

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church
Section Two – Chapter 1: I Believe in God the Father (Part 3).

207 By revealing his name God at the same time reveals his faithfulness which is from everlasting to everlasting, valid for the past ("I am the God of your father"), as for the future ("I will be with you").¹² God, who reveals his name as "I AM", reveals himself as the God who is always there, present to his people in order to save them.

208 Faced with God's fascinating and mysterious presence, man discovers his own insignificance. Before the burning bush, Moses takes off his sandals and veils his face in the presence of God's holiness.¹³ Before the glory of the thrice-holy God, Isaiah cries out: "Woe is me! I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips."¹⁴ Before the divine signs wrought by Jesus, Peter exclaims: "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."¹⁵ But because God is holy, he can forgive the man who realizes that he is a sinner before him: "I will not execute my fierce anger. . . for I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst."¹⁶ The apostle John says likewise: "We shall. . . reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything."¹⁷

209 Out of respect for the holiness of God, the people of Israel do not pronounce his name. In the reading of Sacred Scripture, the revealed name (YHWH) is replaced by the divine title "LORD" (in Hebrew Adonai, in Greek Kyrios). It is under this title that the divinity of Jesus will be acclaimed: "Jesus is LORD."

"A God merciful and gracious"
210 After Israel's sin, when the people had turned away from God to worship the golden calf, God hears Moses' prayer of intercession and agrees to walk in the midst of an unfaithful people, thus demonstrating his love.¹⁸ When Moses asks to see his glory, God responds "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you my name "the LORD" [YHWH]."¹⁹ Then the LORD passes before Moses and proclaims, "YHWH, YHWH, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness"; Moses then confesses that the LORD is a forgiving God.²⁰

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Mother’s Day Message

We wish all the mothers in our parish and community a happy Mother’s Day!

From Fr. Stefano and Parish Staff



Mass Intentions
May 12, 2025 – May 18, 2025

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of Amanda Brenner

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
+ Delmar Ferreira – Citelia Ferreira

Thursday, May 15, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.
Intentions of Jennifer Feirreira – Citelia Ferreira

Friday, May16, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.
Healing for Jeanne Jardin – Doris Paleczny

Saturday, May 17, 2025
9:00 a.m. – + Adolfo Couto – Tina Barbosa
5:00 p.m. – + Sheldon & Leona Grobe – Peter Grobe

Sunday, May 18, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

May 12 – Rev. Joe S. Selvanayagam
Canada Health Day

May 13 – Rev. Anton Sebamalai

May 14 – Sisters of Mary Immaculate, S.S.M.I.

May 15 – Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot

May 16 – Rev. Peter Meyer

May 17 – Rev. Timothy Higgins

May 18 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Stewardship Report – May 4 th , 2025	
Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,053.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 290.25
Flower Donations.....	\$ 5.00
Votives.....	\$ 33.10
Indigenous Reconciliation.....	\$ 223.00

*Indicates Easter Donations from April 20th, 2025.

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

A Note to the Parish Community

My dear fellow parishioners,

The thoughtfulness and kindness you have all shown me since the loss of my dear husband Ken has meant so much to me and always will.

God Bless You ALL,
Betty

Go to Joseph Men’s Group
Go to Joseph will have their next meeting on Saturday, May 17th 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.

Confirmation – June 5th, 2025
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Teresa of Avila Parish on Thursday June 5th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Very Reverend Monsignor Murry Kroetsch, Vicar General of the Diocese of Hamilton will preside at the celebration. Prior to Confirmation, **there will be a retreat and rehearsal on Thursday May 29th, 2025** in the church of St. Teresa of Avila at 7:00 p.m. It is necessary to attend these events prior to Confirmation. If your child is a student in public school and you would like for them to be confirmed, please contact the parish office.

First Holy Communion Interviews
First Communion interviews with First Communion candidates and their families will take place throughout May. Please note that this **interview is mandatory** to proceed with First Holy Communion. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions, or if you have yet to book your child’s interview. The celebration of First Holy Communion will take place at the Sunday Masses on May 25th and June 1st.

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

Divine Mercy Chapel
We have two openings in the chapel for Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. and Friday at 9:00 a.m. Come and spend a quiet hour with Jesus. Please contact Sandra Nakluski - 226-789-1259.

Diocese Announcements

Retreat for Separated or Divorced

Struggling with the impact of divorce or separation? You’re not alone! Join the award-winning Critical Mass for an inspiring two-day retreat, where music, testimonies, and faith-filled discussions will guide you toward hope and healing. Don’t miss this chance to reconnect with your faith and find strength in community—space is limited to 25 participants, so register early! We are offering a choice of two retreat weekends: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Waterloo on May 23/24 **or** St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton on May 30/31. Friday evening from 6:45 to 9:30 PM and Saturday from 8:45 A.M. to 4:00 PM. Register now by emailing davefrommcm@gmail.com or calling 519-572-6962 or visiting <https://www.criticalmassmusic.org/tour-dates>. Cost is \$130 and includes materials, snacks and lunch.

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass – Last Chance to Register!

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? 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 can be found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com.

Wisdom of the Saints

“Let us thank God for all his mercies and prepare ourselves to receive the favours that still remain to be bestowed on us.”

– St. John of Avila

Prayer for the Election of a New Pope

O God, Eternal Shepherd,
Who govern Your flock with unfailing care,
Grant in Your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for Your Church
who will please You by His holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Taken from the Roman Missal