

**Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church**

**Chapter 2: Article 2, III. The Interpretation of the Heritage of Faith - Part 3**

The supernatural sense of faith

91 All the faithful share in understanding and handing on revealed truth. They have received the anointing of the Holy Spirit, who instructs them<sup>53</sup> and guides them into all truth.<sup>54</sup>

92 "The whole body of the faithful. . . cannot err in matters of belief. This characteristic is shown in the supernatural appreciation of faith (sensus fidei) on the part of the whole people, when, from the bishops to the last of the faithful, they manifest a universal consent in matters of faith and morals."<sup>55</sup>

93 "By this appreciation of the faith, aroused and sustained by the Spirit of truth, the People of God, guided by the sacred teaching authority (Magisterium),. . . receives. . . the faith, once for all delivered to the saints. . . the People unfailingly adheres to this faith, penetrates it more deeply with right judgment, and applies it more fully in daily life."<sup>56</sup>

Growth in understanding the faith

94 Thanks to the assistance of the Holy Spirit, the understanding of both the realities and the words of the heritage of faith is able to grow in the life of the Church:

- "through the contemplation and study of believers who ponder these things in their hearts";<sup>57</sup> it is in particular "theological research [which] deepens knowledge of revealed truth".<sup>58</sup>

- "from the intimate sense of spiritual realities which [believers] experience",<sup>59</sup> The sacred Scriptures "grow with the one who reads them."<sup>60</sup>

- "from the preaching of those who have received, along with their right of succession in the episcopate, the sure charism of truth".<sup>61</sup>

95 "It is clear therefore that, in the supremely wise arrangement of God, sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture and the Magisterium of the Church are so connected and associated that one of them cannot stand without the others. Working together, each in its own way, under the action of the one Holy Spirit, they all contribute effectively to the salvation of souls."<sup>62</sup>

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**Mass Intentions**  
**December 9, 2024 – December 15, 2024**

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**  
**Living and Deceased Members of the CWL – CWL**

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**  
+ **Herb Altman – Bill Barrett**

Thursday, December 12, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**  
+ **Daniel Nolan – Bill Barrett**

Friday, December 13, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**  
**Intentions of William Barrett – Renata Kochanowska**

Saturday, December 14, 2024  
**9:00 a.m. + Florence Cybulski – Family**  
**5:00 p.m. + Delmar Ferreira – Citelia Ferreira**

Sunday, December 15, 2024 – **10:00 a.m.**  
**Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

**Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar**

December 9 – **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

December 10 – Rev. Lawrence Parent

December 11 – Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)

December 12 – National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

December 13 – Rev. John Ha

December 14 – Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.

December 15 – **Third Sunday of Advent**

**Stewardship Report – December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

Sunday Offerings .....	\$ 1,620.80
Votives.....	\$ 38.25
Building Fund.....	\$ 320.00
Calendar Donations.....	\$ 750.00
Flowers.....	\$ 50.00
Missal Sales.....	\$ 218.00
November Pre-Authorized Giving.....	\$ 1,686.00
November E-Transfer Donations.....	\$ 25.00

**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**

**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 to this event,

**Holiday Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve**  
December 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day**  
December 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

**New Year's Eve**  
December 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 p.m.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
January 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

and attendance is mandatory for students who will celebrate First Holy Communion in Spring 2025.

**Advent Penitential Service**

As we prepare for the joyful celebration of Christ's nativity, the best way to purify ourselves is through the sacrament of reconciliation. On Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., Fr. Luke Kopaniak (visiting from Blessed Sacrament) will join Fr. Stefano in offering confessions at St. Teresa of Avila Parish in preparation for this joyous season. All are welcome!

**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.

**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 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 with all the preparation and planning that goes on 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.

**Wisdom of the Saints**

"Love consists in sharing what one has and what one is with those one loves. Love ought to show itself in deeds more than in words."  
– St. Ignatius Loyola

**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.