

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church

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

114 3. Be attentive to the analogy of faith.⁸² By "analogy of faith" we mean the coherence of the truths of faith among themselves and within the whole plan of Revelation.

The senses of Scripture
115 According to an ancient tradition, one can distinguish between two senses of Scripture: the literal and the spiritual, the latter being subdivided into the allegorical, moral and anagogical senses. the profound concordance of the four senses guarantees all its richness to the living reading of Scripture in the Church.

116 The literal sense is the meaning conveyed by the words of Scripture and discovered by exegesis, following the rules of sound interpretation: "All other senses of Sacred Scripture are based on the literal."⁸³

117 The spiritual sense. Thanks to the unity of God's plan, not only the text of Scripture but also the realities and events about which it speaks can be signs.

1. the allegorical sense. We can acquire a more profound understanding of events by recognizing their significance in Christ; thus the crossing of the Red Sea is a sign or type of Christ's victory and also of Christian Baptism.⁸⁴

2. the moral sense. the events reported in Scripture ought to lead us to act justly. As St. Paul says, they were written "for our instruction".⁸⁵

3. the anagogical sense (Greek: anagoge, "leading"). We can view realities and events in terms of their eternal significance, leading us toward our true homeland: thus the Church on earth is a sign of the heavenly Jerusalem.⁸⁶

118 A medieval couplet summarizes the significance of the four senses:

The Letter speaks of deeds; Allegory to faith;
The Moral how to act; Anagogy our destiny.⁸⁷

119 "It is the task of exegetes to work, according to these rules, towards a better understanding and explanation of the meaning of Sacred Scripture in order that their research may help the Church to form a firmer judgement. For, of course, all that has been said about the manner of interpreting Scripture is ultimately subject to the judgement of the Church which exercises the divinely conferred commission and ministry of watching over and interpreting the Word of God."⁸⁸

But I would not believe in the Gospel, had not the authority of the Catholic Church already moved me.⁸⁹

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| Mass Intentions January 6, 2025 – January 12, 2025 | |
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| Tuesday, January 7, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. | |
| Wednesday, January 8, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. | |
| Thursday, January 9, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. | |
| Friday, January 10, 2024 – 8:30 a.m. | |
| Saturday, January 11, 2025 9:00 a.m. | 5:00 p.m. + Leona Grobe – Peter Grobe |
| Sunday, January 12, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. | The Baptism of the Lord Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish |

| Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar | |
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| January 6 – Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P. | |
| January 7 – Rev. Benedict T. Insigne, C.R.S.P. | |
| January 8 – Diocesan Priests | |
| January 9 – Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P. | |
| January 10 – Rev. David Avila | |
| January 11 – Married Couples | |
| January 10 – Baptism of the Lord | |

| Stewardship Report - December 22 nd , 2024 | |
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| Sunday Offerings | \$ 2,077.59 |
| Building & Maintenance..... | \$ 100.00 |
| Votives | \$ 33.00 |
| Christmas..... | \$ 540.00 |
| Christmas Flowers..... | \$ 60.00 |
| Christmas Cards..... | \$ 800.00 |
| Legacies and Bequests..... | \$ 200.00 |
| Parish Hall Rental..... | \$ 400.00 |
| Calendar Donations..... | \$ 250.00 |
| Calendar Sales..... | \$ 100.00 |
| December 25 th , 2024 | |
| Christmas Offerings..... | \$ 3,200.00 |
| Christmas Flowers..... | \$ 10.00 |
| December 29 th , 2024 | |
| Sunday Offerings | \$ 3,836.60 |
| Building & Maintenance..... | \$ 1,415.00 |
| Votives | \$ 44.50 |
| Calendar Sales..... | \$ 125.00 |

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

Coffee Sunday

Our first Coffee Sunday of the year will take place in the parish hall after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on January 12th, 2025. Join us for coffee, tea, snacks, and fellowship!

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.

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, 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.

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

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.

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! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

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 | |
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| "Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit and raises us to heaven." | |
| – St. Ephrem of Syria | |

| Pope Francis' Prayer Intention January 2025 | |
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| 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. | |