

**Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church**

CHAPTER ONE: WAYS OF COMING TO KNOW GOD

31 Created in God's image and called to know and love him, the person who seeks God discovers certain ways of coming to know him. These are also called proofs for the existence of God, not in the sense of proofs in the natural sciences, but rather in the sense of "converging and convincing arguments", which allow us to attain certainty about the truth. These "ways" of approaching God from creation have a twofold point of departure: the physical world, and the human person.

32 The world: starting from movement, becoming, contingency, and the world's order and beauty, one can come to a knowledge of God as the origin and the end of the universe.

As St. Paul says of the Gentiles: For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made.<sup>7</sup> And St. Augustine issues this challenge: Question the beauty of the earth, question the beauty of the sea, question the beauty of the air distending and diffusing itself, question the beauty of the sky. . . question all these realities. All respond: "See, we are beautiful." Their beauty is a profession [confessio]. These beauties are subject to change. Who made them if not the Beautiful One [Pulcher] who is not subject to change?<sup>8</sup>

33 The human person: with his openness to truth and beauty, his sense of moral goodness, his freedom and the voice of his conscience, with his longings for the infinite and for happiness, man questions himself about God's existence. In all this he discerns signs of his spiritual soul. the soul, the "seed of eternity we bear in ourselves, irreducible to the merely material",<sup>9</sup> can have its origin only in God.

34 The world, and man, attest that they contain within themselves neither their first principle nor their final end, but rather that they participate in Being itself, which alone is without origin or end. Thus, in different ways, man can come to know that there exists a reality which is the first cause and final end of all things, a reality "that everyone calls God".<sup>10</sup>

35 Man's faculties make him capable of coming to a knowledge of the existence of a personal God. But for man to be able to enter into real intimacy with him, God willed both to reveal himself to man, and to give him the grace of being able to welcome this revelation in faith.(so) the proofs of God's existence, however, can predispose one to faith and help one to see that faith is not opposed to reason.

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**Mass Intentions**  
**September 9, 2024 – September 15, 2024**

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**

Thursday, September 12, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**  
+ **Delmar Ferreira** – Citelia Ferreira

Friday, September 13, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**  
+ **Florence Cybulski** – Family

Saturday, September 14, 2024  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**5:00 p.m.**

Sunday, September 15, 2024 – **10:00 a.m.**  
**Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

**Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar**

September 9 – Rev. Ireneusz Koziak, S.A.C.  
September 10 – Very Rev. Tim Uniak, C.R.  
September 11 – Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate (S.O.L.I.)  
September 12 – Rev. Robert Love  
**The Most Holy Name of Mary**  
September 13 – Rev. Rafal Tomon  
September 14 – **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
September 15 – **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

<b>Stewardship Report – September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024</b>	
Sunday Offerings .....	\$ 1,581.75
Votives.....	\$ 13.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 80.00
Flowers.....	\$ 10.00

**We are most appreciative of your ongoing prayerful and financial support for our parish, St. Teresa of Avila.**

**Donations to the parish can be made through the use of Sunday Offertory envelopes, Pre-Authorized Giving, E-Transfer, and CanadaHelps.**

**If you require any further information, please contact the parish office.**

**Parish Announcements**

**Notice – First Friday Mass**

The First Friday evening healing Mass and adoration will be held on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Anointing of the elderly will follow after the Mass. Please note there will be no Mass in the morning on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Group Photos for Parish Directory**

Group photos will be taken after the Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Mass. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>:

- CWL
- Serra Club
- Divine Mercy Chapel
- Maintenance Team
- Bible Study Group

Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>:

- Counters
- Parish Youth Group
- Choir
- Sacristan
- Altar Servers
- PPC
- Lectors
- Communion Ministers

**Parish Group Photo**

Fr. Stefano would like to organize a parish family group photo in the coming weeks during September after one of the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Masses. This group photo will be taken in the church, and used for next year's parish calendar. Please stay tuned for more details.

**Children's Liturgy**

Our Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We look forward to seeing the children of our parish community this fall.

**RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation**

RCIA is a program designed to teach interested candidates what Catholics believe, how Catholics practice their faith, and what it means to be Catholic. Those who are interested in participating in an RCIA program, please contact the parish office!

**Parish Choir Team**

We are looking for volunteers to join our Parish Choir team. If you have a love for music, can play the guitar, play the piano, and wish to participate in your parish community, please contact the parish office.

**Sanctuary Cleaning Team**

We are looking for volunteers to join our Sanctuary Cleaning team. Teams are made in pairs, and cleaning takes place on Fridays. To join, please contact the

parish office or enter your name on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

**Divine Mercy Chapel**

We have an opening in the chapel on Fridays at 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Come and spend a quiet hour with Jesus. Please contact Sandra Nakluski - 226-789-1259.

**Diocese Announcements**

**Adult Faith Formation through VLCFF**

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2023. Three and five week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at [www.hamiltondioceselearns.com](http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com).

**ReSTART: Moving Forward**

Our 10-week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will be offered from Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom if you are from outside the Hamilton area. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. To register go to [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

**Wisdom of the Saints**

“May God the Holy Spirit move within us and give us eyes to see with, ears to hear with and hands that God's work might be done.”

– St. Dominic

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention**  
**September 2024**

Please join Pope Francis in praying for cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live during the month of September.