

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church

Chapter 2: Article 3, IV. The Canon of Scripture

120 It was by the apostolic Tradition that the Church discerned which writings are to be included in the list of the sacred books.⁹⁰

This complete list is called the canon of Scripture. It includes 46 books for the Old Testament (45 if we count Jeremiah and Lamentations as one) and 27 for the New.⁹¹

The Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra and Nehemiah, Tobit, Judith, Esther, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Songs, the Wisdom of Solomon, Sirach (Ecclesiasticus), Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Baruch, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zachariah and Malachi.

The New Testament: the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of St. Paul to the Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, the Letter to the Hebrews, the Letters of James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2 and 3 John, and Jude, and Revelation (the Apocalypse).

The Old Testament
121 The Old Testament is an indispensable part of Sacred Scripture. Its books are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value,⁹² for the Old Covenant has never been revoked.

122 Indeed, "the economy of the Old Testament was deliberately SO oriented that it should prepare for and declare in prophecy the coming of Christ, redeemer of all men."⁹³ "Even though they contain matters imperfect and provisional,⁹⁴ The books of the Old Testament bear witness to the whole divine pedagogy of God's saving love: these writings "are a storehouse of sublime teaching on God and of sound wisdom on human life, as well as a wonderful treasury of prayers; in them, too, the mystery of our salvation is present in a hidden way."⁹⁵

123 Christians venerate the Old Testament as true Word of God. the Church has always vigorously opposed the idea of rejecting the Old Testament under the pretext that the New has rendered it void (Marcionism).

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Mass Intentions January 13, 2025 – January 19, 2025	
Tuesday, January 14, 2025	– 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 15, 2025	– 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 16, 2025	– 8:30 a.m.
Friday, January 17, 2025	– 8:30 a.m.
Saturday, January 18, 2025	9:00 a.m. + Mila Navaleza – Lito Navaleza 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 19, 2025	– 10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar	
January 13	– Rev. Allen Varlaki
January 14	– Rev. Rajesh Dsouza, O.C.D.
January 15	– Sisters of St. John the Baptist, C.S.J.B.
January 16	– Rev. Jerzy Tomon
January 17	– Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
January 18	– Rev. Pierre Luc, S.J. <i>(Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25)</i>
January 19	– Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Stewardship Report – January 5 th , 2025	
Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,210.00
Initial Offerings.....	\$ 393.00
New Year's Day Offerings.....	\$ 511.80
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 175.00
Votives	\$ 76.50
Calendar Sales.....	\$ 245.00
Missal Sales.....	\$ 10.00
Christmas Card Sales.....	\$ 20.00
December Coffee Sunday.....	\$ 85.00

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

Parish Calendar

Our 2025 parish calendar is now available! Copies are available at the back of the church for \$15 each. Please consider picking up a calendar to support our parish fundraiser. Payment options include e-transfer, so you can pick up your calendar and pay later.

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.

Men's Group

We are pleased to share that Go to Joseph, our parish men's group, starts this weekend!
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.

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 and announcements for more details.

Diocese Announcements

Alpha 2025 - St. Mark's Parish

55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener
Thursday evenings, Feb. 20 to May 1, 6:30 to 9:15
Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. It's an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting. We start each session with a delicious home-made meal. After dinner, we watch a video and then break into small groups to ask questions, share thoughts and explore answers. All are welcome! For more information or to sign up, please contact Ron Denomme at stmarkalpha@gmail.com or 226-748-3210.

Parenting Tip of the Month

Family time matters, as much when our children age as when they are young. It helps to ensure this happens by building traditions that everyone partakes in regularly. Traditions that everyone looks forward to and enjoys - pizza and movie nights, a special breakfast after attending Mass, games night – anything that brings you together for fun will do. The emotional health of children with these kinds of connections is stronger throughout their lifetime. As a family, plan your together time weekly and remember to share meals together daily, whichever meal of the day that has to be. With a solid family foundation, your connectedness can and will stay intact as your children grow older.
(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Marriage Tip of the Month

January is a perfect time to sit together as a couple with a good cup of coffee or hot chocolate and do a little year in review. Did we spend enough time with each other and with our families? What went well for us and where do we recognize challenges? Discuss how these things could be better in 2025 and commit to making it happen for your couple relationship. A little marriage reflection and tune-up can keep the sparks alive!
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Reel Justice Film Festival

Join us January 23, 2025, 7:00 – 9:00 PM for *She Rises Up*, a revealing look at the power of women's economic participation. The film follows radically different women from Sri Lanka, Peru, and Senegal who are working to build businesses, create job opportunities for women, and contribute to the reduction of poverty in their communities. Film Director, Maureen Castle Tusty and Executive Producer James Tusty will join us as guest speakers. In 2008, they founded Sky Films Inc. to produce documentary films that inform, uplift, and inspire. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>.

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass – Save the Date!

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 1, 2025**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online in January at hamiltondiocese.com.

Wisdom of the Saints	
"Let us do all things with the conviction that God dwells in us."	
– St. Ignatius of Antioch	

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention January 2025	
Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.	