

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church

Chapter 3: Man’s Response to God

142 By his Revelation, "the invisible God, from the fullness of his love, addresses men as his friends, and moves among them, in order to invite and receive them into his own company."¹ The adequate response to this invitation is faith.

143 By faith, man completely submits his intellect and his will to God.² With his whole being man gives his assent to God the revealer. Sacred Scripture calls this human response to God, the author of revelation, "the obedience of faith".³

Article 1 – I Believe: 1 The Obedience of Faith

144 To obey (from the Latin ob-audire, to "hear or listen to") in faith is to submit freely to the word that has been heard, because its truth is guaranteed by God, who is Truth itself. Abraham is the model of such obedience offered us by Sacred Scripture. the Virgin Mary is its most perfect embodiment.

Abraham - "father of all who believe"

145 The Letter to the Hebrews, in its great eulogy of the faith of Israel's ancestors, lays special emphasis on Abraham's faith: "By faith, Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go."⁴ By faith, he lived as a stranger and pilgrim in the promised land.⁵ By faith, Sarah was given to conceive the son of the promise. and by faith Abraham offered his only son in sacrifice.⁶

146 Abraham thus fulfils the definition of faith in Hebrews 11:1: "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen":⁷ "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness."⁸ Because he was "strong in his faith", Abraham became the "father of all who believe".⁹

147 The Old Testament is rich in witnesses to this faith. the Letter to the Hebrews proclaims its eulogy of the exemplary faith of the ancestors who "received divine approval".¹⁰ Yet "God had foreseen something better for us": the grace of believing in his Son Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith".¹¹

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Mass Intentions February 10, 2025 – February 16, 2025	
Tuesday, February 11, 2025	– 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 12, 2025	– 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 13, 2025	– 8:30 a.m.
Friday, February 14, 2025	– 8:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 15, 2025	9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. – Intentions of Fatima Pacheco – <i>Fatima Pacheco</i>	
Sunday, February 16, 2025	– 10:00 a.m.
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish	

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar	
February 10	– St. Scholastica, Virgin
February 11	– Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman
February 12	– Missionaries
February 13	– Rev. William Trusz
February 14	– Rev. Donald Wilhelm
February 15	– Rev. Guillermo Diaz
February 16	– Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Stewardship Report – February 2 nd , 2025	
Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,770.30
Baptism Donation.....	\$ 200.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 526.90
Votives	\$ 14.20
Seminary Education.....	\$ 355.00
January 2025 Pre-Authorized Debit.....	\$ 1,380.00
January 2025 E-transfers.....	\$ 255.00
January 2025 CanadaHelps.....	\$ 196.00

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

Financial Report

Don Pickett, Finance Committee Chair, will present our Financial Report following the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass this weekend.

Vatican II and Its Four Constitutions

Join us next weekend 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 on Friday, February 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All participants will 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.

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

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](#); 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/>

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 will be available online in January at hamiltondiocese.com.

Wisdom of the Saints	
"We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature – trees, flowers, grass – grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls."	
– St. Teresa of Calcutta	

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.	