



Saint Dominic Parish Newsletter / Bulletin
SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME – January 17, 2021



SAINT DOMINIC PARISH LITURGIES

During the current Ontario Lockdown, there are no public Masses celebrated at Saint Dominic Church.

However, Fr. Ranjan celebrates private daily Masses.

Intentions for these Masses include:

Sunday, January 17

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 a.m. online <http://saintdominic.ca>

Intentions of Parishioners

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| Tuesday, January 19 | Int. Merci Taison |
| Wednesday, January 20 | + D'Souza family |
| Thursday, January 21 | + Georgina Bourke |
| Friday, January 22 | Int. O'Donnell family |
| Saturday, January 23 | Int Lisa Castro |
| | + Monte Maldezey |
| | + Samir Rafauli |
| | + Rick & Piet Schuurmans |
| | + Jo & Nely Ypelaar |

Sunday, January 24

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 a.m. online <http://saintdominic.ca>

Intentions of Parishioners

St. Dominic Completes Parish Computer Network Upgrade

Over the past several years, Saint Dominic Parish has increasingly embraced the internet, email, and on-site IT resources to serve parishioners and to support its pastoral mission within the community.

As part of a 2020 parish digital transformation initiative, Father Ranjan led a team of parish volunteers to maximize the benefits of our existing infrastructure and enable a seamless transition to the latest technologies. The following goals and objectives of the project included:

- *Ensure data security and improve the reliability of parish business operations.*
- *Achieve cost savings through automation and use of "IT Best Practices" for small organizations.*
- *Reduce office software expenses while ensuring access to the latest/most secure software versions.*
- *Facilitate continuing church life community activities through improved technology infrastructure.*

IT project management consulting, new networking equipment, installation services and setup were all donated to the parish. These elements enabled new website hosting, migration of the parish office accounting and business systems to Cloud based services, and a new parish-wide wireless network. The rewiring alone covered weeks and many long-hour workdays throughout the parish complex. The new network covers the entire rectory, church, parish centre, classrooms, and outside areas all of which are now available for staff, parishioners and guests.

(Just check your phone's Wi-Fi the next time you are at St. Dominic – just not during Fr Ranjan's sermon...)

The newly installed network infrastructure also helps ensure the security, performance, and cost effectiveness of our IT systems as we continue to grow in the use of these technologies in these most difficult times.

Special thanks go to Mike Strecker who managed the overall project with Father Ranjan. Together they removed outdated wiring and restrung new throughout the complex. Mike moved to Canada just over 20 years ago from the United States. Along with his wife Kathy, the Streckers moved to Oakville and joined the parish five years ago.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Mrs. Flora Formosi, mother of the late Monsignor Roger Formosi, died on January 3, 2021 at the age of 101. Interment has taken place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; a Funeral liturgy will take place at a later date.

Miranda Pellegrin, a St. Dominic parishioner since 1959. Following a graveside service January 11, she was interred at St. Jude Cemetery.

Gerald Fox, passed away January 5. For many years prior to pandemic lockdowns, Gerald helped coordinate and facilitate Sunday liturgies led by St. Dominic lay ministers for seniors at OSCR. We will miss you Gerald.



Welcome **Olivia Lucie Andrée Van der Hayden** who was baptized January 10 following the Mass of the Baptism of the Lord. Olivia is the daughter of Tara André Sophie Van der Heyden, right.

Above, Olivia is shown with her godfather André Van der Heyden and held by her godmother Kim Mellikow, with her cousin Audrey Van der Heyden, front right.



***Abide in my love, and
 And you shall bear much fruit***

A week of prayer for **Christian Unity** is traditionally celebrated **January 18 –25**, which, this year, is in the middle of a pandemic lockdown.

Although we are under a stay-home order, you can take part in this traditional celebration of prayer via: <http://www.christianunity.va/content/unitacristiani/en.html>

The Monastic Community of Grandchamp prepared the texts for prayer throughout the week. Each day focuses on a specific theme taken from the Biblical Text for 2021 which is John 15:1-17. The theme, taken from that passage is: *Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit (John 15:5-9).*



***Meetings Continue
 via Zoom***

While the R.C.I.A. group cannot meet in person, the group continues to meet weekly via Zoom. Through talks, instructions, prayer and guidance committed adults are led by the R.C.I.A. team through a journey of understanding and accepting the Catholic Christian Faith. If you are considering this or know someone who might be interested, please contact Father Ranjan D'Sa or Brian Thornton at the Parish Office. All are welcome



*Happy moments,
 praise God
 Difficult moments,
 seek God
 Quiet moments,
 worship God
 Painful moments,
 trust God
 Every moment,
 thank God.*

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, January 18	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
Tuesday, January 19	Rev. Sam Restivo
Wednesday, January 20	Youth Ministers
Thursday, January 21	Rev. David Perrin
Friday, January 22	Rev. Robert Bulbrook
Saturday, January 23	Rev. Timothy Higgins

FOOD BANK

There is always a need!

Please drop off food donations at the rectory or go online to make monetary donations directly to <https://oakvillefoodbank.com/needed-items/> Donations of will be gratefully appreciated by the Oakville Food Bank.



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VOCATIONS

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood or religious life? If you feel God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at (905) 528-7988 email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Contributions 2021

Please consider your individual and collective responsibility for the upkeep of our parish facilities, the support of our parish staff and the promotion of God's reign through the many education outreach activities of our parish.

Sunday offering envelopes for 2021 are available at the Parish Office for all who are currently using envelopes. Call the office 905 827 2373 to arrange pickup.

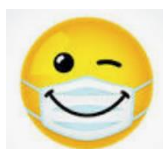
Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) is an alternate to envelopes. It is used by many parishioners to contribute to our parish. You can join them. The system has been in operation in our parish for the last 10 years. For more information, see our website or call the office.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income tax receipts will be issued to all parishioners who were envelope users and those who participated in our PAD program during 2020. Receipts will be mailed at the end of February 2021 and will be issued for donations received between January 2, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

SMILE

Little boy to his mother
 "I think that saying 'Amen'
 is like the pressing the send button
 for my prayers"



Church Currently Closed

Saint Dominic Church, along with all parishes in the Hamilton Diocese, remains closed for the duration of the current Ontario lockdown.

- The Parish Office is closed but will be open for emergencies. Queries? Leave a telephone message.
- Conquest and Challenge and other regular meetings are cancelled until further notice.
- **No public Masses will be celebrated at St. Dominic Church during the lockdown.**

However, a St. Dominic Mass will be broadcast live at 10 a.m. each Sunday. To participate online at this Mass, go to our website <https://saintdominic.ca/>

You may also view previous St. Dominic Masses which have been broadcast online. List and links: <https://www.youtube.com/saintdominicparishoakville>

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

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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.