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Parish Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Office Closed

Weekday Liturgy Schedule

Tuesday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. (Adoration @ 6:00)

Thursday & Friday Mornings: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Morning: 9:00 a.m. (excluding August)

Please check inside for schedule changes.

Saturday Liturgy: 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. **Sunday Liturgy:** 10:00 a.m.

Adoration and Mass: First Friday of each month.

Mass at 7:00 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME! Please introduce yourself to Father Stefano Lee and complete a registration form located in the pamphlet rack at the church doors.

PARISH RECORDS: Our parish records are very important and we try to keep them as up to date as possible. Please advise the Parish Secretary if you change your address or telephone number.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment. Baptisms will be scheduled for the last Sunday of the month. Please contact the pastor to schedule individual baptisms.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
30 min. before Mass; Sat., 4:15-4:45 p.m. No Sunday Confession.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:
Engaged couples contact Parish Priest one year in advance.

HOSPITAL & HOME VISIT/SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:
Please inform the parish office to arrange a pastoral visit. For hospital emergencies, a priest is always on call through the hospitals.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:
Monday to Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Divine Mercy Chapel and First Fridays at 6:00 p.m. in the church.
Co-ordinator: Sandra Naklusi - 226-789-1259

PARISH BULLETIN: News items for the bulletin must be into the parish office *in writing* by noon on Sunday.

Vocations: www.vocationinfo.ca

Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton: www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca

PARISH BEQUEST: Keep your love for your parish alive! Please remember St. Teresa of Avila Parish in your Will and when recommending your expressions of sympathy.

Prayer to St. Michael, the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel

defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,

thrust into hell Satan,

and all the evil spirits,

who prowl about the world

seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church

IV. The Mystery of Creation

God creates by wisdom and love

295 We believe that God created the world according
to his wisdom.¹⁴¹ It is not the product of any necessity
whatever, nor of blind fate or chance. We believe that
it proceeds from God's free will; he wanted to make his
creatures share in his being, wisdom and goodness:

"For you created all things, and by your will they
existed and were created."¹⁴² Therefore the Psalmist
exclaims: "O LORD, how manifold are your works! In
wisdom you have made them all"; and "The LORD is
good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has
made."¹⁴³ God creates "out of nothing"

296 We believe that God needs no pre-existent thing or
any help in order to create, nor is creation any sort of
necessary emanation from the divine substance.¹⁴⁴ God
creates freely "out of nothing":¹⁴⁵

If God had drawn the world from pre-existent matter,
what would be so extraordinary in that? A human
artisan makes from a given material whatever he
wants, while God shows his power by starting from
nothing to make all he wants.¹⁴⁶

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Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

December 8 – **The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

December 9 – Rev. Ronald Voisin

December 10 – Congregation of the Most Holy
Redeemer, C.Ss.R.

December 11 – Catholic Young Adults

December 12 – **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
*National Day of Prayer in Solidarity
with Indigenous Peoples*

December 13 – Rev. Michael McHugh

December 14 – **Third Sunday of Advent**

Mass Intentions

December 8, 2025 – December 14, 2025

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 – **7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 – **7:00 p.m.**

Thursday, December 11, 2025 – **8:30 a.m.**

Friday, December 12, 2025 – **8:30 a.m.**

Saturday, December 13, 2025

9:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m. – + Leona & Sheldon Grobe – Peter Grobe

Sunday, December 14, 2025 – **10:00 a.m.**

Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Stewardship Report – November 30th, 2025

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,170.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 942.55
Missal Sales.....	\$ 35.00
November Direct Deposit Donations.....	\$ 1,284.00
November E-transfer Donations.....	\$ 380.00
CanadaHelps Donations.....	\$ 122.00

Calendar Fundraiser – November 30th, 2025

Calendar Fundraising.....	\$ 6,400.00
Calendar Sales.....	\$ 160.00

Christmas Cards Fundraiser – November 30th, 2025

Christmas Card Sales.....	\$ 50.00
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**We are most appreciative of your ongoing
prayerful and financial support for our parish,
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. When you are traveling,
please consider switching to E-transfer donations in
your absence.**

**If you require further information on how to give, please
contact the parish office, or visit the parish website for
more details.**

Parish Announcements

Parish Office Closure – December 12th

Please note that the parish office will be closed on
Friday, December 12th. Regular office hours will
resume on December 15th.

Bambinelli Sunday – December 14th

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the
Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong
to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's
Square in Rome. The blessing generally takes place on
Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is

December Events

Family Advent Celebration of the Word

Thursday, December 11th, 7:00 p.m.

Parish Advent Retreat

Tuesday, December 16th, 7:00 p.m.



Parish Advent Confessions

Wednesday, December 17th, 7:30 p.m.

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Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24th, 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25th, 10:00 a.m.



New Year's Eve

Wednesday, December 31st, 5:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Years Day)

Thursday, January 1st, 10:00 a.m.

known as Bambinelli Sunday. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Sunday, December 14th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass to be blessed, as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

Parish Advent Retreat – December 16th

We are pleased to announce that we will once again have the privilege of welcoming Allan Smith as this year's speaker at our Advent Retreat on Tuesday, December 16th following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Join us for a special parish reflection evening inspired by the writings of **Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**. Together, we will explore the meaning of Advent, the mystery of Christmas, and how to welcome Christ more deeply into our hearts and homes. Come be renewed in hope and peace as we enter the season of grace. *"Christmas is not a day — it is a state of the soul."* — Fulton J. Sheen. There is no cost to attend this retreat, and all are welcome to join us in preparing our hearts for the celebration of the Christmas season.

2026 Parish Calendars

Our 2026 parish calendars are now available for \$15 each at the back of the church!

Christmas Cards

Our parish Christmas cards are now available at the back of the church in six different varieties for \$25 for a pack of twelve.

Children's Liturgy Schedule

We are currently offering Children's Liturgy on the **first and third Sundays of every month!** We are still looking for volunteers to help run our Children's Liturgy. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact the parish office.

Divine Mercy Chapel

We have openings in the chapel for Wednesdays at 10:00, Thursdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays from 2:00 p.m. and at 3:00 p.m. Come and spend a quiet hour with Jesus. Please contact Sandra Naklusi - 226-789-1259.

Anniversary Blessing

Married couples celebrating an anniversary who wish to have their marriage blessed and do vow renewals, please contact the parish office to arrange with Fr. Stefano.

Diocese Announcements

Parenting Tip

Christmas is a wonderful time of year! We see family, experience the joys of gift giving and receiving and have some time as a family just to be. It is however, more than any of these things, the celebration of the birth of Christ. In the hustle and bustle of the season we can forget to focus on this moment, where a child came into the world so that each of us could experience the profound gift of Salvation. This Christmas, enjoy all the fun stuff, but remember to focus, through stories, Mass, prayer and discussions, on the joy of Christ's birth and the real reason for the season.

Wisdom of the Saints

"For in truth, no one is timid and weak who knowingly leans upon the assistance of God."

— St. Francis Xavier

The Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict:

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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