

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church

CHAPTER ONE: THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD
ACCORDING TO THE CHURCH

36 "Our holy mother, the Church, holds and teaches that God, the first principle and last end of all things, can be known with certainty from the created world by the natural light of human reason."¹¹ Without this capacity, man would not be able to welcome God's revelation. Man has this capacity because he is created "in the image of God".¹²

37 In the historical conditions in which he finds himself, however, man experiences many difficulties in coming to know God by the light of reason alone: Though human reason is, strictly speaking, truly capable by its own natural power and light of attaining to a true and certain knowledge of the one personal God, who watches over and controls the world by his providence, and of the natural law written in our hearts by the Creator; yet there are many obstacles which prevent reason from the effective and fruitful use of this inborn faculty. For the truths that concern the relations between God and man wholly transcend the visible order of things, and, if they are translated into human action and influence it, they call for self-surrender and abnegation. the human mind, in its turn, is hampered in the attaining of such truths, not only by the impact of the senses and the imagination, but also by disordered appetites which are the consequences of original sin. So it happens that men in such matters easily persuade themselves that what they would not like to be true is false or at least doubtful.¹³

38 This is why man stands in need of being enlightened by God's revelation, not only about those things that exceed his understanding, but also "about those religious and moral truths which of themselves are not beyond the grasp of human reason, so that even in the present condition of the human race, they can be known by all men with ease, with firm certainty and with no admixture of error".¹⁴

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Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar	
September 16 –	Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.
September 17 –	Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C.
September 18 –	Missionary Sisters of Christ the King M.ChR.
September 19 –	Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.
September 20 –	Rev. Pawel Jamroz
September 21 –	Rev. Stephen Gilbert
September 22 –	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions September 16, 2024 – September 22, 2024	
Tuesday, September 17, 2024 –	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 18, 2024 –	8:30 a.m. + Michael Francis Barrett – <i>Bill Barrett</i>
Thursday, September 19, 2024 –	8:30 a.m.
Friday, September 20, 2024 –	8:30 a.m.
Saturday, September 21, 2024	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. - + Leona and Sheldon Grobe – <i>Peter Grobe</i>
Sunday, September 22, 2024 –	10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Stewardship Report – September 8 th , 2024	
Sunday Offerings	\$ 2,301.35
Votives.....	\$ 4.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 45.00
Cura Pastorum.....	\$ 200.00

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

Baptisms	
On Sunday, September 15 th at 12:00 p.m., through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome:	
Aerabelle Betty Abel , daughter of Bryan Abel and Andrea Jakowlew	
Congratulations on your Baptism, Aerabelle Betty!	

Parish Group Photo
Fr. Stefano would like to organize a parish family group photo in the coming weeks during September after one of the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Masses. This group photo will be taken in the church, and used for next year's parish calendar. Please stay tuned for more details.

Group Photos for Parish Directory
Group photos will be taken after the Saturday, September 14th 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday, September 15th 10:00 a.m. Mass. The schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, September 14th:
- CWL
 - Serra Club
 - Divine Mercy Chapel
 - Maintenance Team
 - Bible Study Group

- Sunday, September 15th:
- Counters
 - Parish Youth Group
 - Choir
 - Sacristan
 - Altar Servers
 - PPC
 - Lectors
 - Communion Ministers
 - Committee for Newcomers

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 an opening in the chapel on Fridays at 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Come and spend a quiet hour with Jesus. Please contact Sandra Nakluski - 226-789-1259.

Notice – Seeking Employment
A member of our parish is seeking employment as a personal support worker or driver. If you are aware of opportunities in our community, please contact the parish office.

Committee for Newcomers
Our parish has established a committee to welcome newcomers from around the world into our parish community. The purpose of this committee is to support newcomers to Canada in their spiritual lives, as well as establishing roots in their new country. For those interested in volunteering for this committee, please contact Bill Barrett (chairperson) or the parish office.

Diocese Announcements

Forward Together in Christ
This week, the Synodal result has been released. Those who are interested in learning more are welcome to take one of the booklets at the back of the church in the Narthex.

Lions Club Fundraiser
The Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club are selling fall mums as a fundraiser. Funds raised go back into the community and towards Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Available to order:

- 13" yellow, Red, and Orange - \$20 each
 - 14" mums with grass in the middle - \$25 each
- **Tri-colour mums are no longer available to order.
Pickup- Saturday September 14 between 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Maryhill Community Centre.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish – Save the Date
Save the date for a bus trip to Hamilton - Milton, on Monday, October 7, 2024: Mass in Hamilton - Milton Outlet Mall - Elements Casino Mohawk. To book a seat or for additional information, please contact Patrycja directly by calling 519-886-0342 ext. 3, or by sending an email to our parish office to: lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com. Don't miss out on this mini-pilgrimage and adventure. Stop by the parish office to purchase your tickets now. **Only 50 tickets available – cost of the trip, including transportation, lunch and bus driver gratuity \$90.**

Wisdom of the Saints	
“All for God and for God’s glory. In whatever you do, think of the glory of God as your main goal.” – <i>St. John Bosco</i>	

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.	