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Feast of the Holy Family

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

IV. The Mystery of Creation

God upholds and sustains creation
301 With creation, God does not abandon his creatures
to themselves. He not only gives them being and
existence, but also, and at every moment, upholds and
sustains them in being, enables them to act and brings
them to their final end. Recognizing this utter
dependence with respect to the Creator is a source of
wisdom and freedom, of joy and confidence:

For you love all things that exist, and detest none of
the things that you have made; for you would not have
made anything if you had hated it. How would
anything have endured, if you had not willed it? Or
how would anything not called forth by you have been
preserved? You spare all things, for they are yours, O
Lord, you who love the living.¹⁶⁰

V. God Carries Out His Plan: Divine Providence

302 Creation has its own goodness and proper
perfection, but it did not spring forth complete from
the hands of the Creator. the universe was created "in a
state of journeying" (in statu viae) toward an ultimate
perfection yet to be attained, to which God has
destined it. We call "divine providence" the
dispositions by which God guides his creation toward
this perfection:

By his providence God protects and governs all things
which he has made, "reaching mightily from one end
of the earth to the other, and ordering all things well".
For "all are open and laid bare to his eyes", even those
things which are yet to come into existence through the
free action of creatures.¹⁶¹

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Christmas & Holiday Message

May you have a joyous Christmas and a happy New
Year filled with God's abundant love and blessings!



from
Fr. Stefano & Parish Staff

Mass Intentions

December 29, 2025 – January 4, 2026

Tuesday, December 30, 2025 – **7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 – **5:00 p.m.**

Thursday, January 1, 2026 – **10:00 a.m.**

Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

Friday, January 2, 2025 – **7:00 p.m.**

Saturday, January 3, 2025

9:00 a.m.

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

Sunday, December 28, 2025 – **10:00 a.m.**

Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

December 29 – Rev. Edward Mahony

December 30 – Rev. Francis Hubilla

December 31 – Religious Life Candidates

January 1 – **Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of
God**

January 2 – Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.

January 3 – Very Rev. Adrian Lee

January 4 – **Epiphany of the Lord**

Stewardship Report – December 21st, 2025

To be published in the January 4th bulletin.

**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

Parish Holiday Office Hours

The parish office will be closed until January 1st.
Regular hours will resume on January 2nd.

Holiday Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve

Wednesday, December 31st, 5:00 p.m.



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Years Day)

Thursday, January 1st, 10:00 a.m.



First Friday Mass – January 2nd

A reminder that our First Friday Mass will take place in the evening of January 2nd at 7:00 p.m., with a Holy Hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Mass. There will be no 8:30 a.m. Mass.

2026 Parish Calendars

Our 2026 parish calendars are available for \$15 each at the back of the church!

Christmas Cards

Our parish Christmas cards are now available at the back of the church in six different varieties for \$25 for a pack of twelve.

2026 Giving Envelopes

Remember to pick up your 2026 Giving Envelopes for next year! If you do not have envelopes and wish to start using them, please contact the parish office.

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. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact the parish office.

Divine Mercy Chapel

We have openings in the chapel for Mondays at 3:00 p.m., Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m., and Thursdays at 2:00 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

Christmas Young Adults Night

During the Christmas Season, 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. The Young Adults Night begins at 6:30 p.m. on **Saturday, January 3rd** at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Reel Justice Film Festival

The Reel Justice Film Festival is back with another year of enlightening films and meaningful dialogue! Our lineup for 2026 explores topics of housing insecurity, intellectual freedom, Indigenous rights, and ecological debt. Visit us online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> to view our full event schedule, learn more about our films, and register for screenings.

Marriage Tip

Marriage is a journey that two people undertake with a plan to navigate life together. When researchers investigate what makes the journey both long and happy, many things come into play, but a strong one is repeated by most: "I married my best friend." It is good to ask yourself then, are you being a good friend to your spouse? Do you spend time together, share parts of your day, invite them to share in an event with you, watch a movie together, or even a series that can become together time? Do you call once in awhile to say hello during the time you are not together and plan time for your spouse in your agenda – everyday? Are you patient when they make a mistake, are not perfect, or let you down? Friendships thrive and last in this kind of environment, so make friendship a foundation of your marriage.

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Wisdom of the Saints

"Remember the sufferings of Christ and the crown that came from those sufferings which gave new radiance to the faith. The whole company of saints bears witness to the unailing truth that without real effort no one wins the crown."

– St. Thomas Beckett

The Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2025

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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