

Series – Catechism of the Catholic Church

Paragraph 7. The Fall

II. Original Sin
 Freedom put to the test
 396 God created man in his image and established him in his friendship. A spiritual creature, man can live this friendship only in free submission to God. the prohibition against eating "of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil" spells this out: "for in the day that you eat of it, you shall die."²⁷⁶ The "tree of the knowledge of good and evil"²⁷⁷ symbolically evokes the insurmountable limits that man, being a creature, must freely recognize and respect with trust. Man is dependent on his Creator, and subject to the laws of creation and to the moral norms that govern the use of freedom.

Man's first sin
 397 Man, tempted by the devil, let his trust in his Creator die in his heart and, abusing his freedom, disobeyed God's command. This is what man's first sin consisted of.²⁷⁸ All subsequent sin would be disobedience toward God and lack of trust in his goodness.

398 In that sin man preferred himself to God and by that very act scorned him. He chose himself over and against God, against the requirements of his creaturely status and therefore against his own good. Created in a state of holiness, man was destined to be fully "divinized" by God in glory. Seduced by the devil, he wanted to "be like God", but "without God, before God, and not in accordance with God".²⁷⁹

399 Scripture portrays the tragic consequences of this first disobedience. Adam and Eve immediately lose the grace of original holiness.²⁸⁰ They become afraid of the God of whom they have conceived a distorted image - that of a God jealous of his prerogatives.²⁸¹

400 The harmony in which they had found themselves, thanks to original justice, is now destroyed: the control of the soul's spiritual faculties over the body is shattered; the union of man and woman becomes subject to tensions, their relations henceforth marked by lust and domination.²⁸² Harmony with creation is broken: visible creation has become alien and hostile to man.²⁸³ Because of man, creation is now subject "to its bondage to decay".²⁸⁴ Finally, the consequence explicitly foretold for this disobedience will come true: man will "return to the ground",²⁸⁵ for out of it he was taken. Death makes its entrance into human history.²⁸⁶

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Mass Intentions April 27, 2026 – May 3, 2026	
Tuesday, April 28, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.	
Wednesday, April 29, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.	+ Leone & William Gough – Stephen Woodsworth
Thursday, April 30, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.	
Friday, May 1, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.	
Saturday, May 2, 2026	9:00 a.m.
	5:00 p.m. – + Ludwig & David Ceh – Theresa Ceh
Sunday, May 3, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.	
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish	

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar	
April 27 – Rev. Robert Kiffman	
April 28 – Rev. Francis Noronha, C.S.C.	
April 29 – Order of St. Augustine, O.S.A.	Vocations Recognition Dinner
April 30 – Rev. Alberto Ferreira	
May 1 – Rev. Michael King	International Workers Day
May 2 – Gary Schlack	
May 3 – Fifth Sunday of Easter	

Stewardship Report – April 19 th , 2026	
Sunday Offerings.....	\$ 1,480.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$ 175.25
Baptism Donation.....	\$ 100.00
Votives.....	\$ 59.00
Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.....	\$ 75.00

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

Lectio Divina

Our parish is providing weekly copies of the Lectio Divina for parishioners. If you are interested, please take a copy from the counter in the Narthex. Copies are made available on Tuesdays or Wednesdays every week.

First Friday Mass – May 1st

A reminder that our First Friday Mass will take place in the evening of May 6th 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.

First Holy Communion Interviews

First Holy Communion Student Interviews are taking place from May 5th to 7th. If your child is registered to receive this sacrament, please be sure to schedule a time with Fr. Stefano to move forward with preparation for First Holy Communion.

Roses for Life Campaign

The Kitchener Knights of Columbus will be distributing small embroidered roses after the weekend masses May 2nd and 3rd. The funds raised from your donation in the Roses for Life Campaign will assist our Council in providing financial support to local Pro-Life agencies. They can be attached to jacket lapels, coats, or purses. Your support is most appreciated.



Spring Cleanup

The Kitchener Knights of Columbus announces the return of its annual Spring Clean Up on Saturday May 2nd from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at the St. Anthony Daniel Church parking lot at Ottawa St N and Franklin St N, Kitchener. Bring your old electronics, televisions, computers, laptops and cell phones. We also accept any scrap metal, including copper, stainless steel and brass; even your old kitchen sink.

Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation Changes

Parish confession times have been updated to reflect our parish needs. Confessions will now be offered from 6:30 to 6:50 p.m. on Wednesdays and 8:30 to 8:50 a.m. and 4:30 to 4:50 p.m. on Saturdays.

Connecting with a Priest While in Hospital

Parishioners who are hospitalized and require a priest are encouraged to notify the hospital nurses, who will connect you with the chaplain. If the chaplain unavailable, they will help you connect with the on-call priest. If the on-call priest is unavailable, please contact Fr. Stefano by calling (519) 743-4525 and dialing either line.

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.

World Youth Day Delegations

At this time we are looking for parish delegations (ages 18-35) to go to WYD, as well as donations to support. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Stefano.

Diocese Announcements

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events at hamiltondiocese.com, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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 begins at 6:30pm on **Saturday, May 2nd** at the Saint Benedict Church (300 Yates Drive, Milton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

World Youth Day Seoul 2027

The young people of the world have begun their preparations to meet with the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV at the 41st International Celebration of World Youth Day, Seoul, South Korea. To learn more about this pilgrimage of faith, visit: <https://wydseoul.org/en>. Join us in praying for all young people discerning their participation from our Diocese.

Wisdom of the Saints	
"Take care, above all things, not to insult God's boundless loving kindness."	
– St. Aloysius Gonzaga	

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for April 2026	
For priests in crisis:	
Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.	