

**Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church**

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

The dogmas of the faith

88 The Church's Magisterium exercises the authority it holds from Christ to the fullest extent when it defines dogmas, that is, when it proposes truths contained in divine Revelation or also when it proposes in a definitive way truths having a necessary connection with them.

89 There is an organic connection between our spiritual life and the dogmas. Dogmas are lights along the path of faith; they illuminate it and make it secure. Conversely, if our life is upright, our intellect and heart will be open to welcome the light shed by the dogmas of faith.<sup>50</sup>

90 The mutual connections between dogmas, and their coherence, can be found in the whole of the Revelation of the mystery of Christ.<sup>51</sup> "In Catholic doctrine there exists an order or hierarchy 234 of truths, since they vary in their relation to the foundation of the Christian faith."<sup>52</sup>

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Stewardship Report – November 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	
Sunday Offerings .....	\$ 2,072.00
Votives.....	\$ 13.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 1,080.00
Calendar Donations.....	\$ 450.00
November Coffee Sunday.....	\$ 103.00
Christmas Cards.....	\$ 20.00

**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**

**First Friday and First Saturday Mass**

December's First Friday Mass will take place on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Adoration will begin at 6:00 p.m., and Mass will follow at 7:00 p.m. The First Saturday Marian Mass will take place on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Coffee Sunday**

Join us in fellowship after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> for Coffee Sunday. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be served in the parish hall.

**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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church. Please keep an eye out for more information regarding First Holy Communion preparation.

**Family Advent Celebration of the Word**

On Wednesday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the church, we will have a Family Advent Celebration of the Word. A reception and Jesse Tree celebration will follow in the parish hall. All are welcome, with a special invitation to students who will celebrate First Holy Communion in Spring 2025.

**Blessing of Advent Wreaths**

Parishioners are invited to bring their household Advent wreaths to be blessed by Father Stefano after any weekday or weekend Mass in the coming week.

**Anniversary Blessings**

Those who have recently celebrated, or will be celebrating a wedding anniversary may request a

**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.

blessing from Father Stefano. The blessing will take place after any weekend or weekday Mass. Please contact the parish office for more information.

**Sunday Missals**

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

**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 the parish office. Support will be provided! For more information or any questions, please contact Rosemary or Bernie Pickett at 519-745-6334.

**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.

**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**

**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](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca).

**Young Adults Night - Saturday, December 7th – Brantford**

During the Advent Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night begins at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 7th at St. Basil's Church (50 Palace Street, Brantford). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**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**

"We shall never learn to know ourselves except by endeavoring to know God; for, beholding his greatness, we realize our own littleness; his purity shows our foulness; and by meditating upon his humility we find how very far we are from being humble."

– St. Teresa of Avila

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention  
December 2024**

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**Mass Intentions  
December 2, 2024 – December 8, 2024**

Tuesday, December 3, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**

**Intentions of Bill Barrett – Bill Barrett**

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**

**Intentions of Anny and Children – Anny Taka**

Thursday, December 5, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Tom Nakluski – Sandra Nakluski**

Friday, December 6, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**

+ **Peter Richard – Jane Richard**

Saturday, December 7, 2024

**9:00 a.m. + Albert Taka – Anny Taka**

**5:00 p.m. + Brenda Haskins – Lee Binkle**

Sunday, December 8, 2024 – **10:00 a.m.**

**Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

**Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar**

December 2 – Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger

December 3 – Rev. Carlos Diaz

December 4 – Order of Preachers (Dominican, O.P.)

December 5 – Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou

December 6 – Rev. John Van Hees

December 7 – Engaged Couples

December 8 – **Second Sunday of Advent**