

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church  
Section Two - I. The Creeds (Part 2)

189 The first "profession of faith" is made during Baptism. the symbol of faith is first and foremost the baptismal creed. Since Baptism is given "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit",<sup>3</sup> The truths of faith professed during Baptism are articulated in terms of their reference to the three persons of the Holy Trinity.

190 and so the Creed is divided into three parts: "the first part speaks of the first divine Person and the wonderful work of creation; the next speaks of the second divine Person and the mystery of his redemption of men; the final part speaks of the third divine Person, the origin and source of our sanctification."<sup>4</sup> These are "the three chapters of our [baptismal] seal".<sup>5</sup>

191 "These three parts are distinct although connected with one another. According to a comparison often used by the Fathers, we call them articles. Indeed, just as in our bodily members there are certain articulations which distinguish and separate them, so too in this profession of faith, the name "articles" has justly and rightly been given to the truths we must believe particularly and distinctly."<sup>6</sup> In accordance with an ancient tradition, already attested to by St. Ambrose, it is also customary to reckon the articles of the Creed as twelve, thus symbolizing the fullness of the apostolic faith by the number of the apostles.<sup>7</sup>

192 Through the centuries many professions or symbols of faith have been articulated in response to the needs of the different eras: the creeds of the different apostolic and ancient Churches,<sup>8</sup> e.g., the Quicumque, also called the Athanasian Creed;<sup>9</sup> The professions of faith of certain Councils, such as Toledo, Lateran, Lyons, Trent;<sup>10</sup> or the symbols of certain popes, e.g., the Fides Damasi<sup>11</sup> or the Credo of the People of God of Paul VI.<sup>12</sup>

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Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar
April 14 – Rev. Tomy Chittinapilly <i>Chrism Mass</i>
April 15 – Rev. Gregory Merkley
April 16 – Oblates of Mary Immaculate, O.M.I
April 17 – <b>Holy Thursday</b>
April 18 – <b>The Passion of the Lord</b>
April 19 – <b>Holy Saturday</b>
April 20 – <b>The Resurrection of the Lord</b>

Mass Intentions April 14, 2025 – April 20, 2025
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 – <b>7:00 p.m.</b> + <b>Nikola Kukac</b> + <b>Adolfo Couto</b> – <i>Fatima Pacheco</i> + <b>Jennifer Ferreira</b> – <i>Citelia Ferreira</i>
Wednesday, April 16, 2025 – <b>7:00 p.m.</b> + <b>Delmar Ferreira</b> – <i>Citelia Ferreira</i>
Thursday, April 17, 2025 – <b>7:00 p.m.</b> <b>Holy Thursday</b>
Saturday, April 19, 2025 – <b>7:00 p.m.</b> <b>Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil</b>
Sunday, April 20, 2025 – <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>

Stewardship Report – April 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	
Sunday Offerings .....	\$ 1,513.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 465.25
Votives.....	\$ 18.50
Share Lent.....	\$ 405.00
Missal Sales.....	\$ 5.00
Flower Donations.....	\$ 60.00
Easter Offerings.....	\$ 25.00
Good Friday Offerings.....	\$ 25.00


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 Retreat – April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
We are excited to announce that we will have the privilege of welcoming Allan Smith as this year’s speaker at our Lenten Retreat on Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>. The retreat schedule is as follows: display and veneration of the relics of the Holy Face (6:30 p.m.), Mass (7:00 p.m.), two talks centered on the themes of Lord Show Us Thy Face and We Shall Be Saved and The Seven Last Words, Calvary and Me, with a short break in between. The retreat will wrap up just before 9:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend this retreat, and all are welcome to join us in preparing our hearts for the celebration of the Easter season.

Holy Tridium Schedule
<b>Holy Thursday</b> , April 17 <sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m.
<b>Good Friday</b> , April 18 <sup>th</sup> – 3:00 p.m. <i>begins with the Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>Easter Vigil</b> , April 19 <sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m.
<b>Easter Sunday</b> , April 20 <sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m.


**Holy Week Mass & Adoration Chapel Schedule**  
A reminder that there will be no Mass on Thursday and Saturday morning this week. The Divine Mercy Chapel will be closed from Thursday at 5:00 p.m. during the Holy Tridium and will reopen on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Office Hours**  
The parish office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. Regular Office hours will resume on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Roses for Life**  
The Knights of Columbus Roses for Life Program will be distributing small roses at parish masses May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. They can be attached to the lapel of jackets or coats. The K of C program is designed to increase awareness of Pro-Life issues. When you receive your rose, and if you wish to donate, please help the Knights support Pro-Life issues.

**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**  
**Chrism Mass**  
This year’s mass of chrism will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 2 p.m. It is always a well-prepared and well-attended event. Parking is at a premium! Oils will be blessed for use at Baptism and for the Sacrament of the Sick, and Sacred Chrism will be consecrated for use at the Sacrament of Confirmation, and for the Dedication of Churches and Altars. During the Mass, Priests will renew their Priestly promises. Thanks to the Cathedral staff and the Diocesan Liturgy Office staff for assuring that all is well-prepared. See you there!

**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](mailto: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. Registration is available online at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

**Wisdom of the Saints**  
“In all our necessities, trials, and difficulties, no better or safer aid exists for us than prayer and hope that God will provide for us by the means he desires.”  
– St. John of the Cross

**Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention  
April 2025**  
For the use of the new technologies: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.