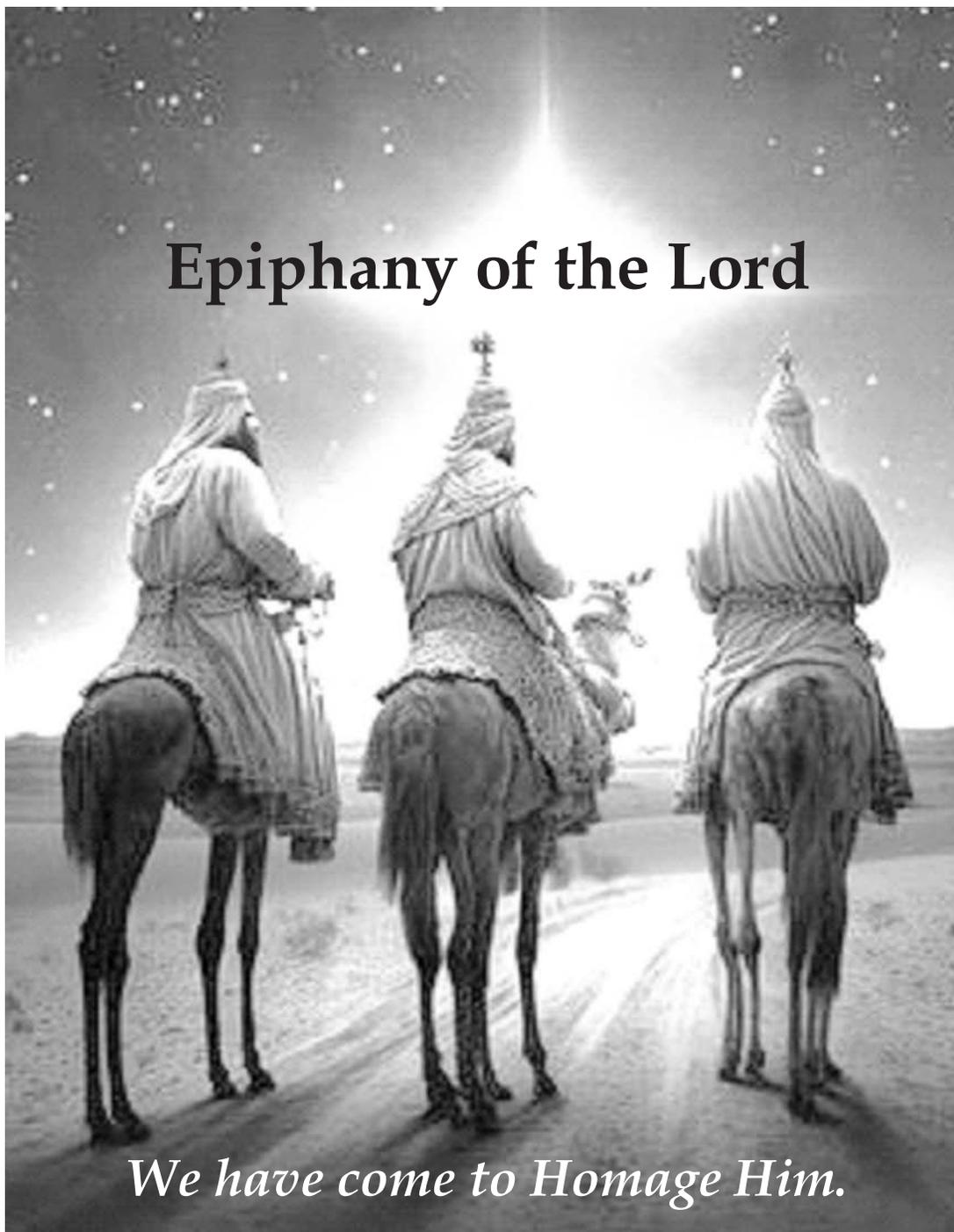


# *St. Teresa of Avila Parish*

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## **Epiphany of the Lord**



*We have come to Homage Him.*

**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**

**Paragraph 4. The Creator**

V. God Carries Out His Plan: Divine Providence (Part 2)

303 The witness of Scripture is unanimous that the solicitude of divine providence is concrete and immediate; God cares for all, from the least things to the great events of the world and its history. the sacred books powerfully affirm God's absolute sovereignty over the course of events: "Our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he pleases."<sup>162</sup> and so it is with Christ, "who opens and no one shall shut, who shuts and no one opens".<sup>163</sup> As the book of Proverbs states: "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will be established."<sup>164</sup>

304 And so we see the Holy Spirit, the principal author of Sacred Scripture, often attributing actions to God without mentioning any secondary causes. This is not a "primitive mode of speech", but a profound way of recalling God's primacy and absolute Lordship over history and the world,<sup>165</sup> and so of educating his people to trust in him. the prayer of the Psalms is the great school of this trust.<sup>166</sup>

305 Jesus asks for childlike abandonment to the providence of our heavenly Father who takes care of his children's smallest needs: "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" . . . Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."<sup>167</sup>

Taken from: [vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_INDEX.HTM](http://vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM)

*New Year's Message*

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

from  
*Fr. Stefano & Parish Staff*

**Mass Intentions**

**January 5, 2026 – January 11, 2026**

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 – **7:00 p.m.**

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

+ **Delmar Ferreira – Citelia Ferreira**

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

**The Intentions of the Goveia Family – Citelia Ferreira**

Friday, January 9, 2026 – **8:30 a.m.**

Saturday, January 10, 2026

**9:00 a.m.**

**5:00 p.m.**

Sunday, January 11, 2026 – **10:00 a.m.**

**Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

**Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar**

January 5 – Rev. Mark Morley

January 6 – Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen

January 7 – Diocesan Priests

January 8 – Rev. Pierre Luc, S.J.

January 9 – Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz

January 10 – Rev. Raymond Reitzel

January 11 – **Baptism of the Lord**

**Stewardship Report – December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

Sunday Offerings .....	\$ 1,429.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 552.50
Christmas Offerings.....	\$ 670.00
Hall Rental.....	\$ 500.00
Flowers.....	\$ 5.00
Spirit of Hope Collection.....	\$ 20.00

**Stewardship Report – December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

*To be published in the January 11<sup>th</sup> bulletin.*

**Calendar Fundraiser – December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

Calendar Fundraising.....	\$ 567.27
<i>Total fundraised was \$13,748.14</i>	
Calendar Sales.....	\$ 45.00

**Christmas Cards Fundraiser – December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

Christmas Card Sales.....	\$ 185.00
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**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**

#### **Coffee Sunday – January 11<sup>th</sup>**

Our first Coffee Sunday of the new year will be held on January 11<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We invite you to join our parish community in celebrating the start of 2026!

#### **2026 Parish Calendars**

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

#### **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**

#### **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)

#### **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](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and looking for the date under Upcoming Events, or by contacting Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or at [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

#### **Wisdom of the Saints**

“The name of Jesus is more than a light, it is also food. Do you not feel increase of strength as often as you remember it?”

– St. Bernard of Clairvaux

#### **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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