

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church  
Section Two – Chapter 1: I Believe in God the Father (Part 4).

211 The divine name, "I Am" or "He Is", expresses God's faithfulness: despite the faithlessness of men's sin and the punishment it deserves, he keeps "steadfast love for thousands".<sup>21</sup> By going so far as to give up his own Son for us, God reveals that he is "rich in mercy".<sup>22</sup> By giving his life to free us from sin, Jesus reveals that he himself bears the divine name: "When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will realize that "I AM"."<sup>23</sup>

God alone IS  
212 Over the centuries, Israel's faith was able to manifest and deepen realization of the riches contained in the revelation of the divine name. God is unique; there are no other gods besides him.<sup>24</sup> He transcends the world and history. He made heaven and earth: "They will perish, but you endure; they will all wear out like a garment....but you are the same, and your years have no end."<sup>25</sup> In God "there is no variation or shadow due to change."<sup>26</sup> God is "HE WHO IS", from everlasting to everlasting, and as such remains ever faithful to himself and to his promises.

213 The revelation of the ineffable name "I AM WHO AM" contains then the truth that God alone IS. the Greek Septuagint translation of the Hebrew Scriptures, and following it the Church's Tradition, understood the divine name in this sense: God is the fullness of Being and of every perfection, without origin and without end. All creatures receive all that they are and have from him; but he alone is his very being, and he is of himself everything that he is.

III. GOD, "HE WHO IS", IS TRUTH AND LOVE  
214 God, "HE WHO IS", revealed himself to Israel as the one "abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness".<sup>27</sup> These two terms express summarily the riches of the divine name. In all his works God displays, not only his kindness, goodness, grace and steadfast love, but also his trustworthiness, constancy, faithfulness and truth. "I give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness."<sup>28</sup> He is the Truth, for "God is light and in him there is no darkness"; "God is love", as the apostle John teaches.<sup>29</sup>

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Mass Intentions May 19, 2025 – May 25, 2025
Tuesday, May 20, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. + Sharon Weisher – Doris Paleczny
Wednesday, May 21, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. + Adolfo Couto – Tina Barbosa
Thursday, May 22, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. Healing for Todd Paleczny – Doris Paleczny
Friday, May 23, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. Healing for Jillian Paleczny – Doris Paleczny
Saturday, May 24, 2025 9:00 a.m. – Healing for Heather Cowan – Doris Paleczny 5:00 p.m. – Lennie & Charlie Hoffarth – Ann Snyder & Family
Sunday, May 25, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar
May 19 – Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.
May 20 – Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, S.A.C.
May 21 – Congregation of the Resurrection, C.R.
May 22 – Rev. Rajesh Madtha, O.C.D.
May 23 – Rev. Single Catholics
May 24 – Rev. Yonas Okubit Ghebru World Day of Prayer for the Church in China
May 25 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Stewardship Report – May 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
Sunday Offerings .....\$ 1,365.00
Building & Maintenance.....\$ 216.00
Easter Donations.....\$ 10.00
Votives.....\$ 8.35
Indigenous Reconciliation.....\$ 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

Office & Divine Mercy Chapel Hours – May 19<sup>th</sup>  
The parish office and Divine Mercy Chapel will be closed on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, due to the Victoria Day

holiday. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Crowning of Mary Ceremony  
Parishioners are invited to our parish Crowning of Mary Ceremony and Mass on Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Weather permitting, the ceremony will begin outside the church, before moving inside for the remainder of the Mass.

Confirmation – June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Teresa of Avila Parish on Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Funeral Mass – June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Bernie Henry’s funeral Mass will take place on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Reception to follow in the parish hall following the Mass.

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 25<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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. 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.

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.

A Note of Thanks  
Thank you to the parish maintenance team for weeding flower beds, pruning trees, fertilizing the lawn, cleaning up the driveway and repairing the A/C fence this past Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. The cleanup has been noticed, and we will continue to keep our grounds looking great for as long as and when necessary, from 9 -12 on Saturdays. All are welcome to lend a hand. Thank you to the ladies who provided refreshments.

Diocese Announcements

Retreat for Separated or Divorced  
Struggling with the impact of divorce or separation? You’re not alone! Join 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. Register now by emailing [davefromcm@gmail.com](mailto:davefromcm@gmail.com) or calling 519-572-6962. Cost is \$130 and includes materials, snacks and lunch.

Wisdom of the Saints  
“If it is true that human life is in the hands of God, it is no less true that these are loving hands, like those of a mother who accepts, nurtures and takes care of her child.”  
– St. John Paul II

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV  
Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world.