



Third  
Sunday  
in Lent

**SAINT DOMINIC PARISH LITURGIES**

**THIRD WEEK OF LENT – MARCH 8-14**

**Tuesday, March 9**

8:30 a.m. + Maria Gabriela da Silva

**Wednesday, March 10**

8:30 a.m. + Maria Gabriela da Silva

**Thursday, March 11**

8:30 a.m. + Maria Gabriela da Silva

10:30 a.m. **Funeral** – Gerald Fox

**Friday, March 12**

8:30 a.m. + Maria Gabriela da Silva

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

7 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**



**FOURTH SUNDAY in LENT**

**Saturday, March 13**

4 – 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

**5 p.m.**

+ Maria Gabriela da Silva  
+ Patrick Jesson  
+ June Mentzen

**Sunday, March 8**

9 a.m. Intentions

11 a.m. of Parishioners

**Lenten Reconciliation**

Saint Dominic Parish will not host a Lenten Reconciliation Service this year. Due to the current "Red Zone" designation of nearly all regions in the Diocese of Hamilton, the diocese has directed that this year the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated by appointment only.

Please remember the Instruction from the Apostolic Penitentiary (March 19, 2020) regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Present Emergency of the Coronavirus:

*"Where the faithful should be in the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, loved above all else, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness (one which the penitent is able to express in that moment) and accompanied by the votum confessionis, that is, by the firm resolution to receive sacramental confession as soon as possible, obtains the forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones. (cf. ccc. N. 1452)"*

At this time, Priests are not permitted to enter the schools for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Admission of Priests into classrooms is restricted by local health authorities to ensure the safety of children who have returned to the classroom. Children (and their parents) wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (including First Confession) will be invited to do so in the church, while observing all the Covid protocols for celebrations taking place in the church.

**HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR**

Monday, March 8	Rev. Joe S. Selvanayagam
Tuesday, March 9	Rev. Stephen Gilbert
Wednesday, March 10	Disalced Carmelite Sisters
Thursday, March 11	Rev. Marko Puljic
Friday, March 12	Ref. Robert Kavelj
Saturday, March 13	Rev. Ilija Petkovic

**Calendar reminders:**

Daylight Savings Time - 2021

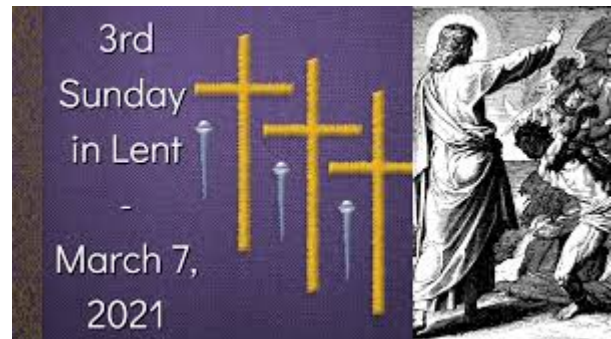
begins at **3 a.m., Sunday, March**

**14.** At that time, move time pieces forward one hour.



**Meetings this week**

- R.C.I.A. - 12 noon following 11 a.m. Sunday Mass
- Friday, 9 a.m. Men's Scripture Group. Rectory Meeting Room



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

In your prayers, please remember **Peter DeRos** whose funeral Mass was celebrated at Saint Dominic last Thursday, March 4.



**In loving memory**

***Gerald Fox - a beloved shepherd***

Early in January this year, St. Dominic Parish and the Ontario Senior Citizens Residence (OSCR) lost a beloved shepherd – **Gerald (Gerry) Michael Fox**. A funeral Mass will celebrate Gerald’s life at **10:30 a.m .Thursday, March 11.**



For the past two decades, Gerry had been the faithful shepherd who organized and sustained regular Sunday liturgies at OSCR where he was a resident. Each Sunday, Gerry helped Catholic OSCR residents and their guests make their way to the basement chapel for Liturgy of the Word and Communion services led by volunteer Seniors Ministry couples from St. Dominic Parish. The group gathered around 9:30 when Gerry led the rosary prior to the liturgy. One of those Senior Ministers fondly recalls Gerry’s special warmth and care for every detail, especially last year on March 8 the final liturgy celebrated at OSCR prior to the first COVID lockdown.

Gerald attended the University of Toronto, and then joined the Royal Canadian Air Force where he was trained as a nurse. He continued to work as a registered nurse at St. Joseph’s Health Centre in Toronto. It was a profession he loved. In the early years of his marriage, Gerald’s wife Denise passed away. He remained a widower.

When he retired, Gerald moved to Oakville, which became his home for the past 20 years. He moved to OSCR in 2005. He dedicated all his time by volunteering not only with St. Dominic Parish but also with the Red Cross and within the OSCR community, always lending a helping hand to fellow seniors.

At one point in his life, Gerald acted as a friend, counsellor and proxy sponsor for an immigrant family. Their relationship blossomed into a lifelong friendship, with the family adopting Gerry as “one of their own“. This kind and selfless person became a cherished **Uncle Fox** to this ‘special ‘adopted family’. He was a simple charismatic gentleman, a dapper dresser with a warm smile that won the hearts of everyone in all walks of life. He will be deeply missed. May his soul rest in peace.

***Mass of Chrism***

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the Mass of Chrism on Monday, March 29 in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton.

