

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church
Section Two - I. The Creeds

185 Whoever says "I believe" says "I pledge myself to what we believe." Communion in faith needs a common language of faith, normative for all and uniting all in the same confession of faith.

186 From the beginning, the apostolic Church expressed and handed on her faith in brief formulae normative for all.¹ But already very early on, the Church also wanted to gather the essential elements of her faith into organic and articulated summaries, intended especially for candidates for Baptism: This synthesis of faith was not made to accord with human opinions, but rather what was of the greatest importance was gathered from all the Scriptures, to present the one teaching of the faith in its entirety. and just as the mustard seed contains a great number of branches in a tiny grain, so too this summary of faith encompassed in a few words the whole knowledge of the true religion contained in the Old and the New Testaments.²

187 Such syntheses are called "professions of faith" since they summarize the faith that Christians profess. They are called "creeds" on account of what is usually their first word in Latin: credo ("I believe"). They are also called "symbols of faith".

188 The Greek word symbolon meant half of a broken object, for example, a seal presented as a token of recognition. the broken parts were placed together to verify the bearer's identity. the symbol of faith, then, is a sign of recognition and communion between believers. Symbolon also means a gathering, collection or summary. A symbol of faith is a summary of the principal truths of the faith and therefore serves as the first and fundamental point of reference for catechesis.

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Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar
April 7 – Rev. Deaha (John) Kim
April 8 – Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.
April 9 – Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada, C.S.J.
April 10 – Rev. Jan Wadolowski
April 11 – Rev. Lajos Angyal
April 12 – Rev. Joseph Durkacz
April 13 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mass Intentions April 7, 2025 – April 13, 2025
Tuesday, April 8, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. + Josip Mlinaric, Nikola Muncic & Kata Francis
Wednesday, April 9, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. + Dianne Hibbs – <i>Shirley Gatchene</i>
Thursday, April 10, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. + Ken Skinner – <i>Sue Weber-Bell</i>
Friday, April 11, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. + Tom & Gertrude Paleczny – <i>Doris Paleczny</i>
Saturday, April 12, 2025 9:00 a.m. - + Betty & George Philbrick – <i>Suzanne & Pierre Rouleau</i> 5:00 p.m. – + Sheldon & Leona Grobe – <i>Peter Grobe</i>
Sunday, April 13, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Stewardship Report – March 30 th , 2025
Sunday Offerings\$ 1,250.00
Building & Maintenance.....\$ 1,638.65
Votives.....\$ 39.00
Share Lent.....\$ 100.00
March Direct Deposit.....\$ 1,294.00
March Rental Income.....\$ 200.00
March CanadaHelps.....\$ 104.81

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

Coffee Sunday
Join us for coffee, tea, and snacks in the parish hall next weekend after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on April 13th, Palm Sunday. Donations are appreciated in support of this parish event.

Lenten Friday Mass & Stations of the Cross
Throughout Lent, our Friday Mass will take place in the evenings at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Stations of the Cross. Our regular Friday Mass schedule will resume during the Easter season.

Holy Tridium Schedule
Holy Thursday , April 17 th – 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday , April 18 th – 3:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil , April 19 th – 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday , April 20 th – 10:00 a.m.


Parish Lenten Confessions
Our Parish Lenten confessions will take place on Tuesday, April 8th following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. We encourage you to take advantage of this sacrament in preparation for the joyous season of Easter.

School Sacrament of Reconciliation
St. Teresa School students will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday April 10th at the following times:

- 10:45 a.m.
- 1:15 p.m.

Confessions will be held in the church. Please note that First Holy Communion Candidates will not attend this session.

First Sacrament of Reconciliation for First Holy Communion Candidates
On Thursday April 10th at 7:00 p.m., First Holy Communion Candidates will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. If your child is registered for First Holy Communion and unable to attend this important step in preparation, please contact the parish office and Fr. Stefano in advance.

Pasta Dinner Thank You
Thank you to all who worked to make our pasta dinner a success and to all those who attended. It was a beautiful parish community event. We have raised funds to support a guest organist for our Holy Saturday Mass and for flowers for the outdoor flowerbeds in the spring.

Go to Joseph Men’s Group
Go to Joseph will have their third meeting on Saturday, April 12th at 6:30 p.m. All men aged 30 and up are welcome to join to build brotherhood and fatherhood by learning from St. Joseph.

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

Vatican II and Its Four Constitutions
This ongoing five-week series exploring the constitutions of the Second Vatican Council and their impact on the Church is paused until the Easter season to accommodate our weekly Friday evening Mass and Stations of the Cross during Lent. If you would like to join the remaining sessions, please contact the parish office or use the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Diocese Announcements

Vocations Recognition Dinner 2025
The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at Liuna Station in Hamilton to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Permanent Deacons, and Consecrated Virgins Living in the World. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$90 per person. To order tickets or for information, send an email to serrahamilton1965@gmail.com. You can pay for your ticket through e-transfer using the same email or you can also pay by credit card using the following link: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>. This event is co-sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

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 p.m. Registration is available online at hamiltondiocese.com.

Wisdom of the Saints
“If we wish to serve God and love our neighbour well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to him and them. Let us open wide our hearts.”
– St. Katharine Drexel

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention April 2025
For the use of the new technologies: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.