

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church

CHAPTER ONE: HOW TO SPEAK ABOUT GOD

39 In defending the ability of human reason to know God, the Church is expressing her confidence in the possibility of speaking about him to all men and with all men, and therefore of dialogue with other religions, with philosophy and science, as well as with unbelievers and atheists.

40 Since our knowledge of God is limited, our language about him is equally so. We can name God only by taking creatures as our starting point, and in accordance with our limited human ways of knowing and thinking.

41 All creatures bear a certain resemblance to God, most especially man, created in the image and likeness of God. the manifold perfections of creatures - their truth, their goodness, their beauty all reflect the infinite perfection of God. Consequently we can name God by taking his creatures' perfections as our starting point, "for from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator".¹⁵

42 God transcends all creatures. We must therefore continually purify our language of everything in it that is limited, imagebound or imperfect, if we are not to confuse our image of God --"the inexpressible, the incomprehensible, the invisible, the ungraspable"-- with our human representations.¹⁶ Our human words always fall short of the mystery of God.

43 Admittedly, in speaking about God like this, our language is using human modes of expression; nevertheless it really does attain to God himself, though unable to express him in his infinite simplicity. Likewise, we must recall that "between Creator and creature no similitude can be expressed without implying an even greater dissimilitude";¹⁷ and that "concerning God, we cannot grasp what he is, but only what he is not, and how other beings stand in relation to him."¹⁸

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Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar	
September 23	– Rev. Hayden Starczala
September 24	– Rev. Gordian Okpuruka
September 25	– Salesians of St. Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
September 26	– Rev. Robert Héту
September 27	– Very Rev. Ian Duffy <i>World Tourism Day</i>
September 28	– Rev. Vernon Boyd, S.J.
September 29	– Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>World Day of Migrants & Refugees</i>

Mass Intentions September 23, 2024 – September 29, 2024	
Tuesday, September 24, 2024	– 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 25, 2024	– 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, September 26, 2024	– 8:30 a.m.
Friday, September 27, 2024	– 8:30 a.m. + Delmar Ferreira – <i>Citelia Ferreira</i>
Saturday, September 28, 2024	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. – + Carl Hergott – <i>Barb Hergott</i>
Sunday, September 29, 2024	– 10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Stewardship Report – September 15 th , 2024	
Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,409.05
Votives.....	\$ 21.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 600.00
Coffee Sunday.....	\$ 34.75
Flowers.....	\$ 10.00

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

Parish Community Breakfast

On Sunday October 20th, we will hold a Parish Community Breakfast in the Church Hall after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We will have a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church starting on Saturday September 28th and Sunday September 29th. The purpose is to determine the number of people coming so we can order the correct amount of food. We will be serving eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, hash browns, toast, coffee, tea and juice. We will also ask for a \$5.00 donation for each adult meal. If this is a hardship for your family, please come anyway. Anything you might be able to contribute would be appreciated, but do not let money be a reason for not sharing in this Parish event! If you would like to help or bring something please contact Bernie Pickett. Email - berniejpickett@gmail.com by phone 519-589-6337. Thank you for your support for our Parish!

Group Photos for Parish Directory

A reminder that the group photo schedule is as follows:

Saturday, September 21st:

- CWL
- Serra Club
- Divine Mercy Chapel
- Maintenance Team
- Bible Study Group

Sunday, September 22nd:

- 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.

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.

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.

Notice – Seeking Living Accommodation

A member of our parish community is seeking student-friendly living accommodation. If you are aware of any accommodations, please contact the parish office.

Diocese Announcements

Mass & Reception for the Carmelite Nuns in St. Agatha

The Committee for the Carmelite Nuns invite you to attend a special Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger at Holy Family Croatian Roman Catholic Church (180 Schweitzer St. Kitchener) on Monday October 28th, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., followed by a sit-down dinner in the reception hall. Meal for 2 is a minimum donation of \$250 (eligible for a full tax receipt). Donation can be mailed to Carmel of St. Joseph, or 'Donate Now' at www.thecarmel.ca. RSVP required by October 10th. Please contact Liz Motz 519-590-4808 with questions.

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.**

Echoes of Hope

Saturday, November 23, 2024
Mount Mary Retreat Centre, Ancaster | 10 AM - 4PM
Join us as we journey towards the Jubilee of Hope in prayer, conversation, and thanksgiving for the gift of ministry. Our day will include group and personal reflection, prayer, and a catechist resource fair. Registration fee includes lunch, refreshments and materials: \$25 per person.

Wisdom of the Saints
"Be wise, my soul, and trust in God alone; cling to God and cast your cares on God alone." – St. Robert Bellarmine

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.