

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church

Paragraph 6. Man

377 The "mastery" over the world that God offered man from the beginning was realized above all within man himself: mastery of self. the first man was unimpaired and ordered in his whole being because he was free from the triple concupiscence²⁵⁴ that subjugates him to the pleasures of the senses, covetousness for earthly goods, and self-assertion, contrary to the dictates of reason.

378 The sign of man's familiarity with God is that God places him in the garden.²⁵⁵ There he lives "to till it and keep it". Work is not yet a burden,²⁵⁶ but rather the collaboration of man and woman with God in perfecting the visible creation.

379 This entire harmony of original justice, foreseen for man in God's plan, will be lost by the sin of our first parents.

Paragraph 7. The Fall

385 God is infinitely good and all his works are good. Yet no one can escape the experience of suffering or the evils in nature which seem to be linked to the limitations proper to creatures: and above all to the question of moral evil. Where does evil come from? "I sought whence evil comes and there was no solution", said St. Augustine,²⁵⁷ and his own painful quest would only be resolved by his conversion to the living God. For "the mystery of lawlessness" is clarified only in the light of the "mystery of our religion".²⁵⁸ The revelation of divine love in Christ manifested at the same time the extent of evil and the superabundance of grace.²⁵⁹ We must therefore approach the question of the origin of evil by fixing the eyes of our faith on him who alone is its conqueror.²⁶⁰

I. Where Sin Abounded, Grace Abounded All the More

The reality of sin
386 Sin is present in human history; any attempt to ignore it or to give this dark reality other names would be futile. To try to understand what sin is, one must first recognize the profound relation of man to God, for only in this relationship is the evil of sin unmasked in its true identity as humanity's rejection of God and opposition to him, even as it continues to weigh heavy on human life and history.

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Mass Intentions April 6, 2026 – April 12, 2026	
Tuesday, April 7, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.	
Wednesday, April 8, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.	
Thursday, April 9, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.	
Friday, April 10, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.	
Saturday, April 11, 2026	9:00 a.m. – + Leone & William Gough – Stephen Woodsworth
Sunday, April 12, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m. – + Leona & Sheldon Grobe – Peter Grobe
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish	

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar	
April 6 – Rev. Andrew Quarshie	
April 7 – Most Rev. Joseph A. Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.	
April 8 – Jesuit Fathers, S.J.	
April 9 – Rev. George Nowak, C.R.	
April 10 – Rev. Richard Dordunu	
April 11 – Rev. Donald Sanvido	
April 12 – Second Sunday of Easter	
<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	

Stewardship Report – March 29 th , 2026	
Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,248.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 1,250.00
Votives.....	\$ 35.00
Share Lent.....	\$ 300.00
Donation in Memory of Leone Gough.....	\$ 500.00

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

Connecting with a Priest While in Hospital
Parishioners who are hospitalized and require a priest are encouraged to notify the hospital nurses, who will connect you with the chaplain. If the chaplain unavailable, they will help you connect with the on-call priest. If the on-call priest is unavailable, please contact Fr. Stefano by calling (519) 743-4525 and dialing either line.


He is Risen

Dear parishioners, the Risen Lord shines light into the darkness of our lives and brings us new hope. May the love of Christ, who conquered death, come alive again in our hearts.

I pray that the joy of the Resurrection may fill your families and our community with peace and new life.

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Fr. Stefano & Parish Staff



Parish Office & Divine Mercy Chapel Hours – Easter Long Weekend

Please note that the parish office and Divine Mercy Chapel will be closed on Easter Monday, April 6th. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, April 7th.

Funeral Mass – April 8th, 2026

We offer our condolences and prayers for the family of Betty Jane Forwell, whose Memorial Mass will be held at St. Teresa of Avila Parish on April 8th at 11:00 a.m. We pray that Betty may rest in peace and in eternal glory with God.

Parish Spaghetti Supper – April 18th

We will be hosting this year's Parish Spaghetti Supper on April 18th. There will be two seatings: from 4:30 to 6:00 PM and 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Tickets will be \$20 for adults, children under 12 years of age are free and children 13 years of age to 17 years of age are \$10. The dinner will consist of pasta with sauce, bread, salad, a drink, as well as coffee and tea with dessert. Tickets are on sale this weekend and be available for the next two weekends.

Lectio Divina

Our parish is providing weekly copies of the Lectio Divina for parishioners. If you are interested, please take a copy from the counter in the Narthex. Copies are made available on Tuesdays or Wednesdays every week.

Diocese Announcements

Young Adults Night

Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of fellowship and music as you discern your vocation and as we celebrate the Easter Season. The Young Adults Night includes a social with food (7:00pm-8:00pm) followed by a vocations testimony and praise music ending with Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, April 11th** (note Second Saturday, not First Saturday) at Mount Mary Retreat Centre (437 Wilson Street East, Ancaster, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026 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 is found under Upcoming Events at hamiltondiocese.com, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi

From Jan 10, 2026 to Jan 10, 2027, the Church marks a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of his death. During this year, the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by fulfilling the usual conditions and engaging in acts inspired by the Franciscan spirit. To learn more about this Holy Year, visit <https://bit.ly/yearoffrancis>.

Wisdom of the Saints

“The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the ultimate proof of God’s power to redeem and transform all things.”

– St. Athanasius

Pope Leo XIV’s Prayer Intention for April 2026

For priests in crisis:

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.