

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church

Chapter 2: Article 2, III. The Interpretation of the Heritage of Faith

The heritage of faith entrusted to the whole of the Church

84 The apostles entrusted the "Sacred deposit" of the faith (the depositum fidei),⁴⁵ contained in Sacred Scripture and Tradition, to the whole of the Church. "By adhering to [this heritage] the entire holy people, united to its pastors, remains always faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. So, in maintaining, practising and professing the faith that has been handed on, there should be a remarkable harmony between the bishops and the faithful."⁴⁶

The Magisterium of the Church

85 "The task of giving an authentic interpretation of the Word of God, whether in its written form or in the form of Tradition, has been entrusted to the living teaching office of the Church alone. Its authority in this matter is exercised in the name of Jesus Christ."⁴⁷ This means that the task of interpretation has been entrusted to the bishops in communion with the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome.

86 "Yet this Magisterium is not superior to the Word of God, but is its servant. It teaches only what has been handed on to it. At the divine command and with the help of the Holy Spirit, it listens to this devotedly, guards it with dedication and expounds it faithfully. All that it proposes for belief as being divinely revealed is drawn from this single deposit of faith."⁴⁸

87 Mindful of Christ's words to his apostles: "He who hears you, hears me",⁴⁹ The faithful receive with docility the teachings and directives that their pastors give them in different forms.

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Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar	
November 25	– Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
November 26	– Rev. Josph Gregory Michel
November 27	– Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ (p.j.c.)
November 28	– Rev. Wilson Andrade, C.S.C.
November 29	– Rev. Emmanuel Ralte, C.S.C.
November 30	– Very Rev. David Walter
December 1	– First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions November 25, 2024 – December 1, 2024	
Tuesday, November 26, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.	+ Bill & Dorothy Barrett
Wednesday, November 27, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.	+ Bob Paleczny – Doris Paleczny
Thursday, November 28, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.	The Intentions of Anny Taka – Anny Taka
Friday, November 29, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.	+ Tom & Gert Paleczny – Doris Paleczny
Saturday, November 30, 2024	9:00 a.m. + David Courtemanche – Donna MacLean 5:00 p.m. + Ed Forwell – Betty Jane Forwell & Family
Sunday, December 1, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Stewardship Report – November 17 th , 2024	
Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,477.00
Votives.....	\$ 57.00
Sunday Missals.....	\$ 125.00
Calendar 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.

Please contact the parish office for more information.

Parish Announcements

Sunday Missals

We are now selling the 2024-2025 Living with Christ Sunday Missals. Copies are available at the back of the church for \$5 each.

Christmas Decorations for the Parish Hall

We are looking for donations of gently used or new Christmas decorations such as garlands, wreaths, lights, ornaments or figurines. A bin will be placed in the narthex of the Church from Saturday November 16th until Sunday December 1st to accept donations. If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary or Bernie Pickett at 519-745-334.

Coffee Sunday Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to run Coffee Sunday in 2025. Coffee Sunday takes place on the second Sunday of each month from January until June and then from September to December. If you are interested in leading a Coffee Sunday please contact Claire at the

Parish Calendar

Following last year's success, St. Teresa of Avila Church is once again producing a parish calendar. The calendar features photos of places closely connected to our parish and our faith.

Through this calendar, we hope to strengthen the sense of belonging among the members of St. Teresa of Avila Church and provide support to the parish's financial needs, which have been strained after the pandemic. We also hope that through this fundraising effort, the faith of our parishioners will deepen, and the bonds within our community will grow stronger.

To support the parish, you can donate a certain amount under your name or family's name to the calendar project along with your prayers. (Please contact the pastor or the parish office for details). A receipt for tax purposes will be issued at the end of the year.

parish office. Support will be provided! For more information or any questions, please contact Rosemary or Bernie Pickett at 519-745-6334. Thank you and God bless you for your interest!

Men's Group

We are pleased to share that Go to Joseph, our parish men's group, will be starting up in the New Year! For: Men who are 30 years and older. Purpose: To build a brotherhood and fatherhood by learning from St. Joseph. When: From January 2025 every second Saturday after Mass. For more information, please contact the parish office.

Catholic Women's League Christmas Potluck

We invite you all to mark your calendars for our Christmas potluck on Wednesday November 27th at 5:30 PM. Entertainment and a Christmas sing a long to be provided. Bring your family and favourite dish (enough for 6 people) to celebrate the beginning of the season and enjoy our parish community and fellowship.

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!

First Reconciliation Information Meeting

Parents of children who will be preparing to receive First Holy Communion in Spring 2025 are invited to attend an Information Meeting on **Wednesday, December 4th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church. Please keep an eye out for more information regarding First Holy Communion preparation.

Accommodation Needed

A family in our parish community is seeking affordable living accommodation for the beginning of **January 2025**. If you are aware of any opportunities in our community, please contact the parish office.

Diocese Announcements

Advent Hymn Festival

To begin the Advent season, the Diocesan Choir is performing an Advent Hymn Festival at St. Joseph Parish in Hamilton, ON, on **Sunday, December 1, 2024, at 7 p.m.** Registration is not required, and there is no charge—however, a goodwill offering will go to St. Joseph's Parish Neighbours in Need Program. Please see the Upcoming Events on the Diocese of Hamilton web page.

Heartache to Healing – Coping with Christmas

Grieving the loss of a loved one at any time is difficult, but it can seem all the worse as we approach the Christmas season. Join us as we watch a video and discuss ways to cope while still being able to find joy in each moment trusting that there will be brighter days ahead.

Date: Wednesday, December 4th 2024

Time: 7 – 8:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 pm)

Location: St. Michael Parish, Waterloo, ON

For more information and to register, please phone or email 519-884-9311 / parish@stmichaelw.ca.

Vatican II and Its Four Constitutions

Join us for a five-week series exploring the constitutions of the Second Vatican Council and their impact on the Church today, as we prepare for the Jubilee Year in 2025. Please visit the Hamilton Diocese website to learn more.

Wisdom of the Saints
"Whatever you do, think not of yourself, but of God." – St. Vincent de Paul

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention November 2024
Please join Pope Francis in praying for anyone who has lost a child.