

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church

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

The New Testament

124 "The Word of God, which is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, is set forth and displays its power in a most wonderful way in the writings of the New Testament"⁹⁶ which hand on the ultimate truth of God's Revelation. Their central object is Jesus Christ, God's incarnate Son: his acts, teachings, Passion and glorification, and his Church's beginnings under the Spirit's guidance.⁹⁷

125 The Gospels are the heart of all the Scriptures "because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Saviour".⁹⁸

126 We can distinguish three stages in the formation of the Gospels:

1. the life and teaching of Jesus. the Church holds firmly that the four Gospels, "whose historicity she unhesitatingly affirms, faithfully hand on what Jesus, the Son of God, while he lived among men, really did and taught for their eternal salvation, until the day when he was taken up."⁹⁹
2. the oral tradition. "For, after the ascension of the Lord, the apostles handed on to their hearers what he had said and done, but with that fuller understanding which they, instructed by the glorious events of Christ and enlightened by the Spirit of truth, now enjoyed."¹⁰⁰
3. the written Gospels. "The sacred authors, in writing the four Gospels, selected certain of the many elements which had been handed on, either orally or already in written form; others they synthesized or explained with an eye to the situation of the churches, the while sustaining the form of preaching, but always in such a fashion that they have told us the honest truth about Jesus."¹⁰¹

127 The fourfold Gospel holds a unique place in the Church, as is evident both in the veneration which the liturgy accords it and in the surpassing attraction it has exercised on the saints at all times:

There is no doctrine which could be better, more precious and more splendid than the text of the Gospel. Behold and retain what our Lord and Master, Christ, has taught by his words and accomplished by his deeds.¹⁰²

But above all it's the gospels that occupy my mind when I'm at prayer; my poor soul has so many needs, and yet this is the one thing needful. I'm always finding fresh lights there; hidden meanings which had meant nothing to me hitherto.¹⁰³

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Mass Intentions January 20, 2025 – January 26, 2025	
Tuesday, January 21, 2025	– 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 22, 2025	– 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 23, 2025	– 8:30 a.m.
Friday, January 24, 2025	– 8:30 a.m.
Saturday, January 25, 2025	9:00 a.m.
	5:00 p.m. + Leona & Sheldon Grobe – Peter Grobe
Sunday, January 26, 2025	– 10:00 a.m.
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish	

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25	
January 20	– Rev. James Curtin
January 21	– Rev. Edward Hampson
January 22	– Youth Ministers
January 23	– Rev. Scott Whitfield
January 24	– Rev. Michael Bennett
January 25	– Rev. Ron Cote
January 26	– Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Stewardship Report – January 12 th , 2025	
Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,685.00
Initial Offerings.....	\$ 150.00
New Year's Day Offerings.....	\$ 155.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 260.55
Votives	\$ 10.00
Calendar Sales.....	\$ 50.00
Sacramental Preperation Book.....	\$ 30.00

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.

Calendar Fundraiser	
Funds raised.....	\$ 16,545.00
Total costs of printing.....	\$ -1,638.50
Shipping costs.....	\$ -349.93
Donation to a parish in need.....	\$ -3,000.00
Calendar sales to-date.....	\$ 700.00
Total funds raised.....	\$ 12,256.57

Parish Announcements

Notice – Change to Weekday Mass Time

Effective February 5th, 2025, our Wednesday weekday Masses will be permanently moved from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Prior to the Mass, there will be a weekly Holy Hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

Baptism	
On Saturday, January 18 th at 6:00 p.m., through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome:	
Jaxon Mimeault, son of Ashely Mimeault and Kyle Glass	
Congratulations on your baptism, Jaxon!	

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

A few copies of the 2024-2025 Living with Christ Sunday Missals are still available at the back of the church for \$5 each.

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.

Sunday of the Word of God: "I hope in your Word" (Psalm 119:74)

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to

make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how *#TheBibleSpeaks* in our hearts and within our communities of faith. This year, within the context of the Jubilee, we celebrate the Sacred Scriptures as a great source of hope for all the faithful.

The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2025. Visit their website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/> for more information.

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	
"The power of God is capable of finding hope where hope no longer exists, and a way where the way is impossible."	
– St. Gregory of Nyssa	

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.	