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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 4)

Providence and the scandal of evil

309 If God the Father almighty, the Creator of the ordered and good world, cares for all his creatures, why does evil exist? To this question, as pressing as it is unavoidable and as painful as it is mysterious, no quick answer will suffice. Only Christian faith as a whole constitutes the answer to this question: the goodness of creation, the drama of sin and the patient love of God who comes to meet man by his covenants, the redemptive Incarnation of his Son, his gift of the Spirit, his gathering of the Church, the power of the sacraments and his call to a blessed life to which free creatures are invited to consent in advance, but from which, by a terrible mystery, they can also turn away in advance. There is not a single aspect of the Christian message that is not in part an answer to the question of evil.

310 But why did God not create a world so perfect that no evil could exist in it? With infinite power God could always create something better.¹⁷⁴ But with infinite wisdom and goodness God freely willed to create a world "in a state of journeying" towards its ultimate perfection. In God's plan this process of becoming involves the appearance of certain beings and the disappearance of others, the existence of the more perfect alongside the less perfect, both constructive and destructive forces of nature. With physical good there exists also physical evil as long as creation has not reached perfection.¹⁷⁵

311 Angels and men, as intelligent and free creatures, have to journey toward their ultimate destinies by their free choice and preferential love. They can therefore go astray. Indeed, they have sinned. Thus has moral evil, incommensurably more harmful than physical evil, entered the world. God is in no way, directly or indirectly, the cause of moral evil.¹⁷⁶ He permits it, however, because he respects the freedom of his creatures and, mysteriously, knows how to derive good from it:

For almighty God. . . , because he is supremely good, would never allow any evil whatsoever to exist in his works if he were not so all-powerful and good as to cause good to emerge from evil itself.¹⁷⁷

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Mass Intentions

January 19, 2026 – January 25, 2026

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 22, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

Friday, January 23, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 24, 2026

9:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m. – + Brenda Haskins – Lee Binkle

Sunday, January 25, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

January 19 – Rev. Donald Wilhelm

January 20 – Rev. Arpee Nicolas Urquico

January 21 – Hospitaller Order of St. John of God, O.H.

January 22 – Rev. Guillermo Diaz

January 23 – Rev. Paul Edmondstone

January 24 – Rev. Grzegorz Ogorzalek

January 25 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Report – January 11th, 2026

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,456.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 198.40
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.....	\$ 5.00
Initial Offerings.....	\$ 105.00
Votives.....	\$ 4.95

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 Jubilee Collection

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the “Spirit of Hope Collection” in November 2025. Proceeds have been sent to the Tiny Home Takeout program at St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows to support those in need in our community. The Tiny Home Takeout program focuses on providing food to people who are struggling or unsheltered.

Survey Notice for Adjusting Mass Times

Dear Parishioners,

We are considering shifting our Sunday Mass time from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM or 11:00 AM. The idea is to allow everyone a bit more relaxed time on Sunday mornings and to give families a chance to enjoy a meal together after Mass.

We'd love to hear your feedback. Please use the stickers provided on the board at the church entrance to indicate your preferred time. If we decide to change the Mass time based on the survey, we'll have a three-week trial period to settle into the new schedule.

Thank you for your participation and cooperation!

Legion of Mary

We are excited to introduce the Legion of Mary in in our parish. The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolate bringing its active members to deepen their holiness through prayer and works of mercy in the Parish. Auxiliary members lift these works to Jesus through our Blessed Mother with their commitment to prayer. We will be at your Parish the weekend of January 31st and February 1st, for signups and to share more about the Legion. We look forward to talking with you and having you join us. Our come and see meeting will be on Wednesday, February 11th following evening Mass. For more information, please contact Sr. Lisa Cleasby, Curia President at 519-572-2618 or lamcleasby@hotmail.com.

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 to 4:00 p.m., Thursdays at 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., and Fridays at 3:00 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

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 St. Michael's Church, Waterloo ON**. Sponsored by the Vocations For more information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Wisdom of the Saints

“Death blossomed in paradise, but was slain on the cross.”

– St. John Chrysostom

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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