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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Lent – Time to Attend to One's Spiritual Life
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We have just begun our Lent by imposing ashes on our foreheads. In Old Testament times, putting on sackcloth and sprinkling ashes on the head were regarded predominantly as a symbol of grief. Today it stands for repentance and a reminder of our mortality. Lent, therefore, is a time kept aside to pay attention to our spiritual life. It is also a time to contemplate life beyond the horizons of earthly existence, for we know deep down in our hearts that we can find rest only in the presence of our creator, God.

Lent is a time to prepare for the graces of our salvation, given to us in the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. This is the Paschal Mystery, the mystery of our faith and salvation. The early church used this time as a final preparation to instruct the catechumens in faith. There is no better time to help catechumens to experience this mystery of their redemption than during Lent, as it is a time to prepare for a new life in faith.

The church gives us three classical methods to use during Lent. These three ways of the church are proven effective time and again.

Prayer is the first and the most important thing to do in Lent. Prayer brings us into the presence of God. It creates a relationship, a union with God who we know loves us unconditionally.

Fasting is a means to discipline our mind and body to focus totally on the love and mercy of God who gave us himself on the cross for our sake.

Almsgiving is the best outcome of prayer and fasting. One of the books of the early church (Didache), instructs the faithful regarding almsgiving, telling them, "You will thus deprive yourself of something so that your self-sacrifice may help somebody else to satisfy his/her hunger".

Today's liturgy presents Jesus to us as an example and model to fight every temptation we face. Paul in the second reading presents Jesus as a 'New Man', who counters every evil which the 'First man' (Adam) failed to do. Jesus brings back what was lost by Adam – eternal life.

Adam → Temptation → Sin → Death
Jesus → Temptation → Rejection of Sin → Eternal Life

The whole episode, Temptation of Jesus, is symbolic in nature. This temptation of Jesus was not for a single day but for His whole earthly life until He conquered it on the cross. The temptation from evil is still present for all people who live in Christ (Who are Baptized). But the one who is in Christ should not find it too difficult to face this temptation. The cross of Christ is the means to conquer every evil. –



PARISH LITURGIES

—FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT—
February 26 – March 4

Tuesday, February 28 - Pope St. Hilary

8:30 am + Guido Bardaro

Wednesday, March 1 - St. David

8:30 am Int. Fr. Ranjan D'Sa

Thursday, March 2 - St. Angela of the Cross

8:30 am + Theresa Clunies

Friday, March 3 - World Day of Prayer

8:30 am + Dario Di Cenzo

9:00 – 10:00 am **Adoration**

7:00 pm **Way of the Cross**

7:30 pm World Day of Prayer

—SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT—

Saturday, March 4 - St. Casimir

4:00 – 4:30 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm For:

+ Tony Spagnuolo, Int. Courtney Pinheiro, + Joey Carew-Kaiser, Int. Nancy Huber-Bell, + Suzanne Monaghan, + Merrill Pineau, Int Sharon Frank, + Glenn Lovelace

Sunday, March 5

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parish



Lent is here! The main purpose of Lent is to prepare ourselves adequately for the celebration of Easter which is the solemnity of Jesus' Resurrection – the feast of our salvation. We prepare for Easter by prayer,

fasting, and penance. A traditional form of prayer is the communal celebration of The Way of the Cross. The Way of the Cross helps us to understand and relive, in our own way, the passion of Christ. **Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm we will celebrate The Way of the Cross.** Please join us with your family. Let us make this Lent a special one.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Saturday, March 4th at 10:00 am for St. Nicholas School and at 11:30 am for Saint Dominic School.

Parents are invited to set a good example by also going to Confession

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER

Last Tuesday, February 21, (Shrove Tuesday), Saint Dominic Parish held it's Annual Pancake Supper in the parish centre. This event was an absolute success and a great time was had by all who attended. Thank you to everyone who took the time out of their busy schedules to help with planning and preparing the food.



PARISH LENTEN PENANCE CELEBRATION

Wednesday, March 22nd
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm



SANCTUARY LAMP

Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week in for the Intention of Alegria Lomibao.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED!



Sebastian Luis Pelotin

Parents: Juanito & Ma Riza Pelotin

Godparents: Rejel Alonzo & Hyrna Bareng



Oliver David Tandory

Parents: David & Megan Tandory

Godparents: Michael & Danielle Kidd

FUNDRAISER FOR THE FRANCOPHONE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF THE SACRED HEART

The Francophone Catholic Community of the Sacred Heart in Georgetown will be attending all Masses on the weekends of March 4/5 and 11/12. After the Masses, they will be selling T-shirts and other religious items in hopes of raising money to support their young people to participate in the World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. Any financial or in-kind donation is greatly appreciated.



St. Dominic Parish is offering a study centered around the series, *The Chosen*. Participants are welcome to join us Thursdays in the Parish Hall from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm for a screening of an episode, followed by group discussions and activities led by our pastoral minister, Michael Aguiar. We will be focusing on the first season of the series, spread through 8 sessions. The next session will be on February 9th. If you would like to attend, please contact Michael Aguiar at the parish office. All are welcome.

ST. DOMINIC CHURCH
PASSION PLAY

NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

We are looking for students in grade 8 to grade 12 - who will perform the Gospel Passion on Friday, April 7th at the 11 am Good Friday Liturgy.

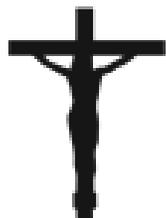
Rehearsals are from 4 pm to 6:30 pm at St. Dominic Parish (food will be provided). Please contact Colleen Gamble at colleengamble123@gmail.com or Michael Aguiar at the parish office if interested

ROLES:

- Narrator
- Jesus
- Pontius Pilate
- John
- Judas
- Mary
- Veronica
- Guards
- 9 Other Disciples Crowds of men and women

REHEARSAL DATES:

- Friday, February 24th
- Friday, March 3rd
- Friday, March 31



HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, February 27	Rev. Jim Valk, C. R.
Tuesday, February 28	Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.
Wednesday, March 1	Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (R.S.J.C.)
Thursday, March 2	Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.
Friday, March 3	Rev. Philip Reilly, C. R.
Saturday, March 4	Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C.

“Jesus fasted for forty days, and was put to the test”

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE UPCOMING EVENTS

February – March Our Lenten almsgiving initiative will begin the weekend of February 25th and 26th.

For 5 successive weekends, **February 25/26 – March 25/26**, parishioners are invited to join us in making donations to the Fare Share Food Bank, Oakville.

Each weekend will focus on a different need, based on specific items requested by the Food Bank. The five themes are *Breakfast, Lunch, Supper, Dessert, and Self-Care*. If each family could bring an item each of the next 5 weekends, we would have an amazing contribution for the Fare Share Food Bank.

April – Are you planning to do some Spring cleaning to declutter your home? Perhaps we can help. On the last weekend in April, we will be accepting donations of household goods for the Good Shepherd Center in Hamilton. Items that may no longer be needed in your home could make a difference in the lives of those who are experiencing difficult times. Please watch the parish newsletter next month for more detailed information.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—2023



World Day of Prayer will be taking place at Saint Dominic Church on Friday, March 3rd, 2023, at 7:30 pm after the Stations of the Cross. There will also be a small reception following the service in the parish centre. All are welcome!

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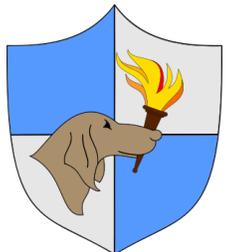
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