

Thursday, April 23, 2026 – **10:30 a.m.**  
+ **Leone & William Gough** – *Stephen Woodsworth*

Friday, April 24, 2026 – **8:30 a.m.**  
**Intentions of the Goveia Family** – *Citelia Ferreira*

Saturday, April 25, 2026  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**5:00 p.m.** – + **Leona & Sheldon Grobe** – *Peter Grobe*

Sunday, April 26, 2026 – **10:00 a.m.**  
**Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

**Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar**

April 20 – Rev. Robert Sims  
April 21 – Rev. Jason Kuntz  
April 22 – Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb, S.O.C.  
April 23 – Rev. Edward Hinsperger  
April 24 – Rev. Msgr. David Reilander  
April 25 – Matthew Durham  
April 26 – **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Stewardship Report – April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Sunday Offerings.....	\$ 1,307.00
Easter Offerings .....	\$ 170.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 402.00
Good Friday.....	\$ 120.00
Funeral.....	\$ 500.00
Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.....	\$ 100.00
March Direct Deposit Donations.....	\$ 1,331.00
March E-transfer Donations.....	\$ 330.00
March CanadaHelps.....	\$ 167.18
March Hall Rental.....	\$ 200.00

**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

### *Baptism*

On Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m., through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed:

**Leo Hrubik,**

son of

**Sebastian Hrubik and Shannon Westenberg**

Congratulations on your baptism, Leo!

### **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.

### **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.

### **World Youth Day Delegations**

At this time we are looking for parish delegations to go to WYD, as well as donations to support. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Stefano.

## Diocese Announcements

### **The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://hamiltondiocese.com), or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

### **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 41<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com).

### **Wisdom of the Saints**

“May he make us children of God, he who for our sakes wished to become a child of men.”

– St. Augustine

### **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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