

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church

CHAPTER ONE: MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD

I. The Desire for God

27 The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for:

The dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God. This invitation to converse with God is addressed to man as soon as he comes into being. For if man exists it is because God has created him through love, and through love continues to hold him in existence. He cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and entrusts himself to his creator.¹

28 In many ways, throughout history down to the present day, men have given expression to their quest for God in their religious beliefs and behaviour: in their prayers, sacrifices, rituals, meditations, and so forth. These forms of religious expression, despite the ambiguities they often bring with them, are so universal that one may well call man a religious being:

From one ancestor (God) made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "in him we live and move and have our being."²

29 But this "intimate and vital bond of man to God" (GS 19 # 1) can be forgotten, overlooked, or even explicitly rejected by man.³ Such attitudes can have different causes: revolt against evil in the world; religious ignorance or indifference; the cares and riches of this world; the scandal of bad example on the part of believers; currents of thought hostile to religion; finally, that attitude of sinful man which makes him hide from God out of fear and flee his call.⁴

30 "Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice."⁵ Although man can forget God or reject him, He never ceases to call every man to seek him, so as to find life and happiness. But this search for God demands of man every effort of intellect, a sound will, "an upright heart", as well as the witness of others who teach him to seek God.

You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised: great is your power and your wisdom is without measure. and man, so small a part of your creation, wants to praise you: this man, though clothed with mortality and bearing the evidence of sin and the proof that you withstand the proud. Despite everything, man, though but a small a part of your creation, wants to praise you. You yourself encourage him to delight in your praise, for you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.⁶

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Mass Intentions
September 2, 2024 – September 8, 2024

Tuesday, September 3, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, September 4, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**

Thursday, September 5, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**

Friday, September 6, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
Living & deceased members of Tom Paleczny Family
– Doris Paleczny

Saturday, September 7, 2024
9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. – + **Sheldon and Leona Grobe** – *Peter Grobe*

Sunday, September 8, 2024 – **10:00 a.m.**
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

September 2 – Rev. John Yang
September 3 – Rev. Stefano Lee
September 4 – Our Parish Community
September 5 – Rev. Brendan McGrath
September 6 – Rev. Mariusz Durbajilo
September 7 – Catholic Teachers
September 8 – **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Stewardship Report – August 18th, 2024

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,684.20
Votives.....	\$ 64.00
August Coffee Sunday.....	\$ 49.20
Mission Appeal.....	\$ 20.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 200.00

August 25th, 2024

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,091.40
Building Fund.....	\$ 261.00
Votives.....	\$ 35.70
Direct Deposit.....	\$ 1,726.00

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 – Labour Day Office Hours

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd for Labour Day. Regular office hours will resume on September 3rd, 2024.

Notice – Weekday Mass Schedule

Fr. Lee will be away from September 3rd to the 5th for the Annual Priest's Seminar. There will be **no weekday Mass** during these dates. Regular weekday Mass times will resume on September 6th, 2024.

Notice – First Friday Mass Date Change

The First Friday evening healing Mass and adoration will be held on Friday, September 13th. Anointing of the elderly will follow after the Mass.

Reminder – Saturday Morning Masses Resume

A reminder that Saturday morning Masses will resume starting September 7th, 2024.

Coffee Sunday – September 8, 2024

Join our parish community on Sunday, September 8th for coffee and snacks in the parish hall after the 10:00 a.m. Mass!

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday, September 15th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We look forward to seeing our little ones after the summer break!

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation

RCIA is a program designed to teach interested candidates what Catholics believe, how Catholics practice their faith, and what it means to be Catholic. Those who are interested in participating in an RCIA program, please contact the parish office!

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.

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

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

Parenting Tip of The Month

As school begins a new, we set up new schedules and set boundaries and guidelines to help our children achieve the best success they can. It is a great time to incorporate prayer, perhaps before meals and bed, into the family routine. Let your children know that speaking to God at any time is an easy way to ask for support and share their joys. God is always ready to listen and provide help; this is a proven way to help your children succeed! (From: Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Marriage Tip of the Month

Relationship experts remind us that quantity and quality time matter in relationships. Take a moment to assess your relationship: how much time are you spending together and are you considering how you connect during those times. You might share a movie, family time and chores, but be sure there are times when you talk directly to each other, share your joys and sorrows, discuss your plans as a couple. Staying connected takes effort but ensures a strong and everlasting love. (From: Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Wisdom of the Saints

“Divide your returns with your God. Share your gains with Christ. Make Christ a partner in your earthly possessions so that he will also make you co-heir of his heavenly kingdom.”

– *St. Cyprian of Carthage*

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention
September 2024

Please join Pope Francis in praying for cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live during the month of September.