

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church
Chapter 3, Article 2: I. “Lord Look Upon the Faith of Your Church

168 It is the Church that believes first, and so bears, nourishes and sustains my faith. Everywhere, it is the Church that first confesses the Lord: "Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you", as we sing in the hymn Te Deum; with her and in her, we are won over and brought to confess: "I believe", "We believe". It is through the Church that we receive faith and new life in Christ by Baptism. In the Rituale Romanum, the minister of Baptism asks the catechumen: "What do you ask of God's Church?" and the answer is: "Faith." "What does faith offer you?" "Eternal life."⁵⁴

169 Salvation comes from God alone; but because we receive the life of faith through the Church, she is our mother: "We believe the Church as the mother of our new birth, and not in the Church as if she were the author of our salvation."⁵⁵ Because she is our mother, she is also our teacher in the faith.

II. The Language of Faith

170 We do not believe in formulae, but in those realities they express, which faith allows us to touch. "The believer's act [of faith] does not terminate in the propositions, but in the realities [which they express]."⁵⁶ All the same, we do approach these realities with the help of formulations of the faith which permit us to express the faith and to hand it on, to celebrate it in community, to assimilate and live on it more and more.

171 The Church, "the pillar and bulwark of the truth", faithfully guards "the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints". She guards the memory of Christ's words; it is she who from generation to generation hands on the apostles' confession of faith.⁵⁷ As a mother who teaches her children to speak and so to understand and communicate, the Church our Mother teaches us the language of faith in order to introduce us to the understanding and the life of faith.

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Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar
March 24 – Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
March 25 – Annunciation of the Lord
March 26 – Lay Parish Ministers
March 27 – Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.
March 28 – Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch
March 29 – Rev. Luis Inacio
March 30 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions March 24, 2025 – March 30, 2025
Tuesday, March 25, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. + Ken Skinner – <i>Ted, Agnes & Joseph</i>
Wednesday, March 26, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. + Robert Gatchene – <i>Shirley Gatchene</i>
Thursday, March 27, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. + Jack & Eileen – <i>Bruce Krafczyk</i>
Friday, March 28, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. Intentions of Fatima Pacheco – <i>Fatima Pacheco</i>
Saturday, March 29, 2025 9:00 a.m. - + Jack & Eileen – <i>Bruce Krafczyk</i> 5:00 p.m. – + Dave Tschirhart – <i>Pat Wilkins</i>
Sunday, March 30, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Stewardship Report – March 16 th , 2025
Sunday Offerings\$ 1,679.00
Building & Maintenance.....\$ 155.55
In Memory of Ken Skinner.....\$ 25.00
Votives.....\$ 25.85
March Coffee Sunday.....\$ 60.00

We are most appreciative of your ongoing prayerful and financial support for our parish, St. Teresa of Avila, especially during our present time of financial need.

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

If you require further information on how to give, please contact the parish office, or visit the parish website for more details.

Parish Announcements

Lenten Friday Mass & Stations of the Cross
Resuming March 28th, our weekday Friday Mass will take place in the evenings at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Stations of the Cross. Our regular Friday Mass schedule will resume during the Easter season.

Weekday Mass Schedule
A reminder that our regular weekday Mass schedule will resume this week, beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25th.

Parish Pasta Dinner
Join us Sunday, March 30th at 4:30 or 6:30 for our Pasta Dinner fundraiser—pasta by Ennio's. All proceeds will be going towards the needs of the parish. Tickets will be available at all Masses the weekend of

March 23. Tickets are \$25 each for adults, \$10 for children 7–14, children 6 and under free. We will also be having a silent auction. If you would like to make any contributions towards this event, please email Barbara at bmdaly@me.com.

Parish Lenten Confessions
Our Parish Lenten confessions will take place on Tuesday, April 8th following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. We encourage you to take advantage of this sacrament in preparation for the joyous season of Easter.

Anniversary Blessing
Married couples celebrating an anniversary who wish to have their marriage blessed, please contact the parish office to arrange with Fr. Stefano.

Vatican II and Its Four Constitutions
This ongoing five-week series exploring the constitutions of the Second Vatican Council and their impact on the Church is paused until the Easter season to accommodate our weekly Friday evening Mass and Stations of the Cross during Lent. If you would like to join the remaining sessions, please contact the parish office or use the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Diocese Announcements

Parenting Tip of the Month
Parents are the most influential people in their children’s lives. They watch every move, take in every word and see how you navigate the world - then they become the mini version of you, their parents. All the traits they take in become part of who they are for life! Help them to be the best people they can be by looking inward and asking yourself if you are doing enough to raise them to be the adult you would like them to be. If not, change how you interact and help them grow strong in mind, body and spirit. (Family Ministry Office)

Marriage Tip of the Month
March is the start of Lent, a time when we reflect on our faith and our commitment to living as we are called to as disciples of Jesus. It is a perfect time to discuss as a couple how your marriage, considered both a Sacrament and Vocation by the Church, is fulfilling its mandate to be the visible sign of God’s invisible love. Do you strive always to treat each other as God loves, in total self-giving, with mercy and forgiveness acting as strong pillars of your marriage? This Lent, make your Lenten journey a time to pray together and to work as a couple to strengthen one of

the most important parts of your life, your marriage. (Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Young Adults Night
Young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese are welcomed to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and music for Lent as you discern your vocation and as we prepare to celebrate Easter. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food, vocations testimony, Lenten music concert, and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, April 5th at St. Ann’s Church, Hamilton. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. Contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Vocations Recognition Dinner 2025
The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at Liuna Station in Hamilton to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Permanent Deacons, and Consecrated Virgins Living in the World. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$90 per person. To order tickets or for information, send an email to serrahamilton1965@gmail.com. You can pay for your ticket through e-transfer using the same email or you can also pay by credit card using the following link: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>. This event is co-sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass
Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 1, 2025**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 p.m. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is available online at hamiltondiocese.com.

Wisdom of the Saints
“Since we are travellers and pilgrims in the world, let us ever ponder on the end of the road, that is our life, for the end of our roadway is our home.”
– St. Columbanus

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention March 2025
Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.