

Mass Etiquette

As Catholics, we joyfully welcome people of all faiths and backgrounds to attend the liturgy and participate in worship, however there are a few guidelines that might be helpful for a visitor to be conscious of. These guidelines are intended to help you understand how to best respect the sacredness of the Catholic Mass and respect beliefs of others. This is also intended to enhance and make your worship experience a meaningful one, whether you are visiting or are in a formation class to help you better understand the knowledge of liturgy and the Catholic Mass.

Attending Mass

For Catholics, the Mass is a very solemn and sacred event in which they are renewed in faith by their encounter with the Real Presence of Jesus Christ and grow as a communion together with the universal Church. During this sacred moment of prayer, it is important to keep a few things in mind when attending Mass:

1. Please be considerate and arrive in the Church before the Mass begins. It is considered disrespectful to arrive after the Mass has begun. The opening and closing of doors, the movement of people to their pews and the disturbing of people to accommodate people arriving late is very distracting to some very important moments in the Mass.
2. Chewing gum is NEVER appropriate in a Church. Catholics especially who will be receiving communion should never chew gum prior to Mass or even during Mass for they would violate the Eucharist Fast and therefore would not be able to receive communion.
3. As in most important moments, cell phones ringing, buzzing or people texting is highly inappropriate. Please turn off your phones prior to the Mass beginning. It is NEVER appropriate to answer your phone in the Church or make a call. Emergencies are obvious exceptions.
4. While the Church never imposes a dress code, it is a sign of our interior disposition, that is a sign of how important we consider coming to Mass. It is not appropriate for men to wear shorts or t-shirts at Mass. It is also not appropriate for women to dress immodestly. Men must never wear a hat or cap while women are allowed to wear something covering their heads. No one should wear sunglasses in the church unless for health reasons.
5. Please do not eat or drink in the Church. The only time this happens is in the sacred moment of Holy Communion.
6. Silence is most appreciated in the Church. The Church is a House of Prayer, please refrain from carrying conversations in the Church.
7. While we always welcome and desire to have children be an active part of our parish community, we ask that parents help to keep children well behaved. Patience is always afforded to crying

infants, but parents are asked to be as courteous as you can be for others trying to pray and listen. Children should never be allowed to wander around the church, it is appropriate for them to stay with their family.

Reference: <https://sacredheartoak.org/mass-etiquette>

Mass Intentions August 5, 2024 – August 18, 2024	
Tuesday, August 6, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.	+ Kazimierz Giwojno – <i>Agness Das</i>
Wednesday, August 7, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Betty Skinner – <i>Donnel Lucien</i>
Thursday, August 8, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.	
Friday, August 9, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.	
Saturday, August 10, 2024	5:00 p.m. – + Scott Weiler – <i>Weiler Family</i>
Sunday, August 11, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish
Tuesday, August 13, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.	Living and Deceased Members of CWL + Theresa O'Donnell - <i>CWL</i>
Wednesday, August 14, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.	+ Delmar Ferreira – <i>Citelia Ferreira</i>
Thursday, August 15, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.	
Friday, August 16, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.	+ Tom Nakulski – <i>Sandra Nakulski</i>
Saturday, August 17, 2024	5:00 p.m. – + Leona & Sheldon Grobe – <i>Peter Grobe</i>
Sunday, August 18, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar	
August 5	– Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.
August 6	– Transfiguration of the Lord
August 7	– School Sisters of Notre Dame (S.S.N.D.)
August 8	– Rev. Sunil D'Souza, O.C.D.
August 9	– St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin
August 10	– St. Lawrence
August 11	– Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 12	– Rev. Mussie Keflezghi, M.C.C.J.
August 13	– Rev. Vivek Trindade
August 14	– Legionaries of Christ (L.C.)
August 15	– The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 16	– Rev. Christopher Tracey
August 17	– Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R.
August 18	– Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Report – July 21st, 2024	
Sunday Offerings	\$ 2,011.05
Votives.....	\$ 84.00
Cura Pastorum.....	\$ 500.00
Mission Appeal.....	\$ 40.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 20.00
July 28th, 2024	
Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,245.25
Votives.....	\$ 23.85
Building Fund.....	\$ 354.75
Altar Candle Donation.....	\$ 160.00
Donation for June 2024 Fundraiser BBQ.....	\$ 483.05
Mission Appeal.....	\$ 385.00

We are most appreciative of your ongoing prayerful and financial support for our parish, St. Teresa of Avila.

Donations to the parish can be made through the use of Sunday Offertory envelopes, Pre-Authorized Giving, E-Transfer, and CanadaHelps.

If you require any further information, please contact the parish office.

Parish Announcements

Notice: Parish Office Hours

A reminder that the parish office will be closed on August 5th, the Civic Holiday Monday. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, August 6th, 2024.

Notice: August 2024 Saturday Morning Mass

A reminder that there will be no 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturdays during August 2024. The regular Saturday morning Mass schedule will resume in September 2024.

Parish Choir Team

We are looking for volunteers to join our Parish Choir team. If you have a love for music, can play the guitar, play the piano, and wish to participate in your parish community, please contact the parish office.

Sanctuary Cleaning Team

We are looking for volunteers to join our Sanctuary Cleaning team. Teams are made in pairs, and cleaning takes place on Fridays. To join, please contact the parish office or enter your name on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer. Please let us know which dates you are available.

Divine Mercy Chapel

We have three openings in the chapel for Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., Fridays at 12:00 p.m., and Friday at 6:00 p.m. Come and spend a quiet hour with Jesus. Please contact Sandra Nakluski - 226-789-1259.

Diocese Announcements

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be taking place across several Parishes across the Diocese of Hamilton this August! These opportunities to experience our faith are possible in thanks to our wonderful Pastors, Parish Ministers, and volunteers who plan, support and implement these engaging programs. During these programs, young people will explore how they can live as disciples of Jesus by living out the Gospel and following in the footsteps of the saints. Please visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/office-for-evangelization-catechesis/vacation-bible-school/> for more information.

Young Adults Night - Saturday, September 7th – Formosa

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour, social with food, praise night with vocations testimony and Compline on Saturday, September 7th at Immaculate Conception Church (212 Concession Rd 12, Formosa, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

<p>Wisdom of the Saints</p> <p>“Give some time, if it is only half an hour in every day, to devotional reading, which is necessary to the well ordering of the mind.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</p>

<p>Pope Francis' Prayer Intention August 2024</p> <p>Please join Pope Francis in praying for political leaders during the month of August.</p>
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