



Saint Dominic Parish Newsletter / Bulletin
SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Sunday, February 14

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 a.m. online at: saintdominic.ca

Intentions of Parishioners

Tuesday, February 16 private Mass
 + John da Silva

Saint Dominic Church reopens
Ash Wednesday. See schedule
below & details, page 2

February, 17 Ash Wednesday
8:30 a.m. church +John Garfield DaSilva
7 p.m. church +Stanislaw Zurek

Thursday, February 18
8:30 a.m. church Int. Nelson Pinheiro

Friday, February 19
8:30 a.m. church Int. Dave Pinheiro

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 20
4 – 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation
5 p.m. Mass – church + William Dale
 + Mary Louise Clarke
 + Monte Meldazey
 + Samir Rafauli
 + Eileen Shave

Sunday, February 21
9 a.m. Intentions
11 a.m. of Parishioners

Celebrate Ash Wednesday Virtually
In Your Home with Our Bishop

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021, begins the Holy Season of Lent. The Hamilton Diocesan Office for Evangelization and Catechesis and the Diocesan Office for Liturgy have prepared an Ash Wednesday program that can be celebrated at home – with the Gospel proclamation and a brief reflection by His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby.

Parents may bless their children by tracing the Sign of the Cross on their foreheads, marking the beginning of the annual Lenten journey. In addition to the liturgy, a resource sheet for families encourages a prayerful observance of this Holy Season. For more information and additional resources for celebrating Lent in pandemic times, please see our Diocesan website: hamiltondiocese.com/lent2021



40 Days to Grace & Glory

Pandemic restrictions may still curtail our local, in person traditional services. But that doesn't mean skipping Lenten practices. Here's an excellent program for your daily participation right in your own home.

This Lent, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for **Daily Lenten Reflections**. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the

daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your life. This free service comes from the Augustine Institute which aims to help Catholics understand, live, and share their faith.



President of the Augustine Institute, Tim Gray is a well known Catholic speaker and author. He received an MA from Franciscan University of Steubenville, ThM from Duke University, and PhD in Biblical Studies from Catholic University of America. Under Dr. Gray's leadership, the Augustine Institute has created popular programs including Symbolon, a comprehensive program of faith formation for adults, FORMED, a digital platform with Catholic film, ebooks, and audio talks, and Signs of Grace, a sacramental preparation program for children. He is the author of several books including Peter: Keys to Following Jesus and Praying Scripture for a Change: An Introduction to Lectio Divina.

To sign up for these free daily Lenten reflections, click on this link <https://formed.org/lent>. Submit your email address. Lenten reflections will begin on Ash Wednesday.

More Lenten Opportunities – see page 3



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Two kinds of love are on display in the month of February this year – one on **Valentine’s Day** celebrating romantic love and one on February 17, **Ash Wednesday**, celebrating the infinite love of a merciful God. When we recognize the depth of God’s love, so powerful that nothing can separate us from it, we feel secure that God is always with us. Both these loves are important and this is a great month to help children understand that God is responsible for both. Talk to them about how He created us to want to be in relationships, care about others and love important people in our lives. Help them to understand that the six weeks of Lent ends with the celebration Easter. Easter, the day we rejoice over Christ’s resurrection and through his love, our ability to spend eternity in Heaven.

St. Dominic R.C.I.A.
Adapts Pandemic Schedule



This year the RCIA group cannot join our Bishop for the Rite of Election which normally takes place on the first Sunday of Lent. By now we are so used to living with pandemic restrictions that this missed liturgy does not surprise us. That does not mean that we take it lightly. The group continues to meet in hope. Our internet meetings are a constant reminder of how much we miss the spontaneous and personal interaction of being together in the same room. However we take the point, in Bishop Crosby’s recent letter, that we have a moral duty to endure this time of sacrifice in favour of the common good. And now we enter Lent which is traditionally the final period of preparation for the RCIA candidates. Keep them in your prayers!

FOOD BANK

There is always a need!

Please drop donations off at the rectory.

You are invited to bring non-perishable food for the needy. Items required, baby foods, baby formula, canned fish, canned meats, pasta, sauces, soups cereal. Thank you on behalf of those who will benefit.

In Memory

A funeral liturgy for **Beverly Richards**, who died February 5, was celebrated at St. Dominic last Thursday. Born and married in Jamaica, Beverly came to Canada in 1976 with her husband



Joseph and five daughters. From 1976 until her retirement in 1998, she worked at York University as Executive Secretary to the Provost. Her many unannounced talents included being a voracious reader, a writer of poetry, amazing in the kitchen, a kind heart, sharing her beautiful soprano voice as a choir member in various Catholic churches. She was a St. Dominic parishioner for more than 20 years. Beverly had a deep faith and devotion to Our Lady and was a member of the Third Order of St. Francis.

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Priests: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them wisdom, understanding, and the strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at (905) 528-7988 email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

St. Dominic Reopening Update

The stay-at-home order in effect in recent weeks will end in Halton Region on February 16th. All Parishes within the Hamilton Diocese will be able to hold Masses with a *30% capacity limit*. Parishes were instructed to begin making plans to **reopen on Ash Wednesday**.

Saint Dominic Parish will reopen on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Masses that day will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Additional details will be posted online at our website: saintdominic.ca



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

Long-time St. Dominic parishioner, **Jeannine Sweeney** died late last week. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Catholic Guidelines Outline For Your Lenten Observance

The divine law binds all the Christian faithful to do penance each in his or her own way. In order for all to be united among themselves by some common observance of penance, however, penitential days are prescribed on which the Christian faithful devote themselves in a special way to prayer, perform works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by observing **fast and abstinence**, according to these canons. (Canon 1249)

The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent. (Canon 1250)

Abstinence from eating meat or some other food according to the prescripts of the conference of bishops is to be observed on every Friday of the year unless a Friday occurs on a day listed as a solemnity. (Canon 1251)

*Abstinence and fasting, however, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting in the Latin Church is the limitation of food and drink – typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between.

*The law of abstinence binds those who are 14 years of age and older. The law of fasting, however, binds all those who are 18 to 59 years of age. Nevertheless, pastors of souls and parents are to take care that minors not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are also educated in a genuine sense of penance. (Canon 1252)

***The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops decrees that the days of fast and abstinence in Canada are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fridays are days of abstinence but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.**

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income tax receipts for all donations received between January 2, 2020 and December 31, 2020, will be mailed to individual contributors at end of February.

Two More Lenten Opportunities

A safe way to reflect during your Lenten journey this year – the CCCB Pastoral Offices have prepared a video series called **Journey through Lent: Video Series for Lent 2021**. Bishop Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines, and Archbishop Marcel Dampousse, Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall, will offer reflections on the Sunday readings. The readings are available on Mondays prior to each of the Sundays of Lent. English and in French links for the series are available here on the CCCB website.

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>

Another good Lenten exercise! **Father Scott Lewis, S.J.**, renowned Jesuit scripture scholar, will present a series on **New Interpretations of the Holy Week Stories**, in light of recent theological trends and issues. Topics such as How to Read the Bible, difficult passages, violence, and the meaning of the Resurrection will be explored. When: **Tuesday nights** at 7 p.m., **February 23, March 2, and March 9.**

[Register here](#)

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, February 15	Rev. Thomas Vermiglio
Tuesday, February 16	Rev. Stephen Murrin
Wednesday, February 17	Ash Wednesday
Thursday, February 18	Rev. Toby Collins
Friday, February 19	Rev. Joseph de Viveiros
Saturday, February 20	Rev. Jengheon (Francisco) Kwak

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