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Diocese of Hamilton**

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Parish Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Office Closed

Weekday Liturgy Schedule

Tuesday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. (Adoration @ 6:00)

Thursday & Friday Mornings: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Morning: 9:00 a.m. (excluding August)

Please check inside for schedule changes.

Saturday Liturgy: 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. **Sunday Liturgy:** 10:00 a.m.

Adoration and Mass: First Friday of each month.

Mass at 7:00 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME! Please introduce yourself to Father Stefano Lee and complete a registration form located in the pamphlet rack at the church doors.

PARISH RECORDS: Our parish records are very important and we try to keep them as up to date as possible. Please advise the Parish Secretary if you change your address or telephone number.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment. Baptisms will be scheduled for the last Sunday of the month. Please contact the pastor to schedule individual baptisms.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

30 min. before Mass; Sat., 4:15-4:45 p.m. No Sunday Confession.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Engaged couples contact Parish Priest one year in advance.

HOSPITAL & HOME VISIT/SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

Please inform the parish office to arrange a pastoral visit. For hospital emergencies, a priest is always on call through the hospitals.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday to Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Divine Mercy Chapel and First Fridays at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

Co-ordinator: Sandra Naklusi - 226-789-1259

PARISH BULLETIN: News items for the bulletin must be into the parish office *in writing* by noon on Sunday.

Vocations: www.vocationinfo.ca

Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton: www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca

PARISH BEQUEST: *Keep your love for your parish alive! Please remember St. Teresa of Avila Parish in your Will and when recommending your expressions of sympathy.*

Prayer to St. Michael, the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church

Section Two – Paragraph 4. The Creator

III. "The World Was Created for the Glory of God"
293 Scripture and Tradition never cease to teach and
celebrate this fundamental truth: "The world was made
for the glory of God."¹³⁴ St. Bonaventure explains that
God created all things "not to increase his glory, but to
show it forth and to communicate it",¹³⁵ for God has no
other reason for creating than his love and goodness:
"Creatures came into existence when the key of love
opened his hand."¹³⁶ The First Vatican Council
explains:

This one, true God, of his own goodness and "almighty
power", not for increasing his own beatitude, nor for
attaining his perfection, but in order to manifest this
perfection through the benefits which he bestows on
creatures, with absolute freedom of counsel "and from
the beginning of time, made out of nothing both orders
of creatures, the spiritual and the corporeal. . ." ¹³⁷

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Mass Intentions

November 24, 2025 – November 30, 2025

Tuesday, November 25, 2025 – **7:00 p.m.**

+ **Nelson Ananyi** – *Joy Ananyi*

Wednesday, November 26, 2025 – **7:00 p.m.**

+ **Stella Lemieux** – *Catholic Women's League*

Thursday, November 27, 2025 – **8:30 a.m.**

Friday, November 28, 2025 – **8:30 a.m.**

Saturday, November 29, 2025

9:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m. – + **Leona & Sheldon Grobe** – *Peter Grobe*

Sunday, November 30, 2025 – **10:00 a.m.**

**Sisters of St. Joseph on the Installation of New
Leadership**

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

November 24 – Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.

November 25 – Rev. Jerek John Scherber, L.C.

November 26 – Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ,
p.j.c.

November 27 – Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.

November 28 – Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.

November 29 – Rev. Rijo Jose, C.M.I.

November 30 – **First Sunday of Advent**

Stewardship Report – November 16th, 2025

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,765.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 287.40
All Souls' Day.....	\$ 50.00
Baptism.....	\$ 145.00
Missal Sales.....	\$ 700.00

Calendar Fundraiser – November 16th, 2025

Calendar Fundraising.....	\$ 700.00
Calendar Fundraising (USD).....	\$ 200.00

**We are most appreciative of your ongoing
prayerful and financial support for our parish,
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. When you are traveling,
please consider switching to E-transfer donations in
your absence.**

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

Parish Announcements

Spirit of Hope Collection

As we approach the end of the Jubilee Year of Hope,
the Diocese has recommended that each parish take up
a special "Spirit of Hope Collection" this month, to be
used to assist the poor in our community. Donations
will be accepted at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday
10:00 a.m. Masses this weekend. Please use the
provided envelopes at the entrances of the church.

Parish Celebration Breakfast – December 7th

Next month, we will celebrate our 70th anniversary
with a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 7th.
Sign-up sheets will be available following the Masses
on the weekends of November 23rd, and 30th, and on
December 6th. Tickets are \$10/adult and \$5/child.
Parishioners are invited to bring photos of past parish
events over the years to be displayed during the
breakfast. If you wish to contribute your photos, please

bring them in an envelope with your name on it to the sign-up table on the weekends leading up to the breakfast.

Parish Calendar Fundraiser

Our parish is once again producing a calendar as part of our fundraising efforts. To support the parish, you can donate to the calendar project along with your prayers. Please contact Fr. Stefano or the parish office for details. Tax receipts will be provided at the end of the year.

Knights of Columbus – Christmas Crafts



The Kitchener Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas-themed wooden decorations after the weekend Masses of November 29th and 30th. This annual

fundraiser is in support of local charities, and we thank you. Cash only, please.

Family Advent Celebration of the Word

On Thursday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the church, we will have a Family Advent Celebration of the Word and Jesse Tree Celebration. All are welcome, with a special invitation to students who will celebrate First Holy Communion in Spring 2026.

First Holy Communion Information Meeting

Parents of children who will be preparing to receive First Holy Communion in Spring 2026 are invited to attend an Information Meeting on **Thursday, December 11th, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.** in the church following the Family Advent Celebration of the Word.

Parish Advent Retreat – December 16th

We are pleased to announce that we will once again have the privilege of welcoming Allan Smith as this year's speaker at our Advent Retreat on Tuesday, December 16th following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. There is no cost to attend this retreat, and all are welcome to join us in preparing our hearts for the celebration of the Christmas season. Detailed schedule to follow.

Parish Advent Penitential Service

As we prepare for the joyful celebration of Christ's nativity, the best way to purify ourselves is through the sacrament of reconciliation. On Wednesday, December 17th, following the 7:00 p.m. Mass, Fr. Murray McDermott will join Fr. Stefano in offering confessions at St. Teresa of Avila Parish in preparation for this joyous season. All are welcome!

Children's Liturgy Schedule

We are currently offering Children's Liturgy on the first and third Sundays of every month! We are still looking for volunteers to help run our Children's Liturgy. Without new volunteers, we will be unable to offer Children's Liturgy every Sunday. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact the parish office.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Fr. Stefano will honour the deceased during November. The Book of Life is placed in front of the altar along with an offering box. Names of the deceased can be written in the Book of Life, and offerings can be made in memory of them.

Divine Mercy Chapel

We have openings in the chapel for Thursdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come and spend a quiet hour with Jesus. Please contact Sandra Nakluski - 226-789-1259.

Anniversary Blessing

Married couples celebrating an anniversary who wish to have their marriage blessed and do vow renewals, please contact the parish office to arrange with Fr. Stefano.

Diocese Announcements

Young Adults Night

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations during the Advent Season. The Young Adults Night begins at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 6th at Holy Cross Church (14400 Argyll Rd, Georgetown, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Wisdom of the Saints

"Love is a marvellous and heavenly thing. It never tires and never thinks that it has done enough."

– St. Robert Bellarmine

The Pope's Prayer Intention for November 2025

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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