

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church

Chapter 2: Article 3, I. Christ - The Unique Word of Sacred Scripture

101 In order to reveal himself to men, in the condescension of his goodness God speaks to them in human words: "Indeed the words of God, expressed in the words of men, are in every way like human language, just as the Word of the eternal Father, when he took on himself the flesh of human weakness, became like men."⁶³

102 Through all the words of Sacred Scripture, God speaks only one single Word, his one Utterance in whom he expresses himself completely:⁶⁴ You recall that one and the same Word of God extends throughout Scripture, that it is one and the same Utterance that resounds in the mouths of all the sacred writers, since he who was in the beginning God with God has no need of separate syllables; for he is not subject to time.⁶⁵

103 For this reason, the Church has always venerated the Scriptures as she venerates the Lord's Body. She never ceases to present to the faithful the bread of life, taken from the one table of God's Word and Christ's Body.⁶⁶

104 In Sacred Scripture, the Church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes it not as a human word, "but as what it really is, the word of God".⁶⁷ "In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them."⁶⁸

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Mass Intentions	
December 16, 2024 – December 22, 2024	
Tuesday, December 17, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.	
Wednesday, December 18, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.	+ Howard and Edna Weber – <i>Weber Family</i>
Thursday, December 19, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.	+ Robert Gatchene – <i>Shirley Gatchene</i>
Friday, December 20, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.	+ Daniel Gatchene – <i>Shirley Gatchene</i>
Saturday, December 21, 2024	
9:00 a.m.	
5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Muriel Sandrock – <i>Loving Family</i>
Sunday, December 22, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.	
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish	

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar	
December 16 – Rev. Ljubo Branimir Lebo, O.F.M.	
December 17 – Rev. Stipe Rotim, O.F.M.	
December 18 – Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.)	
December 19 – Rev. Ilija Petkovic	
December 20 – Rev. Vinko Nenadic	
December 21 – Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.	
December 22 – Fourth Sunday of Advent	

Stewardship Report – December 8th, 2024	
Sunday Offerings	\$ 3,110.70
Votives.....	\$ 32.00
Calendar Donations.....	\$ 200.00
Missal Sales.....	\$ 5.00
Christmas Cards.....	\$ 800.00
Parish Hall Donation.....	\$ 500.00
Sacramental Preparation Books.....	\$ 270.00

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

Soup and Prayer Evening

Join us next Wednesday, December 18th, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall for Advent Prayer and Soup. All are welcome to mark this season of prayer and preparation in fellowship with our parish community.

Anniversary Blessings

Those who have recently celebrated, or will be celebrating a wedding anniversary may request a blessing from Father Stefano. The blessing will take place after any weekend or weekday Mass. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Parish Calendar

Our 2025 parish calendar is now available! Copies are available at the back of the church for \$15 each.

Christmas Cards

Our parish Christmas cards are now available at the back of the church. Each pack is \$20 and contains 10 cards.

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.

Holiday Mass Schedule	
Christmas Eve	December 24 th , 5:00 p.m.
Christmas Day	December 25 th , 10:00 a.m.
New Year's Eve	December 31 st , 5:00 p.m.
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	January 1 st , 10:00 a.m.

Parish Office Holiday Hours

Please note that the parish office will be closed from December 25th to December 27th and on December 31st and January 1st.

Divine Mercy Chapel Holiday Hours

The Divine Mercy Chapel will be closed from December 25th to December 27th, and December 30th. The chapel will be open on January 1st, so that those who wish to start the New Year in prayer may do so.

Divine Mercy Chapel

We have a temporary opening in the chapel on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. during the winter months. Please contact Sandra Nakluski – 226-789-1259.

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 from September to December. If you are interested in leading a Coffee Sunday please contact the parish office. For more information or 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

Marriage Tip of the Month

December can be a stressful month before Christmas. This stress can cause us to lash out in ways we often would not, especially towards our spouses. This year make a conscious decision to break the cycle. Get out your calendars and plan some quiet couple time: a shared coffee, a walk in your neighborhood, watching a shared movie, or a dinner out. At least once a week make the gift of the season time with each other because its impact will last much longer than any other material gift you might give.

Parenting Tip of the Month

December is an exciting month for children and families with the coming of Christmas. December is also the month we prepare for Christmas during Advent! Advent, by definition, means we are preparing for something important, which is the coming of Jesus Christ. Celebrating with an Advent wreath allows us to light a candle each week, offering a chance to discuss, on four occasions, what Christ's coming to the world means to all of us. The candles (hope, faith, joy and peace) open up the opportunity to remind our children what each candle represents and, of course, the real meaning of the season. Santa comes one night per year, but Jesus is with us always and is a true gift in our lives. This Advent, remember to make Christ the reason for the season.

Jubilee of Hope, 2025

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!" We are all invited to journey through the year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Information and more has been made available on the Diocesan Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Wisdom of the Saints	
"The cross is Christ's great sign and trophy of victory." – St. Gregory Palamas	

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.	