

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church

Chapter 2: Article 3, II. Inspiration and Truth of Sacred Scripture

105 God is the author of Sacred Scripture. "The divinely revealed realities, which are contained and presented in the text of Sacred Scripture, have been written down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit."⁶⁹

"For Holy Mother Church, relying on the faith of the apostolic age, accepts as sacred and canonical the books of the Old and the New Testaments, whole and entire, with all their parts, on the grounds that, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have God as their author, and have been handed on as such to the Church herself."⁷⁰

106 God inspired the human authors of the sacred books. "To compose the sacred books, God chose certain men who, all the while he employed them in this task, made full use of their own faculties and powers so that, though he acted in them and by them, it was as true authors that they consigned to writing whatever he wanted written, and no more."⁷¹

107 The inspired books teach the truth. "Since therefore all that the inspired authors or sacred writers affirm should be regarded as affirmed by the Holy Spirit, we must acknowledge that the books of Scripture firmly, faithfully, and without error teach that truth which God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided to the Sacred Scriptures."⁷²

108 Still, the Christian faith is not a "religion of the book". Christianity is the religion of the "Word" of God, "not a written and mute word, but incarnate and living".⁷³ If the Scriptures are not to remain a dead letter, Christ, the eternal Word of the living God, must, through the Holy Spirit, "open (our) minds to understand the Scriptures."⁷⁴

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Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar	
December 23	– Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.
December 24	– Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.
December 25	– The Nativity of the Lord
December 26	– Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
December 27	– Rev. Rijo Jose, C.M.I.
December 28	– The Holy Innocents
December 29	– Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Intentions December 23, 2024 – December 29, 2024	
Tuesday, December 24, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 25, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day – The Nativity of the Lord
Thursday, December 26, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.	
Friday, December 27, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.	
Saturday, December 28, 2024	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 29, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.	Feast of the Holy Family (Beginning of Jubilee Mass) Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Stewardship Report – December 15 th , 2024	
Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,711.90
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 200.00
Christmas.....	\$ 560.00
Calendar Donations.....	\$ 100.00
Calendar Sales.....	\$ 180.00
Missal Sales.....	\$ 5.00
Christmas Cards.....	\$ 300.00
Funeral.....	\$ 500.00
Sacramental Preparation Books.....	\$ 30.00
Charitable Grant.....	\$ 5,000.00

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.



Parish Announcements

New Commer's Christmas Party
The New Commer's group December 22nd at 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome!

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. Please note that the chapel will be closing early at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.

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.

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. This series will begin in January 2025 and be held in the parish hall. All participants will receive a study guide and access to all videos and supplementary materials. Keep an eye on future bulletins for more details.

Diocese Announcements

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
"Christ does not cease to be divine because he became human, nor fail to be human, because he remains forever divine." – St. Hilary of Poitiers

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.