

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church

CHAPTER TWO: GOD COMES TO MEET MAN

50 By natural reason man can know God with certainty, on the basis of his works. But there is another order of knowledge, which man cannot possibly arrive at by his own powers: the order of divine Revelation.¹ Through an utterly free decision, God has revealed himself and given himself to man. This he does by revealing the mystery, his plan of loving goodness, formed from all eternity in Christ, for the benefit of all men. God has fully revealed this plan by sending us his beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

THE REVELATION OF GOD

I. God Reveals His "Plan of Loving Goodness"

51 "It pleased God, in his goodness and wisdom, to reveal himself and to make known the mystery of his will. His will was that men should have access to the Father, through Christ, the Word made flesh, in the Holy Spirit, and thus become sharers in the divine nature."²

52 God, who "dwells in unapproachable light", wants to communicate his own divine life to the men he freely created, in order to adopt them as his sons in his only-begotten Son.³ By revealing himself God wishes to make them capable of responding to him, and of knowing him and of loving him far beyond their own natural capacity.

53 The divine plan of Revelation is realized simultaneously "by deeds and words which are intrinsically bound up with each other"⁴ and shed light on each another. It involves a specific divine pedagogy: God communicates himself to man gradually. He prepares him to welcome by stages the supernatural Revelation that is to culminate in the person and mission of the incarnate Word, Jesus Christ.

St. Irenaeus of Lyons repeatedly speaks of this divine pedagogy using the image of God and man becoming accustomed to one another: the Word of God dwelt in man and became the Son of man in order to accustom man to perceive God and to accustom God to dwell in man, according to the Father's pleasure.⁵

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Mass Intentions
September 30, 2024 – October 6, 2024

Saturday, October 5, 2024
5:00 p.m. - + **Carl Hergott** – *Barb Hergott*

Sunday, October 6, 2024 – **10:00 a.m.**
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

September 30 – Rev. William Clarke, S.J.
October 1 – Rev. Eric Jensen, S.J.
October 2 – **The Holy Guardian Angels**
October 3 – Very Rev. Paul Panaretos, S.J.
October 4 – Rev. Wieslaw Berdowicz, S.Chr.
October 5 – Rev. Valentine Onwunjiogu
October 6 – **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Stewardship Report – September 22nd, 2024	
Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,388.55
Votives.....	\$ 10.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 520.00
Flowers.....	\$ 10.00
Funerals.....	\$ 500.00
Baptisms.....	\$ 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

Notice – Weekday Mass Times

Please note that there will be no weekday and Saturday morning Masses from September 30th to October 21st while Fr. Lee is away.

Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses will continue as scheduled during this period.

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!

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.

Divine Mercy Chapel

We have an opening in the chapel on Thursdays at 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Come and spend a quiet hour with Jesus. Please contact Sandra Nakluski - 226-789-1259.

Diocese Announcements

Young Adults Night - Saturday, October 5th – Hamilton

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to participate in our Diocesan Vocations Month under the patronage of Our Lady of the Rosary by attending an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night begins at 6:30pm on Saturday, October 5th at Canadian Martyrs Church (1349 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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.

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

“Let us have no desire to choose our own paths, but walk in those which God may be pleased to present to us.”
– St. Vincent de Paul

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.