

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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. ✠

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>

**Tuesday, May 12, NO MASS**

*The saints are like the stars. In his providence Christ conceals them in a hidden place that they may not shine before others when they might wish to do so. Yet they are always ready to exchange the quiet of contemplation for the works of mercy as soon as they perceive in their heart the invitation of Christ. – St. Anthony of Padua*

**Wednesday, May 13, NO MASS**

*In her motherly concern, the Blessed Virgin came here to Fatima... It is a mother's sorrow that compels her to speak; the destiny of her children is at stake. For this reason she asks the little shepherds: "Pray, pray much and make sacrifices for sinners". – St John Paul II*

**Thursday, May 14, NO MASS**

*Thank God ahead of time. – Ven. Solanus Casey*

**Friday, May 15, NO MASS**

*God asks little, but he gives much. – St. John Chrysostom*

**Saturday, May 16, NO MASS**

**Sunday, May 17, TELEVISED MASS ON  
YOUTUBE ON OUR HOME PAGE  
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**READINGS FOR May 2/3**

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Second Reading: 1 Pt 3:15-18

Gospel Reading: Jn 14:15-21

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

Mon., May 11 Rev. Archange Kebe  
Tues., May 12 Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba  
Wed., May 13 Deceased Consecrated Brothers  
and Sisters  
Thurs., May 14 Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.  
Fri., May 15 Rev. Saju Oreethaparambil  
Sat., May 16 Rev. Yvon Paquin, O.H.

**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.

# Happy Mother's Day

**A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER**

Dear Father, we approach your throne on behalf of the mothers whom you have entrusted with the care of your most precious little ones. We thank you for creating each mom with a unique combination of gifts and talents. We thank you for the sacrifice of self each mom gives for her children. For the late nights spent rocking a colicky infant. For the hands calloused from washing, wiping, scrubbing, mixing, backing, stirring, hugging, patting, disciplining, holding, writing, erasing, painting, and pouring.

We thank you for the gift of time moms give for their kids, whether it's stay-at-home moms, working moms, and moms who have some combination of the two. We thank you for the flexibility of moms, for their tirelessness, their perseverance, and their devotion.

We pray you give each mom strength. Help her to see in every mundane task the eternal, cosmic significance that you place on motherhood. Help her to understand that the most radical, world-changing events may be happening anonymously in her home. Help her to forgive those who undermine her significance.

We especially pray for single moms, who must lean solely on you for the fathering of their children. We thank you that your big arms surround children who may never know their earthly father. We also pray for mothers who never had the honour of bearing children, but whose nurturing extends to the many poor and needy who cross the threshold of their lives.

We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers. We ask you to be their living water. We ask you to be their source of spiritual and physical strength. We pray that the same grace that flowed from

Father to Son to us in salvation will flow from mothers to their children. We pray that each mother rejects perfectionism and instead embraces the goodness of the gospel. We pray the rhythms of repentance and forgiveness shape every home. Lord, give each mother a worshipful reverence of you, the Creator and Sustainer of life. Help each mother to rest in the knowledge that they are but stewards of your children and that only your Spirit can produce change into the hearts of each boy and girl. May each mother find rest in You. Most of all, Lord, on this day in which we honour mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb. Amen. - Daniel Darling

### 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!

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We welcome Rev. Mr. Basil Markides as a Deacon to our Parish. You will all have the opportunity to meet him once Masses resume.

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.

Let us continue to pray for the deceased victims in the Nova Scotia killings and for their families. As well as the military personnel who died in the helicopter crash.

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

Mother's Day is here and St. Teresa's is proud to participate in the **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**, in support of Marillac Place. Marillac Place relies heavily on the donations from our community to keep its doors open. Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic this year we are unable to deliver baby bottles. Please provide your ongoing support through our virtual campaign by donating on-line or sending a cheque directly to Marillac Place. You can make your donation in honour of someone special on Mother's Day as there is an option to send an ecard when you donate on-line. [www.marillacplace.ca/donate/](http://www.marillacplace.ca/donate/). Thank you so much for your support. All proceeds from the campaign will go directly to the operations of Marillac Place and create an immediate impact on the residents. For more information on Marillac Place please call (519) 571-0722 x 202, or send an email to [kelly@marillacplace.ca](mailto:kelly@marillacplace.ca) or visit [www.marillacplace.ca](http://www.marillacplace.ca) Thank you for your continued support!

**VOCATION SEEDS** – "The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these..." Are you willing to do the work of the Lord as a priest? 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).

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