

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church
Section Two – Chapter 1: I Believe in God the Father (Part 2).

II. GOD REVEALS HIS NAME
203 God revealed himself to his people Israel by making his name known to them. A name expresses a person's essence and identity and the meaning of this person's life. God has a name; he is not an anonymous force. To disclose one's name is to make oneself known to others; in a way it is to hand oneself over by becoming accessible, capable of being known more intimately and addressed personally.

204 God revealed himself progressively and under different names to his people, but the revelation that proved to be the fundamental one for both the Old and the New Covenants was the revelation of the divine name to Moses in the theophany of the burning bush, on the threshold of the Exodus and of the covenant on Sinai.

The living God
205 God calls Moses from the midst of a bush that burns without being consumed: "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."² God is the God of the fathers, the One who had called and guided the patriarchs in their wanderings. He is the faithful and compassionate God who remembers them and his promises; he comes to free their descendants from slavery. He is the God who, from beyond space and time, can do this and wills to do it, the God who will put his almighty power to work for this plan.

"I Am who I Am"
Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you', and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." and he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you'. . . this is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."¹⁰

206 In revealing his mysterious name, YHWH ("I AM HE WHO IS", "I AM WHO AM" or "I AM WHO I AM"), God says who he is and by what name he is to be called. This divine name is mysterious just as God is mystery. It is at once a name revealed and something like the refusal of a name, and hence it better expresses God as what he is - infinitely above everything that we can understand or say: he is the "hidden God", his

name is ineffable, and he is the God who makes himself close to men.¹¹

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Mass Intentions May 5 th , 2025 – May 11, 2025
Saturday, May 10, 2025 9:00 a.m. – + Ivan Suljak – <i>Josip Fabina</i> 5:00 p.m. – + Mr. & Mrs. William Hoffarth – <i>Ann Snyder and Family</i>
Sunday, May 11, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar
May 5 – Rev. Michael King May 6 – Rev. Veselko Kvesic, O.F.M. May 7 – Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb, S.O.C. May 8 – Rev. Bradely Markus May 9 – Rev. Khalid Karomi May 10 – Rev. David Reitzel May 11 – Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations – Mother’s Day</i>

Stewardship Report – April 27 th , 2025
Sunday Offerings\$ 1,683.00 Building & Maintenance.....\$ 1,083.35 Flower Donations.....\$ 10.00 Easter Donations*\$ 1,930.00 Easter Donations.....\$ 385.00 Good Friday.....\$ 5.00 April Direct Deposit Donations.....\$ 1,241.00 April CanadaHelps Donations.....\$ 500.00 April E-Transfer Donations.....\$ 300.00 Coffee Sunday & Pasta Dinner.....\$ 400.00

*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

No Weekday Mass – May 6th to 9th
There will be no weekday Masses from May 6th to 9th while Fr. Stefano is away. The regular weekday Mass

schedule will resume with the Saturday morning 9:00 a.m. Mass on May 10th.

Mother’s Day Coffee Sunday
Join us for refreshments and fellowship on May 11th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. This Coffee Sunday is a wonderful way to remember and celebrate the mothers in our parish community and families!

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 to receive registration documents.

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.

Diocese Announcements

Parenting Tip of the Month
Loving guidance and care for our children is a foundational principle of our Catholic teachings on parenting. Teaching our children how to live as disciples of Jesus provides them with a firm faith foundation, but also the tools for success in life. So don’t be afraid to set boundaries, have solid

expectations and provide correction when necessary. God has trusted us with his precious children to raise and the hard work of childhood will become a loving adult relationship when we parent with firm love and respect of our children. (Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Marriage Tip of the Month
Loving your partner is a choice you make every day and it provides you, your spouse and your children with a stable home to grow and feel safe in. We can choose to speak calmly, express our love, gratitude, hurts and desires to our spouse so they can know and understand us better. Your children are watching you, learning how to be a husband and wife and your marriage, in the Catholic tradition, is meant to be the visible sign of God’s invisible love. Making the choice to love is a daily commitment, but so many will benefit, most importantly, you and your spouse. (Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

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
“How could I bear a crown of gold when the Lord bears a crown of thorns? And bears it for me!” – St. Elizabeth of Hungary

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. <i>Taken from the Roman Missal</i>