

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church

Chapter 2: Article 3, III. The Holy Spirit, Interpreter of Scripture

109 In Sacred Scripture, God speaks to man in a human way. To interpret Scripture correctly, the reader must be attentive to what the human authors truly wanted to affirm, and to what God wanted to reveal to us by their words.⁷⁵

110 In order to discover the sacred authors' intention, the reader must take into account the conditions of their time and culture, the literary genres in use at that time, and the modes of feeling, speaking and narrating then current. "For the fact is that truth is differently presented and expressed in the various types of historical writing, in prophetic and poetical texts, and in other forms of literary expression."⁷⁶

111 But since Sacred Scripture is inspired, there is another and no less important principle of correct interpretation, without which Scripture would remain a dead letter. "Sacred Scripture must be read and interpreted in the light of the same Spirit by whom it was written."⁷⁷

The Second Vatican Council indicates three criteria for interpreting Scripture in accordance with the Spirit who inspired it.⁷⁸

112 Be especially attentive "to the content and unity of the whole Scripture". Different as the books which compose it may be, Scripture is a unity by reason of the unity of God's plan, of which Christ Jesus is the center and heart, open since his Passover.⁷⁹ The phrase "heart of Christ" can refer to Sacred Scripture, which makes known his heart, closed before the Passion, as the Scripture was obscure. But the Scripture has been opened since the Passion; since those who from then on have understood it, consider and discern in what way the prophecies must be interpreted.⁸⁰

113 2. Read the Scripture within "the living Tradition of the whole Church". According to a saying of the Fathers, Sacred Scripture is written principally in the Church's heart rather than in documents and records, for the Church carries in her Tradition the living memorial of God's Word, and it is the Holy Spirit who gives her the spiritual interpretation of the Scripture ("... according to the spiritual meaning which the Spirit grants to the Church"⁸¹).

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Christmas & Holiday Message

May you have a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year filled with God's abundant love and blessings!

from
Fr. Stefano, Deacon TJ,
and Parish Staff

Mass Intentions
December 30, 2024 – January 5, 2024

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**
New Year's Eve

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 – **10:00 a.m.**
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, January 2, 2025 – **8:30 a.m.**
+Imelda Hinton – Bill Barrett

Friday, January 3, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**
Intentions of Dan Nakluski – Sandra Nakluski

Saturday, January 4, 2025
9:00 a.m. – Intentions of Kingsly and Sopulu – Bill Barrett
5:00 p.m. – Intentions of Fatima Pacheco – Fatima Pacheco

Sunday, January 5, 2025 – **10:00 a.m.**
Epiphany of the Lord
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

December 30 – Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony
December 31 – Rev. Felix Nwatu
January 1 – **The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God**
January 2 – Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
January 3 – Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.
January 4 – Very Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
January 5 – **Epiphany of the Lord**

Stewardship Report – December 22nd, 2024

The stewardship report for December 22nd will be printed in next week's bulletin.

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

Holiday Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve
December 31st, 7:00 p.m.
Formerly 5:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 January 1st, 10:00 a.m.

Parish Calendar

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

Parish Office Holiday Hours

Please note that the parish office will be closed on December 31st and January 1st.

Divine Mercy Chapel Holiday Hours

The Divine Mercy Chapel will be closed on 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 New Years Eve.

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.

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

Christmas Young Adults Night

During the Christmas 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 will begin at 6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, January 4th at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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 journey to God follows many routes. So let each person take to the end and with no turning back the way that was chosen."
 – St. John Cassian

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.