



Saint Dominic Parish Newsletter / Bulletin
SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER – April 11, 2021



SAINT DOMINIC PARISH LITURGIES

Second Week of Easter
 April 13 – 18, 2021

Tuesday, April 13

8:30 a.m. + Manuel Aguiar

Wednesday, April 14

8:30 a.m. + Samir Rafauli

Thursday, April 15

8:30 a.m. + Walter Delija

Friday, April 16

8:30 a.m. Int D'Souza family

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

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER

Saturday, April 17 – Youth Mass

4 – 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5 p.m. + Darryl & Chuck Ward

+ Allan Whyte

Sunday, April 18

9 a.m. Intentions

11 a.m. of Parishioners

Banns of Ordination

Rev. Mr. Arthur Kyoochul LEE is to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Presbyter for the **Archdiocese of Toronto on May 8, 2021 at St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto.**

Please remember him in your prayers.

Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.

FYI – Arthur Lee grew up as a St. Dominic parishioner. Among other activities, he volunteered as an altar server. He was graduated from both St. Dominic Elementary School and St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, April 12	Rev. Francisco Sordo
Tuesday, April 13	Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma
Wednesday, April 14	Permanent Deacons
Thursday, April 15	Rev. James McSharry
Friday, April 16	Rev. Francis Hubilla
Saturday, April 17	Joseph Okoko

Ontario Lockdown Update
St. Dominic Masses Continue
Capacity Reduced to 15%

As Ontario's COVID-19 cases continue to rise, a declaration of emergency and provincewide stay-at-home order was put in effect April 8. The impacts of current lockdown measures will be evaluated after 28 days to determine if it is safe to lift the restrictions or if they need to be extended. Under ONTARIO REGULATION 11/21, section 3 religious gatherings are allowed and residents of Ontario may leave their homes to attend religious gatherings. "Attending a gathering for the purpose of a wedding, a funeral or a religious service, rite or ceremony that is permitted under the Stage 1 Order. Therefore within the Diocese of Hamilton, religious services, weddings and funerals are allowed but are restricted to:

- Indoors: 15% capacity of the room.
- Outside: the number of people that can keep two metres physical distance from each other.
- This does not apply to receptions, which have different capacity limits.
- Previous guidelines on cleaning and disinfecting stay in place.

Mass at St. Dominic

For St. Dominic Parish, our current schedule of Masses will continue but attendance will be restricted to 15% of the capacity of the room. First arriving parishioners will be seated in the church. When 15% capacity is reached, arrivals will be seated in the Parish Auditorium, Narthex, Chapel and the Balcony. NOTE: Persons seated in the auditorium can view the Mass on a large TV in that room. Speakers have been added to the Chapel to allow those seated there to hear the Mass.

At all church doors, usher/greeters will track arrivals as well as take contact names, number in the party and telephone numbers. To assure you are seated in the main church, **arrive early!**. Late-comers will undoubtedly be directed to alternative seating.

All meeting and event spaces at St. Dominic remain closed. So, no meetings this week.

*"Give thanks to the Lord,
 for he is good;
 His steadfast love endures forever."*



New Catholics Welcomed at Easter Vigil



Three 2021 RCIA candidates, pictured at left in the front row, were baptized during last week's Easter Vigil. The three along with Megan Enns were also confirmed and welcomed into full communion with the Catholic faith.

2021 initiates with Fr Ranjan D'Sa., Standing next to Father is Megan Enns. Front from left Samira Edalatmand, Lindsey Newsom and Waheeda Zalida Austin.

Lindsey Newsom

Born and raised in Mississauga, I have only recently started living in Oakville and will soon be a resident of the Hamilton area. 2020 brought me great joy of becoming a mother for the first time to my beautiful son Jacob. My loving partner Jesse and I adore parenthood and are so excited for this new chapter in our lives.





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Samira Edalatmand - My Journey to Faith



My name is Samira Edalatmand. Although I was born into a religion, I didn't really follow it; but I've always believed in God and a higher power. Believing in something higher gives us strength, motivation and faith. It guides us in those moments where we feel vulnerable, stuck in a bind and are tempted to chose "wrong" instead of "right". As I got older, I started to understand why we practice our beliefs and what guides us in our day to day lives. I have many amazing Catholic friends who are good people, high values and do good for others, they go to Church and I told myself I feel like myself with these friends and I started going

to Church on Sundays. A close friend of mine invited me to her daughter's Communion, I felt amazing and knew I wanted to pursue the path to becoming Catholic. The first time I attended Mass, it just felt right and I felt like I belonged there. I told myself I want to know who God is and get closer to him. Since then, my life really started changing in a positive way; I felt like Jesus is looking over and protecting me. Believing in the faith and attending Church gave me a clearer understanding of life and I started making better decisions which led to a happier, more peaceful life. I've fully enjoyed attending RCIA classes and my journey to Faith; I am looking forward to my Baptism this Easter and practicing Catholicism.

