

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church  
Section Two – The Father (Part 2) II. The Revelation of God as Trinity  
The Father revealed by the Son

238 Many religions invoke God as "Father". the deity is often considered the "father of gods and of men". In Israel, God is called "Father" inasmuch as he is Creator of the world.<sup>59</sup> Even more, God is Father because of the covenant and the gift of the law to Israel, "his first-born son".<sup>60</sup> God is also called the Father of the king of Israel. Most especially he is "the Father of the poor", of the orphaned and the widowed, who are under his loving protection.<sup>61</sup>

239 By calling God "Father", the language of faith indicates two main things: that God is the first origin of everything and transcendent authority; and that he is at the same time goodness and loving care for all his children. God's parental tenderness can also be expressed by the image of motherhood,<sup>62</sup> which emphasizes God's immanence, the intimacy between Creator and creature. the language of faith thus draws on the human experience of parents, who are in a way the first representatives of God for man. But this experience also tells us that human parents are fallible and can disfigure the face of fatherhood and motherhood. We ought therefore to recall that God transcends the human distinction between the sexes. He is neither man nor woman: he is God. He also transcends human fatherhood and motherhood, although he is their origin and standard:<sup>63</sup> no one is father as God is Father.

240 Jesus revealed that God is Father in an unheard-of sense: he is Father not only in being Creator; he is eternally Father by his relationship to his only Son who, reciprocally, is Son only in relation to his Father: "No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."<sup>64</sup>

241 For this reason the apostles confess Jesus to be the Word: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God"; as "the image of the invisible God"; as the "radiance of the glory of God and the very stamp of his nature".<sup>65</sup>

242 Following this apostolic tradition, the Church confessed at the first ecumenical council at Nicaea (325) that the Son is "consubstantial" with the Father, that is, one only God with him.<sup>66</sup> The second ecumenical council, held at Constantinople in 381,

kept this expression in its formulation of the Nicene Creed and confessed "the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father".<sup>67</sup>

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**Mass Intentions**  
**June 16, 2025 – June 22, 2025**

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 – **7:00 p.m.**  
Wednesday, June 18, 2025 – **7:00 p.m.**  
+ **Delmar Ferreira – Citelia Ferreira**  
Thursday, June 19, 2025 – **8:30 a.m.**  
+ **Jennifer Ferreira – Citelia Ferreira**  
Friday, June 20, 2025 – **8:30 a.m.**  
+ **Adolfo Couto – Tina Barbosa**  
Saturday, June 21, 2025  
**9:00 a.m.** - + **Bernie Henry – The Quilters**  
**5:00 p.m.** – + **Mary Wand & Irwin Wand – Ann Snyder & Family**  
Sunday, June 22, 2025 – **10:00 a.m.**  
**Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

**Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar**  
June 16 – Rev. Mussie Keflezghi, M.C.C.J.  
June 17 – Rev. Domenico Guarino, M.C.C.J.  
June 18 – Discalced Carmelite Fathers, O.C.D.  
June 19 – Rev. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R.  
June 20 – Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.  
June 21 – Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R.  
June 22 – **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

Stewardship Report – June 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	
Sunday Offerings .....	\$ 1,273.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 309.05
Initial Offerings.....	\$ 20.00
Confirmation Offerings.....	\$ 310.00
In Memory of Bernie Henry.....	\$ 347.00
Cura Pastorum.....	\$ 280.00
Rental Income.....	\$ 500.00

**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

**Father’s Day Message**

We wish all the fathers in our parish and community a happy Father’s Day!

From Fr. Stefano and Parish Staff



**Annual BBQ – June 28th**  
Our Annual BBQ will be held on Saturday June 28th following the Saturday evening Mass. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, and will be sold the weekends of June 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Children’s Liturgy – Volunteers Needed**  
We are looking for volunteers to help run our Children’s Liturgy on Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. Mass during the school year. Without new volunteers, we will be unable to continue offering Children’s Liturgy in September. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact the parish office for an application form and more information on the application process.

**Anniversary Blessing**  
Married couples celebrating an anniversary who wish to have their marriage blessed, please contact the parish office to arrange with Fr. Stefano. Vow renewals can be arranged as well.

**Grade 8 Graduation – June 19<sup>th</sup>**  
St Teresa School’s celebration for the 2025 grade 8 grads will take place at the church in the evening on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to our graduating class of 2025!

Diocese Announcements

**Parenting Tip of the Month**  
Summer is a time to unwind, relax, rejuvenate and enjoy the outdoors. Take the time to engage more often and more fully as a family. Quality and quantity time spent with our children matters! This is the Jubilee Year of Hope, so do something to engage in and honour the year, perhaps by visiting one or more of our Diocesan Pilgrim Churches. You can find more ideas to celebrate the year on our website at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

**Marriage Tip of the Month**  
Though we may love our spouse, there will be moments when we may disagree or struggle to be loving. These are moments when we must remind ourselves of our commitment to each other and the importance of working things out, instead of ignoring them and moving on. When troubles arise, it is important for each person to commit to taking time to discuss the issue when both people are calm, so your brain is at its maximum capacity to be rational. Research says that starting the conversation gently (no accusing, judging, or sarcasm) and taking responsibility for some part of the problem is the best way to work the situation out and move forward with love that is even stronger. (Family Ministry Office)

**Young Adults Night in July**  
Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, July 5th at St. Catherine of Siena Church (620 Rymal Road East, Hamilton, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**Youth Ministry Certification Program**  
We are currently accepting enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program, which begins in September 2025. Join us as we explore the Practical strategies for youth ministry and the accompaniment of young people in our diocesan community. To review a full course list and for more information, please visit: [www.hamiltondioceselearns.com](http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com).

**Wisdom of the Saints**

“The Lord manifests himself to those who stop for some time in peace and humility of heart.”

– St. Anthony of Padua

**The Pope’s Prayer Intention for June 2025**

**That the world might grow in compassion:**  
Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.