

**Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church**

**Chapter 3, Article 1: III. The Characteristics of Faith**

Faith is a grace

153 When St. Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus declared to him that this revelation did not come "from flesh and blood", but from "my Father who is in heaven".<sup>24</sup> Faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by him. "Before this faith can be exercised, man must have the grace of God to move and assist him; he must have the interior helps of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and converts it to God, who opens the eyes of the mind and 'makes it easy for all to accept and believe the truth.'"<sup>25</sup>

Faith is a human act

154 Believing is possible only by grace and the interior helps of the Holy Spirit. But it is no less true that believing is an authentically human act. Trusting in God and cleaving to the truths he has revealed is contrary neither to human freedom nor to human reason. Even in human relations it is not contrary to our dignity to believe what other persons tell us about themselves and their intentions, or to trust their promises (for example, when a man and a woman marry) to share a communion of life with one another. If this is so, still less is it contrary to our dignity to "yield by faith the full submission of... intellect and will to God who reveals",<sup>26</sup> and to share in an interior communion with him.

155 In faith, the human intellect and will co-operate with divine grace: "Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace."<sup>27</sup>

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Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar	
February 24	– Rev. Lourdasamy Subramani, SMA
February 25	– Rev. Mark Morley
February 26	– Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, R.S.C.J.
February 27	– Very Rev. Adrian Lee
February 28	– Rev. Fadi Wajih Rizk
March 1	– Rev. Marko Stefanec
March 2	– <b>Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>

Mass Intentions February 24, 2025 – March 2, 2025	
Tuesday, February 25, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.	+ <b>Odessa Barrett</b> – <i>Bill Barrett</i>
Wednesday, February 26, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.	
Thursday, February 27, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.	
Friday, February 28, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.	
Saturday, March 1, 2025	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b> – <b>Intentions of Fatima Pacheco</b> – <i>Fatima Pacheco</i>
Sunday, March 2, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.	<b>Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish</b>

Stewardship Report – February 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	
Sunday Offerings .....	\$ 735.00
Missal Sales.....	\$ 5.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 270.00
Initial Offering.....	\$ 5.00

**We are most appreciative of your ongoing prayerful and financial support for our parish, St. Teresa of Avila, especially during our present time of financial need.**

**Donations to the parish can be made through the use of Sunday Offertory envelopes, Pre-Authorized Giving, E-Transfer, and CanadaHelps.**

**If you require further information on how to give, please contact the parish office, or visit the parish website for more details.**

**Parish Announcements**

**Anniversary Blessing**

Married couples celebrating an anniversary who wish to have their marriage blessed, please contact the parish office to arrange with Fr. Stefano.

**Children’s Liturgy & Bulletin**

We are in need of more volunteers to help run our Children’s Liturgy. If you are interested, please contact the parish office for information on how to apply. A children’s bulletin is now available at the back of the church every weekend for families with young children. Please take a copy for your young ones to share!

**Vatican II and Its Four Constitutions**

You are invited to join our ongoing five-week series exploring the constitutions of the Second Vatican Council and their impact on the Church today. This

series have its third meeting on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All participants receive a study guide and access to all videos and supplementary materials. If you are interested in joining, please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**Church Bulletin Advertising**

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2025 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

**Catholic Women's League Membership**

Thank you to all who have paid membership thus far. If you have not paid and would still like to pay your membership for 2025, the fee is \$35.

**Diocese Announcements**

**Parenting Tip of the Month**

Family love is one of the most complex loves to navigate. Siblings often love each other but also know clearly all the buttons to push to make other members react negatively. Children challenge parents as they age, generally trying to define and discover whom they are as an individual, and sometimes personalities just clash. These are hard moments, so work to stay connected with good moments that bring you together. Nature walks, movie nights, game nights, and brunch following Mass on the weekend – any actions that will remind everyone that family is our greatest support. Putting in the effort to plan fun moments will have lifetime benefits to all members of the family!

**Marriage Tip of the Month**

February is known as the month of love, but love needs to be part of our thinking 24/7! Love is an action word, so take some time to reflect on your contribution to your married relationship. Do you use kind words, compliment, apologize, when necessary, show love through action in what you do for your spouse, pray for your spouse daily and make the time to be together and share your day? These will all build love and keep it strong.

**16th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference**

This conference will bring together Catholic women to share in hearing informative presentations, enjoy delicious food and fellowship with all those present. The event will be held on Saturday March 22, 2025

from 9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch) in Toronto. For more information see [Recharge Your Spirit at the Dynamic Women of Faith Conference 2025](#); to register go to [Dynamic Women of Faith Conference 2025 Tickets, Sat, 22 Mar 2025 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#).

**Opening the Holy Door: Spring Book Club**

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us for a four-week virtual book club, exploring the new book by Joan Watson, “*Opening the Holy Door*.” Tuesdays from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. March 18-April 8, 2025. Together we will reflect on the beautiful images of mercy and hope found on the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, open to pilgrims and visitors throughout the Jubilee Year. Registration can be made here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

**Virtual Learning with the Diocese of Hamilton**

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University’s Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. Join us for a brief information session hosted by the VLCFF Coordination Team for the Diocese of Hamilton on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 @ 7pm. Registration for this event can be found here: <https://bit.ly/VLCFFinfo>.

**The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**

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 is available online at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

Wisdom of the Saints
“Let us have no desire to choose our own paths but walk in those which God may be pleased to present to us.”
– St. Vincent de Paul

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention February 2025
Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ’s mission in the priesthood and religious life.