Waheeda Zalisha Austin

I was born in the sunny island of Trinidad and Tobago. I have been in Oakville for 18 years and live with my daughter Amena. During my time at St Dominic's Father Ranjan always made me feel welcoming and was always happy to see me during Sunday Mass.

In September 2020 I told father I was ready to start RCIA and his response " it's about time 😊 "

I will not go into details but during the past 8 years my life has been very challenging and the connection with God helped me through all of it.

I am very appreciative of my new RCIA friends and all of the support on this journey within this group. Thank you Bibiana for being my sponsor. I look forward to continuing my journey to learn and practice in the Christian Catholic faith.



Megan Enns

My name is Megan Enns and I am a mom of two small kids and the wife of one.. I grew up going to an Anglican church in downtown Toronto and actually did my Master's degree at the Toronto School of Theology as well. My family has been attending another evangelical church but I have missed liturgy dearly. I went to the Ash Wednesday service at St. Dominic in 2020 before everything locked down and was moved to join the church. I love the way we confess our faith together as a community and sharing in the Eucharist, in the same way as many others around the world are doing and have done for centuries before us. I'm looking forward to joining the Catholic church at Easter.



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Saint Dominic R.C.I.A. Team

RCIA is a process in which people who are interested in joining the Catholic Christian Faith embark on a *Journey of Faith in a pressure-free environment*. The team includes Father Ranjan D'Sa and parishioners who lead the enquirers in their journey of faith discernment.

Brian Thornton



I have been a member of the RCIA team for a good number of years. Each year is different because the candidates come with a wide variety of backgrounds and interests. We always say that we learn more from the process than the candidates. This year had its own challenges which we tried to

overcome by online meetings. Eventually, when the lockdown was lifted, we were able to meet together in one room, but still two metres apart. I count myself lucky to be part of this gifted team of Bibiana Duzek, Ewert Harris, Martha Laverde and Katie Schindell.

Katie Schindell

“Katie is the most recent Catholic convert to join the RCIA team. She was received into the Catholic faith during the June 27 Saturday evening Mass. Blessed and happy to have followed Jesus to the Catholic faith last Spring, after life-long journey in Protestant Christianity. Blessed to be part of RCIA team and part of the St Dominic’s family. “



Bibiana Duzek

It has been my second year serving in the RCIA program to help the catechumens become integrated into our faith and community.

Despite the COVID pandemic restrictions, we were still able to meet with some adjustments thanks to our faithful and committed catechumens Megan, Waheeda, Lindsey and Samira as well as Father Ranjan and our team members Brian, Ewart, Martha and Katie. Thank you Wendy for joining our group this year. It has been a beautiful journey towards faith and an invaluable learning experience not only for the catechumens but for me as well! I have experienced God’s saving grace and presence countless times in my life and I felt that sharing and receiving the word of God was my calling. Throughout our RCIA journey I learned that the greatest growth in our relationship with God happens when we open our hearts and minds to exploring God’s word together with others. May all our four newly initiated members receive God’s blessings as they continue to grow in God’s mercy and love.



Martha Laverde



My initial motivation was to "give without pay as I received without paying", yet after a few sessions of going through the pillars of our faith and the profound mystery of Grace and how it is provided with abundance in each and every Sacrament, I grew both as a fellow companion of the members of the group and as a

Christian. The commitment of each member of the group, their questions and the appreciation of the consistency of the Word of God

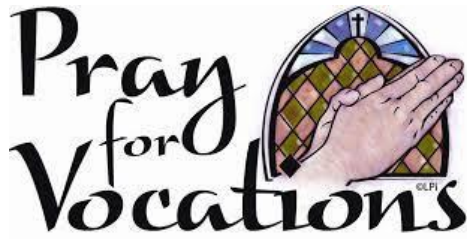
Ewert Harris

At Dominic Parish I am also a Lector. I have been part of the RCIA programme for the past four years. I am married and my wife Sheron and we are parents of two children. I also am in formation for the permanent diaconate programme for the Diocese of Hamilton.

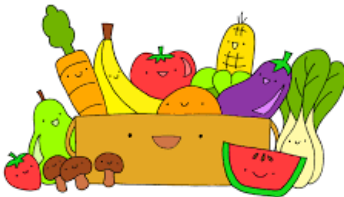




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God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen. Contact Very Reverend Wayne Lobsinger, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at (905) 528-7988 email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



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 YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER
 OUR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST
 COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION**

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income tax receipts covering donations between January 2 and December 31, 2020 were mailed February 16. If you have not received your receipts, please contact the parish office.



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

Rose Arcott, aunt of Paul Glover.

Guiseppe D'Ambrosia – *God saw that he was tired and a cure was not to be. So He put his arms around him and whispered, "Come with Me"*. Husband of Rosa for 59 years, Guiseppe's funeral liturgy was celebrated April 8. The D'Ambrosias were parents of three children and four grandchildren.

In your prayers, remember those who are facing health challenges...

Lucas Dias, Gemma Webb, Bruce Cisterna and Karl Clunes



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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.