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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.

Weekday Liturgy Schedule

Tuesday Evening: 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m.
Thursday & Friday Mornings: 8:30 a.m.
Saturday Morning: 9:00 a.m. (excluding August)
Please check inside for schedule changes.

**Wednesday:
Office Closed**

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 Nakluski - 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.*

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church

Paragraph 4. The Creator

V. God Carries Out His Plan: Divine Providence (Part 3)

Providence and secondary causes

306 God is the sovereign master of his plan. But to carry it out he also makes use of his creatures' co-operation. This use is not a sign of weakness, but rather a token of almighty God's greatness and goodness. For God grants his creatures not only their existence, but also the dignity of acting on their own, of being causes and principles for each other, and thus of co-operating in the accomplishment of his plan.

307 To human beings God even gives the power of freely sharing in his providence by entrusting them with the responsibility of "subduing" the earth and having dominion over it.¹⁶⁸ God thus enables men to be intelligent and free causes in order to complete the work of creation, to perfect its harmony for their own good and that of their neighbours. Though often unconscious collaborators with God's will, they can also enter deliberately into the divine plan by their actions, their prayers and their sufferings.¹⁶⁹ They then fully become "God's fellow workers" and co-workers for his kingdom.¹⁷⁰

308 The truth that God is at work in all the actions of his creatures is inseparable from faith in God the Creator. God is the first cause who operates in and through secondary causes: "For God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure."¹⁷¹ Far from diminishing the creature's dignity, this truth enhances it. Drawn from nothingness by God's power, wisdom and goodness, it can do nothing if it is cut off from its origin, for "without a Creator the creature vanishes."¹⁷² Still less can a creature attain its ultimate end without the help of God's grace.¹⁷³

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Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar	
January 12 – Rev. Scott Whitfield	
January 13 – Rev. Stanley Nwokeji	
January 14 – Sisters of St. John the Baptist, C.S.J.B.	
January 15 – Rev. Peter Robinson	
January 16 – Rev. James Petrie	
January 17 – Married Couples	
January 18 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	

Mass Intentions	
January 12, 2026 – January 18, 2026	
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.	
Wednesday, January 14, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.	+ Delmar Ferreira – Citelia Ferreira
Thursday, January 15, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.	
Friday, January 16, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.	
Saturday, January 17, 2026	9:00 a.m.
	5:00 p.m. – + Leona & Sheldon Grobe – Peter Grobe
Sunday, January 18, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.	
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish	

Stewardship Report – December 28th, 2025	
Sunday Offerings	\$ 890.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 814.60
Christmas Offerings.....	\$ 3,905.00
2025 Coffee Sunday & Church Dinners.....	\$ 650.00
Missal Sales.....	\$ 5.00
Baptism Donation.....	\$ 100.00
Votives.....	\$ 80.60
Stewardship Report – January 4th, 2026	
Sunday Offerings	\$ 4,255.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 206.50
Initial Offerings.....	\$ 300.00
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.....	\$ 760.00
Votives.....	\$ 40.35
December Direct Deposit Donations.....	\$ 1,224.00
December E-transfer Donations.....	\$ 675.00
December Hall Rental.....	\$ 350.00
December CanadaHelps Donations.....	\$ 168.83

Calendar Fundraiser – December 28th, 2025	
Calendar Sales.....	\$ 70.00
Calendar Fundraiser – January 4th, 2026	
Calendar Donations.....	\$ 100.00

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

Full Acceptance into the Holy Catholic Church

On Wednesday, December 24th at the Christmas Eve Mass:

Carlos Branco
Zachary Capone
Melissa Cruz
Lisa-Marie Cummings
Milan Singh
Sharmila Vivekanadan

entered into full acceptance in the Holy Catholic Church.
Congratulations and welcome to our community!

School Mass – January 15th

Our St. Teresa School students will celebrate Mass at 10:30 a.m. on January 15th in the church to usher in the New Year. All are welcome; there will be no 8:30 a.m. Mass.

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.

2026 Parish Calendars

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

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

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.

Ministers Of the Word

The Diocese of Hamilton provides formation for Ministers of the Word to exercise a very important ministry at Mass. In this workshop, participants receive formation in *Liturgy and Ministry, Techniques to Proclaim the Word of God, and an opportunity to practice*. It is ideal for both parishioners new to this ministry or considering it, as well as a good refresher for experienced Ministers of the Word. There is always good participant sharing. Participation is limited to 75 people. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. *Saturday, January 24, 2026, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.* Participants register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

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. The Young Adults Night begins at 6:30 p.m. on **Saturday, February 7th at the St. Michael's Church, Waterloo ON**. Sponsored by the Vocations. For more information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Enhancing Self-Esteem

This program provides the opportunity to increase awareness of yourself and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem. It can help you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will run **Tuesdays from Feb. 17 – April 21** from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Registration online can be found by going to hamiltondiocese.com and looking for the date under Upcoming Events

Wisdom of the Saints

“Prayer is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself.”

– St. John Mary Vianney

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for January 2026

For prayer with the Word of God:

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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