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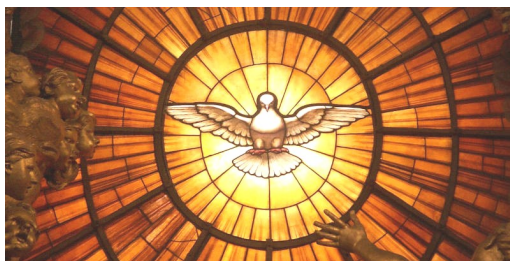
Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

Occasionally people walk into our parish offices wanting desperately to talk to a Priest. When they get to talk to the priest or pastoral care person, they usually start speaking with broken sentences, sobbing in-between words and sentences: "... I am lost... I have gone too far... Nobody can save me..." They fear that they are condemned for eternity because they have lived for many years away from God and His Church. All of a sudden, when they look

back into their past, they realize that they have been living a completely sinful life against many moral parameters. Adding to their woes, some may even be facing some serious health problems, which they read as a curse because of their sinfulness. Their main concern is whether God will forgive them and save them.

The main purpose of John writing his Gospel is to tell the people that Jesus is come bringing life from God, who is all-loving and merciful. John concludes his Gospel by reemphasizing whatever he has written until then: *"But these have been written in order that*

you may believe that Jesus is Messiah, the Son of God, and through your faith in Him you may have life" (20:31). Jesus does not promise just a little life, but life in abundance (10:10), and for eternity (3:16). Today's scripture passage is very important, not just because He is promising us the Holy Spirit, but He is reaffirming the nature of His all-loving and forgiving Abba Father.



Jesus is promising us to send another advocate or paraclete. The word "advocate" means "defensive lawyer", and "paraclete" means

"one who stands beside the other in his defense". Therefore, the advocate who is assured by Jesus is a guide, mediator, witness, comforter, teacher, the one who stands in defense, but not an accuser. Jesus being the first advocate, who died on behalf of our defense, now confirms that the second advocate, who comes from the Father, will also perform the same work of God – saving the people for God. Therefore, if someone believes in God and His Son Jesus Christ, will never perish (Jn 3:16).

God's love is so immense that He always waits with extended hands for our return. –

PARISH LITURGIES

—SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—

May 14 – May 20

Monday, May 15 - St. Isidore the Farmer

—No Mass—

Tuesday, May 16 - St. Simon Stock

8:30 am + Sharon McCormick

Wednesday, May 17 - Bl. Antonia Mesina

8:30 am + Colleen Perry

Thursday, May 18 - Pope St. John I

8:30 am + Allan Sequeira

Friday, May 19 - Pope St. Celestine V

8:30 am Int. Alegria Lomibao

—SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD—

Saturday, May 20 - St. Bernardine of Siena

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm **For:**

+ Sybil O'Leary, + Joseph Richards, + Rita Kelly, + Mate Uvodic

Sunday, May 21

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parish



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.

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.

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 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

Our next session is May 20th at 10:00 am.

*"I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate."*

SANCTUARY LAMP



*Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week in
Memory of Sybil O'Leary*

MEDITATION CLASSES

Meditation classes will be starting up again on Saturday 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.

CONQUEST & CHALLENGE

There will be a Conquest and Challenge meeting this Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 at 6:30pm at Saint Dominic School. All youth are welcome to attend.

CWL UPDATE



Mother's Day Sale of Roses – Mother's Day is this Sunday, May 14th. 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 – On Sunday, June 11th, after the 11:00 am Mass, the CWL will be hosting a baby shower in the Parish Centre for mothers and their babies who reside at Shifra Homes. A light lunch will be served. Complimentary tickets will be available on the weekends of May 27-28 and June 03-04. The price of admission is an unwrapped baby gift. The list of much needed items along with more information regarding this event, will be on our website www.saintdominic.ca.

If you are unable to attend but would still like to contribute, you can leave your baby gift in the parish hall narthex. If you would like to make a financial donation, a tax receipt can be provided to you. Please come and join us on June 11th. We look for-





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Membership and Insurance Information Evening

Learn how the Knights of Columbus helps protect Catholic families, proclaims the faith, and helps those most in need in local communities and across the world. With the Knights you can address your family's insurance needs while supporting an organization that contributes to charities that align with our shared Catholic faith. Everyone is invited to join us for a Membership and Insurance Information Evening with refreshments on May 31st and June 28th at 7:00 pm, at the Knights of Columbus Marian Council Hall, 635 Fourth Line, Unit 50, Oakville, ON, L6L 5W4. Please email henrythissen@gmail.com to register.

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.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, May 15	Rev. Michael McHugh
Tuesday, May 16	Rev. Msgr Raymond Modeski
Wednesday, May 17	Seminarians
Thursday, May 18	Rev. Robert Sims
Friday, May 19	Rev. Arthur Scidmore
Saturday, May 20	Rev. James Curtin

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - JUNE 03, 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, June 3rd, 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

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 VLCFF (Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation). To learn more about this study, please visit us at www.hamiltondioceselearns.com



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.

HEALING MASS AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

There is a healing Mass on Thursday, May 18th at 7:30 pm at St. Michael's Church, 181 Sewell Drive, Oakville, Ontario. All are welcome.

SPRING MEMORIAL MASS HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY

The Spring Memorial Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington will take place on Saturday, May 27th at 11:00 am. Light refreshments will be served following the Mass. All are welcome!

"Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!"

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