



Saint Dominic Parish Newsletter / Bulletin
THIRD SUNDAY in ADVENT – December 13, 2020



SAINT DOMINIC PARISH LITURGIES

THIRD WEEK IN ADVENT

December 14 - 20

Tuesday, December 15

8:30 a.m. + Bert Costello

Wednesday, December 16

8:30 a.m. Int. Fr. Roshan D'Souza

Thursday, December 17

8:30 a.m. + Violeta Lecuesta

Friday, December 18

8:30 a.m. + Jane Donaldson

9-10 a.m. **Adoration Hour**

6 -7 p.m. Advent Reconciliation

FOURTH SUNDAY in ADVENT

Saturday, December 19

4 – 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5 p.m.

+ Mr/Mrs Badovinac
 + Ivan Cesar
 + Mr/Mrs Jelenic
 + Tony Jelenic
 + Nilda Lecuesta
 + Gerald McGraw
 Int Frank & Kathy Pacifici
 + Albert Sequeira
 + Frank Suklje

Sunday, December 20

9 a.m. Intentions

11 a.m. of Parishioners

***Reserve Your Place Now
 for Christmas Day Masses***

As of Friday December 11, reservations were closed for the 5:45 and 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Masses – capacity for the church was reached.

- Note: A few places are still available for the midnight Mass which begins at 11:30 p.m.
- And, online reservations remain open for **Christmas Day Masses - 8:30, 10:15 a.m. and 12 noon.**

Admittance to St. Dominic Church for these Christmas Day and Christmas Eve Masses require you to make online reservation at www.saintdominic.ca **But do it now!** Capacity is limited due to Covid restrictions.

A few spots also are still open for the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass for seniors and those with compromised immunity. Call the parish office to reserve a spot at this special 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.



The **Knights of Columbus Council 3881** once again has lawn signs available for purchase. They are the same design 15"x24" **Keep Christ in Christmas** signs that have been distributed in past years. If you are interested in purchasing one, contact Brian O'Connor occonnor.brian.boc@gmail.com and we will arrange to deliver a sign to you in a safe manner. Thank you for your support.



**Let us prepare our hearts
 To receive God's son.
 As we light the third candle, we
 pray:**

**"Lord thank you for the gift of hope in faith.
 We give you all our struggles this day.
 May we always find hope and help
 in your son, Jesus. Amen"**

VOCATIONS

"See I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." . If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at (905) 528-7988 email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

FOOD DONATIONS BOX

The Oakville Food Bank is especially in need of food donations to assist clients effected by recent lockdowns. Items most needed are posted on Food Share's website at: <https://oakvillefoodbank.com/needed-items> Donations of non-perishable foods may be left in the Food Box in the Parish Centre. These items are delivered weekly to the Food Bank by Danny McBride.



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Sisters of the Poor of Jesus Christ Lead Conquest & Challenge Discussion

What does it mean “to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus.” Last Tuesday evening, the Sisters of the Poor of Jesus Christ helped Conquest and Challenge boys and girls unpack this important dictate.




The Sisters told the youth that, “Just as all the hustle and bustle begins to prepare for Christmas Day, preparing gifts and preparing our homes with decorations, even more so we must prepare our hearts to receive Jesus when he comes to us.”

Blessings Boxes

As a way to begin preparing our hearts, the Conquest and Challenge groups made Blessing Boxes. While we all are used to receiving gifts, the blessing boxes are a way for individuals to give back to Jesus. By taking their boxes home, the boys and girls can fill their blessing boxes with everything for which they are grateful. Then, they can put the box under their tree or next to their Nativity scene at home as a way to give thanks to God for all the blessings in their lives. The group looks forward to seeing pictures of the youngsters’ ideas which will be shared through our social media platforms.

Join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall for our Christmas Bonanza! To learn more about St. Dominic’s Youth Ministry, please visit our website:

www.saintdominic.ca/youth and be sure to follow us

-  on Facebook and Instagram!
-  @saintdominicym
-  @saintdominicym



Covid Angel Challenge

Spread some creative joy this Advent and Christmas season! Using whatever materials you have at home, create your own Covid Angel. Then share your angel by emailing a photo to



Michael@saintdominic.ca The photos will be shared on the parish and youth websites. To inspire your creativity, the angel above was made using just two covid masks and string. It now hangs in the office. We look forward to seeing what you create. Let us rejoice in hope for the *coming of Christ and spread the joy of this season!*



Meetings Calendar



Tuesday Dec 15	6:15 p.m.	Conquest/Challenge Christmas Bonanza	Auditorium
Wed. Dec 16	10 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Auditorium
	7:30 pm	Zumba	Auditorium
Friday Dec 18	9 a.m.	Men’s Scripture	Rectory Meeting Room
Saturday Dec 19	9:30 am	Zumba	Auditorium
Sunday Dec 20	12 noon	R.C.I.A.	Rectory Meeting Room

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, December 14	Rev. Godwin Pinto
Tuesday, December 15	Rev. Ronald Hodara
Wednesday, December 16	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer
Thursday, December 17	Rev. Edward Henhoeffler
Friday, December 18	Rev. John Schnurr
Saturday, December 19	Rev Jack Kryn



St. Dominic Angel Tree 2020

Help Saint. Dominic Parish recognize the many who have no one with whom to celebrate or are financially disadvantaged.



This year share your goodwill with a **gift certificate** enclosed in a Christmas card with an anonymous personal holiday message of good cheer. Gift certificates that utilize local retailers – grocery, drug stores, restaurants & coffee shops and other nearby shops – will allow recipients can walk to redeem their special gifts.

Place your gift in the “Angel Lantern” on the sanctuary steps near the Cantor’s Lectern.

December PARENTING TIP

Christmas during COVID will change many of our traditional outings and gatherings as a family, but we still can easily take part in our faith traditions.

Centering on our celebration of the birth of Christ is a great way to remind our children that Christmas for Catholics is the same this year as in other years.

During Advent set up an Advent wreath and each week pray and talk about what each candle represents: hope, peace, joy and love; read the story of the Nativity (more than once!) and set one up in your home; adorn the tree with symbols of the faith; attend Mass and reflect on the readings each week, especially on Christmas Day. The joy of Christmas is not gone because of COVID since Christmas reminds us of something that will never change. *God’s great love for each of us.*

Advent / Christmas Liturgies

Advent Reconciliation

Saturday, December 12 3 - 4 p.m.
Friday, December 18 6 – 7 p.m.

Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24

**Seniors & those with
compromised health 4 p. m.**

Children’s Mass 5:45 p.m.

Youth Mass 7:30 p.m.

Midnight Mass 11:30 p.m.

Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Day

**Friday, December 25 8:30 a.m.
10:15 a.m.
12 noon**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 26 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 27 9 a.m.

11 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

Thursday, December 31 – New Year’s Eve 5 p.m.

Friday, January 1 – New Year’s Day 10 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 2 5 p.m.

Sunday, January 3 9 a.m.

11 a.m.

The newsletter is posted weekly on our website. Please email submissions, requests and/or suggestions to: office@saintdominic.ca

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. to noon; 1 to 4 p.m.

Mass schedule: Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 5 p.m.

Sunday 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4-4:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism The sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated once monthly after the 11 a.m. Mass. Preparation is provided. Kindly contact the Parish Office at least two months before the desired date.

Sacrament of Marriage Please contact the parish office **one year** before the desired date.