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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

In the fourth chapter of the Acts of the Apostle, we read that the early Church was of “One Heart and One Soul... there was not a needy person among them...”

Today’s first reading illustrates a huge problem in the first Christian community. Within a gap of three to five years, many problems had arisen in the early Church. What was written in the fourth Chapter was the ideal each community should strive to achieve. What is presented in today’s reading is the actual situation.

The Church is founded on Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, yet it is made up of human beings. The writer of the Acts of the Apostles beautifully presents the limitations of human nature. He records the discord within that small community with a specific purpose – that the future Church may learn from early church experiences and may find solutions to remain united as one mystical Body of Christ.

The early church was made up of Jews. The Disciples did not proclaim the Word of God to the gentiles until later, when Paul became a follower and then an evangelizer.

In the early church, there were two groups of Jews – those who spoke Hebrew and those who spoke Greek. Hebrew-speaking Jews mostly lived in Palestine. They studied scripture in Hebrew, followed their traditions, accepted the teachings of Rabbis and were attached to their homeland. Although the Hellenists were of Jewish heritage, they had

long ago left the homeland and migrated to other lands. Their worldview was much different than that of the native Hebrews. The Hellenists paid less heed to traditions and to the rabbis. Most of the Hellenists did not understand Hebrew at all.

In the early church, Hebrew-speaking Jews were in the majority, while the Hellenists were a minority who felt neglected and discriminated. The Apostles took seriously the complaints of the minority group – a grave scandal, because it went against their traditional ideals. The solution to the problem is a great remedy to every problem that we face in the church.

The Apostles prioritized the essential mission and work of the church. They made sure nothing hindered the work of the proclamation. The Church is alive when it proclaims Christ. Every Christian is a proclaimer of Christ. The church has many different ministries, and all are invited to help the church’s work of proclamation. All Christians must contribute to the building of the mystical body of Christ – the Church.

In the Gospel, Jesus says that the surest way to the Father is to imitate Him, by giving up oneself totally for the service of one’s brothers and sisters. The Christian Community is a big place, and it should have enough “rooms” for everyone to live a peaceful life. Jesus has shown us the ‘way’ through His passion and death. Now we become that ‘way’ to others through our works in the Christian community. Let us prepare a “room” for all others by putting on the attitude of deacons who are ready to serve in the name of Christ (Acts 6: 5-6). –

PARISH LITURGIES

—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—

May 07 – May 13

Monday, May 08 - Bl. Catherine of St. Augustine

—No Mass—

Tuesday, May 09 - St. George Preca

8:30 am + Julian Martinez de Hoz

Wednesday, May 10 - St. John of Avila

8:30 am + Denise Snowdon

Thursday, May 11 - Bl. Matthew Gam

8:30 am + Walter Harold Deane

Friday, May 12 - Sts. Nereus, Achilles & Pancras

8:30 am + Ted Rosenberg

—SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—

Saturday, May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm **For:**

+ Rita Merrick, + Maria & Manuel Silva,
+ Maria & Jose Gomes, + Eileen McGowan,
+ Michael D. Cruz, + Claudette Talbot & Edwin
Yearwood, + Rita Kelly

Sunday, May 14 - Mother's Day

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parish



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!
SAINT DOMINIC SCHOOL - April 29, 2023**



MEDITATION CLASS

Meditation classes will be starting up again, beginning May 20th from 10:30 am – 11:30 am. The classes will be held in room 4 of the parish centre. If you would like to sign up for these classes, please contact the parish office.

ORDER OF HOLY GARDENERS – OHG

Volunteers of all ages are needed to join this important summer crusade. We need your help!



The OHG will meet regularly, beginning in May, to carry out the important mission of parish beautification. Bring your gloves, hats, & ENERGY and join this august body as we get down

in the dirt to combat the weeds and plant perennials. If you are interested in helping and adopting a section, please contact Peter at ohg@saintdominic.ca

SANCTUARY LAMP



*Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week in
Memory of Jerry & Edith Bonett*

THE ROSARY EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING

There is a public recitation of the Rosary in front of Saint Dominic Church every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm.

The origin of Our Lady of the Rosary (Our Lady of Victory) stems from “The Battle of Lepanto.” Though outnumbered by the Ottoman Forces, the so called “Holy League” possessed of superior firepower would win the day through prayer and petition for the intercessions of the Blessed Virgin Mary through the recitation of the rosary. October 7th, would henceforth, be the Feast of Our Lady of Victory.



Please join us to pray for world peace, through the intercession of Our Lady of Victory.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Children’s liturgy program that takes place during the Sunday 11:00 am Mass. High school students who would like to be assistants for this program, you will receive community hours that you can put toward your high school community hours requirement. If you would like to help either as a leader or an assistant, please contact the parish office.

FOOD BANK

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED – The Oakville Food Bank is especially in need of food donations. Donations of non-perishable foods may be left in the Food Box in the Parish Centre. These items are delivered weekly to the Oakville Fare Share Food Bank.

*“Let your love be upon us, Lord,
even as we hope in you.”*

CWL UPDATE

Household Goods Collection – This event was an amazing success. Thank you, once again!

Mother's Day Sale of Roses – Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 13th. As is our tradition, the ladies of the CWL will be selling roses after the Masses on Mother's Day weekend May 13th and 14th. Bring your loonies and toonies, and treat your Mom. You will be helping the CWL support charities that celebrate motherhood.

Baby Shower for girls at Shifra Homes – We will be hosting a baby shower in the Parish auditorium on Sunday, June 11th. Details to follow.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - JUNE 3, 2023

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20's and early 30's) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30 pm – 7:30 pm). Social with Food (8:30 pm – 8:30 pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00 pm – 9:00 pm), and Compline (9:00 pm) on Saturday, May 6th, at Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church and Chaplaincy, 1349 Main Street, West Hamilton, Ontario. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, May 08	Rev. David Lewis
Tuesday, May 09	Rev. Ron Cote
Wednesday, May 10	Congregation of the Resurrection (C.R.)
Thursday, May 11	Rev. Michael Bennett
Friday, May 12	Rev. Ralph Diodati Canada Health Day
Saturday, May 13	Rev. Robert Dunn

EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for *Evenings with His Excellency*. This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith, based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Classes are on the second Friday of each month, at 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. This month, we will continue our look at the 10 Commandments. It is also available by livestream on [St. Ann's Youtube channel](#). No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith. All are welcome.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through 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.

TO INFORM, ENCOURAGE AND HEAL

June is Indigenous History Month in Canada. We invite you to take some time in this season to learn more about the Catholic Church's commitment to ongoing reconciliation efforts with Indigenous communities through a four-week learning opportunity with the VLCCF (Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation). To learn more about this study, please visit us at www.hamiltondiocesearns.com

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