

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

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**Office Hours:**

Monday to Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm

### Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:30am

### Weekday Masses

see inside

### Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30pm - 7:00pm,  
or by request.

### Sacrament of Baptism (3rd Sunday of the month outside of Lent)

Parents, please pick up Baptism  
package from the parish office.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact office six months  
prior to desired date.  
Marriage Prep offered.

### Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the parish office of  
loved ones who are housebound  
or in the hospital so they may  
receive the comfort of the Church's  
sacraments and prayer.

### Outreach Ministry (A Ministry of Visitation)

Please contact the Parish Office if  
you or someone you know would  
like a visit by the Outreach Ministry.

### Parish Contacts

#### Parish Pastoral Council

Annamae Elliott

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#### Building & Finance Committee

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#### Vocations

Contact [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca) or  
[www.resurrectionist.net](http://www.resurrectionist.net)

#### New Parishioners

New parishioners, welcome!

Please register at the office or pick up a  
registration package at the church entrance.

#### Bulletin Deadline

Written submissions by Monday noon.

### St. Teresa of Avila School

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Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth,  
but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which  
he moves compassion on  
this world.

Yours are the feet with which  
he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which  
he blesses all the world.

Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila



✠ Please remember our benefactors and those who have left bequests in your prayers. ✠

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

**Tuesday, May 19, NO MASS**

*Consider all the past as nothing, and say, like David: Now I begin to love my God. – St. Francis de Sales*

**Wednesday, May 20, NO MASS**

*They who trust themselves are lost. They who trust in God can do all things. – St. Alphonsus Liguori*

**Thursday, May 21, NO MASS**

*This very moment I may, if I desire, become the friend of God. – St. Augustine*

**Friday, May 22, NO MASS**

*Most Holy Sacred Heart of Jesus, help my heart to persevere in all that is holy. – St. Rita of Cascia*

**Saturday, May 23, NO MASS**

**Sunday, May 24, TELEVISED MASS ON YOUTUBE ON OUR HOME PAGE**  
**Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**

**READINGS FOR May 23/24**

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11  
Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23  
Gospel Reading: Mt 28:16-20

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH  
EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED****HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR****PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Mon., May 18 Rev. David Wilhelm  
Tues., May 19 Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk  
Wed., May 20 Sister Servants of Mary  
Immaculate, S.S.M.I.  
Thurs., May 21 Rev. George Nowak, C.R.  
Fri., May 22 Rev. Msgr. Edward Sheridan  
Sat., May 23 Very Rev. David Wynen

**LIVING ROSARY INTENTION**

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

**FOODBANK NEEDS**

Mayonnaise, Ketchup and Apple Juice  
(save these items and bring them in when things are back to normal)

**At this time the chapel, church, and office are closed. Please check for updates at [stteresaelmira.ca](http://stteresaelmira.ca) and on the Hamilton Diocesan website. Bulletins are updated each week.** On the main home page you will see the link where you can click on the YouTube

arrow and see weekly reflections on Wednesdays with Fr. Peter Meyer and see/participate in the Mass each Sunday.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

This has been National Nurses Week. Let us continue to pray for our nurses, for all their hard work and dedication now and always.

Please continue to pray for all front line workers.

Pope Francis dedicates May 14<sup>th</sup> as a day to pray for an end to the coronavirus. Believers around the world will join – whether through prayer, fasting or acts of charity – see our May 13<sup>th</sup> reflection.

Please be assured of my continued prayers for you and for your families. Don't hesitate to call for any pastoral needs you may have.

If anyone needs to come into the church for any reason, first please contact the office or Fr. Peter

Again we are looking for volunteers for spring gardening and clean up around the parish property. Those who are interested please contact me.

Father Peter

**NEW DATES FOR PILGRIMAGE** – Join Father Peter Meyer and Sister Jocelyn Monette, NDS for the new dates to **IMPERIAL EUROPE WITH OBERAMMERGAU TRIP FROM MAY 26, 2022 – JUNE 5, 2022.** More information will follow.

**PRAYING THE ROSARY IN THE MONTH OF MARY**

When COVID-19 was first spreading throughout the world, Pope Francis asked all Catholics to pray the Rosary with him for the intentions of those who have gotten sick or died from the virus, for all the front-line workers and researchers fighting it, and for all those affected. During May, the month of Mary, Fr. Peter and the Catholic Women's League invite our parish to pray the Rosary each day for these intentions, and we are hoping some of us might pray it in a very visible way.

We are blessed at St. Teresa's to have an outdoor Rosary Path. We would like to have one family, or person, or household come to the

Rosary Path each day in May and pray the Rosary. You can walk the path as you pray, or sit on the bench, whatever posture works for you. **If you would like to sign up for a date please email Alice Soeder at [alice\\_soeder@hotmail.com](mailto:alice_soeder@hotmail.com).** You can go to the path to pray any time on your date, although during daylight hours would be safest and the best way to witness to our community that we are standing with them.

Not all of us are able to leave our homes right now, due to the weather and of course the threat of this virus. Please, if you are not able to go outside, continue to pray in solidarity with our community and our world. And if you go to the path to pray and find someone else already there, please stay 6 feet apart from others. Our prayers and physical distancing are working, so this May let our voices join together in supplication to our Mother!

**MONTH OF MARY** – The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the *Month of May*, no. 1).

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practised in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

The practice was granted a partial indulgence by Pius VII in 1815 and a plenary indulgence by Pius IX in 1859. With the complete revision of indulgences in 1966 and the

decreased emphasis on specific indulgences, it no longer carries an indulgence; however it certainly falls within the category of the First General Grant of Indulgences. (*A partial indulgence* is granted to the faithful who, in the performance of their duties and in bearing the trials of life, raise their mind with humble confidence to God, adding — even if only mentally — some pious invocation. Excerpted from *Enchiridion of Indulgences*).

**SPRING BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** – This serves as the foundation from which Marillac Place relies on to operate. Our church as well as others in our community have carried the torch through collecting donations by passing baby bottles among its congregations each year between Mother's Day and Father's Day. This year, because of the pandemic, we are being challenged to re-visit the way we do things. Due to an urgent need for support, the Baby Bottle Campaign set to launch on Mother's Day will be a virtual campaign. Any amount of support you can provide will make a difference in the lives of the vulnerable young mothers and families we serve. No one should face motherhood alone. Make a difference today and donate now. Donate on-line at [www.marillacplace.ca/donate/](http://www.marillacplace.ca/donate/) or send cheques directly to 109 Young Street, Kitchener, ON, N2H 4Z2.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – The Lord said, "I will not leave you orphaned." Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton by telephone at 905-528-7988 or by email at [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com).

**HOPE AFTER AN ABORTION** - Are you struggling with an abortion decision – either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is a ministry of healing for any person suffering pain or problems from an abortion experience. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. **Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.**

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