

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church

CHAPTER TWO: II. The Stages of Revelation (Part 2)

God chooses Abraham

59 In order to gather together scattered humanity God calls Abram from his country, his kindred and his father's house,¹⁶ and makes him Abraham, that is, "the father of a multitude of nations". "In you all the nations of the earth shall be blessed."¹⁷

60 The people descended from Abraham would be the trustee of the promise made to the patriarchs, the chosen people, called to prepare for that day when God would gather all his children into the unity of the Church.¹⁸ They would be the root on to which the Gentiles would be grafted, once they came to believe.¹⁹

61 The patriarchs, prophets and certain other Old Testament figures have been and always will be honoured as saints in all the Church's liturgical traditions.

God forms his people Israel

62 After the patriarchs, God formed Israel as his people by freeing them from slavery in Egypt. He established with them the covenant of Mount Sinai and, through Moses, gave them his law so that they would recognize him and serve him as the one living and true God, the provident Father and just judge, and so that they would look for the promised Saviour.²⁰

63 Israel is the priestly people of God, "called by the name of the LORD", and "the first to hear the word of God",²¹ The people of "elder brethren" in the faith of Abraham.

64 Through the prophets, God forms his people in the hope of salvation, in the expectation of a new and everlasting Covenant intended for all, to be written on their hearts.²² The prophets proclaim a radical redemption of the People of God, purification from all their infidelities, a salvation which will include all the nations.²³ Above all, the poor and humble of the Lord will bear this hope. Such holy women as Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Judith and Esther kept alive the hope of Israel's salvation. the purest figure among them is Mary.²⁴

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Mass Intentions
October 14, 2024 – October 20, 2024

Saturday, October 19, 2024
5:00 p.m. - + Mary Pat Hergott, in Memory of Her 60th Birthday – Barb Hergott

Sunday, October 20, 2024 – **10:00 a.m.**
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

October 14 – Rev. Francis Ahuekwe
Thanksgiving

October 15 – Rev. Kevin D’Souza

October 16 – Chaplains
World Food Day

October 17 – Rev. Piotr Golinski

October 18 – Rev. Stephen Murrin

October 19 – Rev. Andrew Czarny

October 20 – **Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
World Mission Sunday

Stewardship Report – October 6th, 2024

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| Sunday Offerings | \$ 1,956.35 |
| Votives..... | \$ 17.00 |
| Building Fund..... | \$ 20.00 |
| Needs of the Canadian Church..... | \$ 370.00 |
| Baptism Donations..... | \$ 150.00 |

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

Thanksgiving Office Hours
Please note that the parish office will be closed on October 14th, Thanksgiving Monday. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, October 15th, 2024.

Notice – Weekday Mass Times
Please note that there will be no weekday and Saturday morning Masses from September 30th to October 21st while Fr. Lee is away. The regular weekday Mass schedule will resume on October 22nd.

Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses will continue as scheduled during this period.

Notice – Deacon TJ Away

A reminder that Deacon TJ will be away until October 20th, 2024.

Parish Community Breakfast

On Sunday October 20th, we will hold a Parish Community Breakfast in the Church Hall after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We will have a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church starting on Saturday September 28th and Sunday September 29th. The purpose is to determine the number of people coming so we can order the correct amount of food. We will be serving eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, hash browns, toast, coffee, tea and juice. We will also ask for a \$5.00 donation for each adult meal. If this is a hardship for your family, please come anyway. Anything you might be able to contribute would be appreciated, but do not let money be a reason for not sharing in this Parish event!

If you would like to help or bring something please contact Bernie Pickett. Email - berniejpickett@gmail.com by phone 519-589-6337. Thank you for your support for our Parish!

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.

Committee for Newcomers

Our parish has established a committee to welcome newcomers from around the world into our parish community. The purpose of this committee is to support newcomers to Canada in their spiritual lives, as well as establishing roots in their new country. For those interested in volunteering for this committee, please contact Bill Barrett (chairperson) or the parish office.

Notice – Seeking Employment

A member of our parish is seeking employment as a personal support worker or driver. If you are aware of opportunities in our community, please contact the parish office.

Diocese Announcements

Diocesan Vocations Month

October is Diocesan Vocations Month. Please pray for the men and women of our diocese who are discerning their vocations to marriage, priesthood, the permanent diaconate, the dedicated single life, and consecrated life, that is, as a consecrated virgin living in the world, or as a religious priest, brother or sister. Since it is also the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, you are encouraged to offer the Rosary, in particular, the Luminous Mysteries, for vocations. Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

Mass & Reception for the Carmelite Nuns in St. Agatha

The Committee for the Carmelite Nuns invite you to attend a special Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger at Holy Family Croatian Roman Catholic Church (180 Schweitzer St. Kitchener) on Monday October 28th, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., followed by a sit-down dinner in the reception hall. Meal for 2 is a minimum donation of \$250 (eligible for a full tax receipt). Donation can be mailed to Carmel of St. Joseph, or ‘Donate Now’ at www.thecarmel.ca. RSVP required by October 10th. Please contact Liz Motz 519-590-4808 with questions.

Echoes of Hope
Saturday, November 23, 2024

Mount Mary Retreat Centre, Ancaster | 10 AM - 4PM
Join us as we journey towards the Jubilee of Hope in prayer, conversation, and thanksgiving for the gift of ministry. Our day will include group and personal reflection, prayer, and a catechist resource fair. Registration fee includes lunch, refreshments and materials: \$25 per person.

Wisdom of the Saints
“Love the truth sincerely to attain that peace and harmony on which depends all real prosperity.”
– St. John XXIII

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention
October 2024

Please join Pope Francis in praying for a shared mission. We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.