However, this year, due to COVID capacity limitations and social distancing requirements, **attendance at the Chrism Mass will be limited to Priests only.**

Each year at the Mass of Chrism, the Bishop blesses the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Catechumens, and consecrates Sacred Chrism. The blessed and consecrated Oils are taken to the Parishes of the Diocese to be used in the celebration of the Sacraments for the coming year. The Priests serving in the Diocese, together with the Bishop, renew the promises of their Ordination during which they committed themselves to serve this local Church in imitation of Christ the Priest, Prophet and Shepherd. Let us pray for all who minister to God’s holy people in our Diocese – our Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious, lay leaders, and all God’s faithful.

***Join us for Stations of the Cross, every Friday during Lent in the church at 7 p.m.***



Are you celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage? Due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19, the annual diocesan Anniversary Mass originally scheduled for June has been cancelled. However, you are still invited to register your special anniversary on the Diocesan website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com). Registration will allow the diocese to mail you a certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.



## Planning Ahead for Holy Week

To assist you in planning your Easter activities, please note the following Saint Dominic schedule for Holy Week liturgies. Pandemic protocols necessitate a few modifications to some of these liturgies, but we trust that we will be able to celebrate these most important days of our liturgical year together as a community.

**Due to limited capacity pandemic regulations, pre-registration will be required for those liturgies shaded in orange in the chart below.** Online registration via our parish website

<https://saintdominic.ca> will open **March 11** at 10:00 a.m. on a first come/first served basis. Seating will not be assigned for these celebrations. However, all parishioners arriving for each service will be greeted by our usher/greeters, asked for their registration and then be directed to specific pews by the hospitality crew.

### HOLY WEEK

March 27 - 28	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	5 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. 11 a.m.
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### Sacred Paschal Triduum

April 1	<b>Holy Thursday</b>	7:30 p.m.
April 2	<b>Good Friday</b>	11 a.m. Children's Service 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. The Lord's Passion
April 3	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	8 p.m. Solemn Vigil
April 4	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	8:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 12 noon

### FOOD DONATIONS BOX

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Show your appreciation by sharing your bounty with those who are struggling to keep food on the table.

The Oakville Food Bank needs food donations to assist those effected by the pandemic. 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.

## 2021 Confirmation and First Communion

Students **registered** in the 2021 Confirmation program, will receive the Sacrament during a series of evening celebrations the week of April 26-30. Dates will be determined based on each confirmandi's school and class.

First Communion will be celebrated at Sunday Masses throughout the month of May. Four to six candidates will have the opportunity to sign-up for a Mass between May 8-30. *Enrollment and selection of dates will be available on our website*

<https://www.saintdominic.ca> beginning **March 13.**

Direct any questions regarding either of these sacrament programs to our youth minister, Michael Aguiar, [michael@saintdominic.ca](mailto:michael@saintdominic.ca)

### VOCATIONS

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for 40 days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into a life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at (905) 528-7988 email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

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



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*It is becoming increasingly difficult for Catholic physicians, nurses and pharmacists in Ontario to practice their professions because regulators require some form of participation in ending the lives of their patients. **It is time for us to support their need for protection.** The human dignity of each person is at stake and we are called to stand for the vulnerable. On behalf of Bishop Crosby, please read this important letter on conscience rights. More information can be found at:*

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gLvXHBCFwgbjDHLEgH-cKZb4vMvJw8yz>

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ in the Hamilton Diocese,

As Catholics, we are called to protect the most vulnerable members of our society and to see the inherent value in every human life. As Pope Francis writes in his Encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*: “When the dignity of the human person is respected, and his or her rights recognized and guaranteed, creativity and interdependence thrive, and the creativity of the human personality is released through actions that further the common good. (22)” Today I am calling you to action for the sake of every healthcare worker and those they serve in the province of Ontario.

The Federal Government is on the verge of expanding assisted dying in Canada. Passing Bill C-7 will mean expanding access to euthanasia and assisted suicide to the disabled, those with mental illness and those who have an advanced directive. Many Canadians are alarmed at the implications of Bill C-7 and have contacted their Federal Member of Parliament to express their concerns.

We need to be equally concerned about a related issue and that is conscience rights for healthcare workers. Many healthcare professionals have moral convictions that do not allow them to participate in assisted dying. They are being pushed out of their professions by provincial health regulators that insist healthcare providers must participate in MAID. No one should be forced to go against their conscience, even, for example, by making an effective referral, in ending the lives of patients.

Ontario needs legislation to protect doctors, nurses, pharmacists and others. Because MAID involves taking the life of a patient, participation should be voluntary. In Ontario, you can support both healthcare providers and vulnerable patients by contacting the Ontario government, especially your local MPP, and ask that legislation be introduced to protect the conscience rights of healthcare workers. If enough of us speak, the government will listen.

I invite you to take action by calling, e-mailing, or mailing a letter to the Ontario government through your own MPP. Consider a visit to the following site [www.canadiansforconscience.ca/ontario](http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/ontario) where you can learn more about this critically important issue and through their site send an email directly to the Ontario government. Conscience rights must be protected in legislation for the sake of all.

You can also find links to this site and further information on the Diocesan website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

The Catholic response to human suffering is proper healthcare, prayer and accompaniment. Let us pray for all healthcare providers and for those who are sick, vulnerable and alone. Let us together protect the most vulnerable by protecting all healthcare providers’ right to practise their work using their own moral conscience as their guide.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

*+Douglas Crosby, OMI*

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI  
Bishop of Hamilton