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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: Mena Carnevale

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

A hard battle. . .

407 The doctrine of original sin, closely connected with that of redemption by Christ, provides lucid discernment of man's situation and activity in the world. By our first parents' sin, the devil has acquired a certain domination over man, even though man remains free. Original sin entails "captivity under the power of him who thenceforth had the power of death, that is, the devil".²⁹⁸ Ignorance of the fact that man has a wounded nature inclined to evil gives rise to serious errors in the areas of education, politics, social action²⁹⁹ and morals.

408 The consequences of original sin and of all men's personal sins put the world as a whole in the sinful condition aptly described in St. John's expression, "the sin of the world".³⁰⁰ This expression can also refer to the negative influence exerted on people by communal situations and social structures that are the fruit of men's sins.³⁰¹

409 This dramatic situation of "the whole world [which] is in the power of the evil one"³⁰² makes man's life a battle:

The whole of man's history has been the story of our combat with the powers of evil, stretching, so our Lord tells us, from the very dawn of history until the last day. Finding himself in the midst of the battlefield man has to struggle to do what is right, and it is at great cost to himself, and aided by God's grace, that he succeeds in achieving his own inner integrity.³⁰³

IV. "You Did Not Abandon Him to The Power of Death"

410 After his fall, man was not abandoned by God. On the contrary, God calls him and in a mysterious way heralds the coming victory over evil and his restoration from his fall.³⁰⁴ This passage in Genesis is called the Protoevangelium ("first gospel"): the first announcement of the Messiah and Redeemer, of a battle between the serpent and the Woman, and of the final victory of a descendant of hers.

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Mass Intentions
May 18, 2026 – May 24, 2026

- Tuesday, May 19, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
+ Leon & Genowefa Ziolkowski – Betty Julien
+ Ken Skinner – Betty Julien
- Wednesday, May 20, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
+ Delmar Ferreira – Citelia Ferreira
- Thursday, May 21, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.
The Holy Souls in Purgatory – Betty Julien
- Friday, May 22, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.
+ Leon & Genowefa Ziolkowski – Betty Julien
- Saturday, May 23, 2026
9:00 a.m. – + Leone & William Gough – Stephen Woodworth
5:00 p.m. – + Leona & Sheldon Grobe – Peter Grobe
- Sunday, May 24, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

- May 18 – Rev. Veselko Kvesic, O.F.M.
Victoria Day
- May 19 – Rev. Christopher Tracey
- May 20 – Barnabite Fathers, C.R.S.P.
- May 21 – Single Catholics
- May 22 – Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.
- May 23 – Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
- May 24 – Pentecost
World Day of Prayer for the Church in China

Stewardship Report – May 10th, 2026

Sunday Offerings.....	\$ 1,233.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$
Votives.....	286.85

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

Victoria Day Hours – May 18th

The parish office and Divine Mercy Chapel will be closed on Monday, May 18th for the Victoria Day long weekend. Regular hours will resume on May 19th.

Crowning of Mary Ceremony

Parishioners are invited to our parish Crowning of Mary Ceremony and Mass on Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m.

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.

First Holy Communion Information and Schedule

First Holy Communion will take place on May 30th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass and May 31st at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Confirmation Information and Schedule

We are now preparing students to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 21st at 7:00 p.m.

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.

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 (ages 18-35) to go to WYD, as well as donations to support. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Stefano.

Diocese Announcements

World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea – Diocesan Delegation

The Diocesan Pastoral Offices are coordinating a delegation of young adults to attend the World Youth Days in Seoul, South Korea from July 31 – August 9, 2027. Spots are almost full for this pilgrimage of faith and unity with young people from around the world! If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, or wish to register, please visit wyd.hamiltondiocese.com. The *first wave of registration* closes May 14, 2026.

Youth Ministry Certification Program

We are currently accepting enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program, which begins in September 2025. To review a full course list and for more information, please visit:

www.hamiltondioceselearns.com

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 includes a Holy Hour (6:00pm-7:00 pm), social with food (7:00pm-8:00pm), vocations testimony and praise music (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, June 6th at the Saint Clement's Church (745 Duke Street, Cambridge, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

About the Spirituality of Childhood

Holy Rosary Parish in Guelph is hosting the first of a two-part Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level One Formation Course **July 7-12, 2025**. This retreat-like experience immerses the adult in scripture, liturgy, theology, prayer, the needs and capacities of children, and making materials the child works with to internalize the Christian message. Catechists formed in this method usually go on to work with 3–6-year-olds in a parish or school, or are involved in ministries such as RCIA, Children's Liturgy of the Word, and preparation for the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. For more information: www.cgsac.ca/Courses/LevelOne.

Wisdom of the Saints

“Let us be rooted and grounded in charity so that we may comprehend what is the length of eternity, the breadth of liberality, the height of majesty and the depth of discerning wisdom.”

– St. Bonaventure

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for May 2026

That everyone might have food:

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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