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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

“Whoever does not carry his/her cross and follow me is not worthy of me.”

Today's Gospel reading is a concluding passage on Jesus' 'Discourse on Mission' (Mt 9:35 – 10:42). As a conclusion, Jesus presents two parallel thoughts on discipleship.

The first one is a radical commitment to Him and to His mission.

The second is to those who cannot fully commit to the mission. They are invited to support the mission of Christ through their generosity and sharing.

Without any exemption, every disciple of Christ has a duty for the mission which, Jesus presents in unequivocal terms in the Gospel.

“Whoever does not carry his/her cross and follow me is not worthy of me.” These words of Jesus had a totally different bearing on the listener in Jesus' time. In the Present day, we have a great reverence to the cross. We have been conditioned to use it as a symbol of our faith and salvation. In Jesus' time, people shuddered when they heard the word 'Cross'. Crucifixion was a form of execution, mercilessly implemented by the Roman authorities for slaves and political rebels. To create fear in people, crucifixions took place just outside the city on an elevated place where the crucified would be visible to all, after being paraded through the city streets amidst public booing and mockery. The corpses were left on the crosses for days and, many a time, became food for vultures. The suffering that a crucifixion created was both physical and psychological, and the public disgrace it induced made the word 'cross' a most abhorred term.

Jesus is making it clear to His followers that the cost of Discipleship is enormous. It is as huge as carrying the cross. Of course, his disciples will have His example – He will embrace that Cross and fulfill His mission. Discipleship and the proclamation of God's Kingdom are much greater than life and death. The true joy of finding the Kingdom is embedded in 'losing oneself'.

'Losing oneself' in Christ is a particularly important aspect of discipleship. It creates priorities in life. A disciple should not be dissuaded by any form of family bonds. If a family bond is stronger than the call to discipleship and mission, then as Jesus says, he/she is *“not worthy of [Him]”*. Evangelist Matthew, here, gives us a glimpse of the early church condition. Conversion to Christianity divided families into many fractions. Matthew reminds the followers that it is in losing even the family bonds and affections, that we will find Jesus.

Matthew drives home the value of the mission of/for Christ. Even though the cost of discipleship is huge, the reward for supporting the mission is also huge. Jesus promises the prophets reward and righteous reward. Giving a cup of cold water is a very inexpensive, yet essential provision in the hot climate of the Palestinian – Middle Eastern desert. This small gesture of kindness given to the disciple of Christ because he/she is the 'little one' of Christ is enough to attract God's rewards. –



PARISH LITURGIES

—13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

July 02 – July 08

Tuesday, July 04 - St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:30 am + Maria & Salvatore Mastrella

Wednesday, July 05 - St. Anthony Zaccaria

8:30 am + Frank Evans

Thursday, July 06 - St. Maria Goretti

8:30 am + Jacob D'Souza Simonetti

Friday, July 07 - Bl. Peter To Rote

8:30 am Int. Alegria Lomibao

—14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, July 08 - St. Arnulf of Soissons

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm **For:**

+ Maria & Manuel Silva, + Maria & Jose Gomes, + Tom Costantini, + Elvira & Damiano Di Perna, + David Black, + Frank Suklje, + Maria Valla, + Anita Flaherty, Michael Donnelly

Sunday, July 09

9:00 am For our
11:00 am Parish



**WELCOME CARMELITE PROVINCIAL
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A Special welcome to Reverend Father Sylvester D'Souza OCD, who will be visiting from July 5th – 8th and celebrating our weekday morning Masses.



SANCTUARY LAMP

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED!



Serena Wing-Haan Hui

Parents: Richard Hui & Cindy An Duong

Godparents: Steven D'Costa & Marissa Horman

We pray for the repose of the soul of our dearly departed, especially, **John Meyerstein** –may they, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT
CARMEL**

On the weekend of July 15th and 16th, we will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We will have a special collection for the Carmelite Missions.

Your support is greatly appreciated.



Raven Avery Bautista Tamayo

Parents: Floyd Tamayo & Vanessa Bautista

Godparents: Christian Yamashiro & Pathee Mae Gavino

CONFIRMATION 2023/24 INFORMATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin next Fall for those entering grade 7 and up who are registered in Saint Dominic Parish. Please note that our information brochure was sent out at the end of June through our schools. If you lost the brochure or attend other schools, you will find copies of the brochure on the wall in the narthex or you can go on our website. The Service Project Record sheet can also be found on our parish website. You are expected to acquire 25 hours of community service prior to receiving the Sacrament as part of the registration process, so it may be helpful to start collecting your service hours over the summer. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Aguiar our Pastoral Minister at (905) 827-2373 or michael@saintdominic.ca

PLEASE NOTE:

Our Parish Office Summer Hours are as follows:

Tuesday – Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm &

Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Have a Safe and Happy Summer!

“Whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.”

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

WATCH: *Maria Goretti*

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FIRST COMMUNION 2023/24 INFORMATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will begin next Fall for those entering grade 2 and up who are registered in Saint Dominic Parish. Please note that our information brochure was sent out at the end of June through our schools. If you lost the brochure or attend other schools, you will find copies of the brochure on the wall in the narthex or you can go on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Aguiar our Pastoral Minister at (905)827-2373 or Michael@saintdominic.ca

CWL NEWS

Can you help? Summer is here, the kids are out of school and the Food Bank is finding it challenging to keep up with the need. Please donate breakfast items for the month of July. The big red box in the Narthex, is waiting to be filled. If you could help by donating cereals, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

DIOCESAN MARIAN DAYS

Join us for Marian Days on the first Saturdays of the month from June to October, 2023 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph).

Format:

9:00 am – Confessions; 10:00 – Holy Mass; 11:00 – Rosary Procession; 12:00 pm – Lunch – Bring your own – coffee and tea available (Guided tour of the Basilica also available); 1:00 – Holy Hour and Marian catechesis; 2:00 – Marian Day closes with Benediction

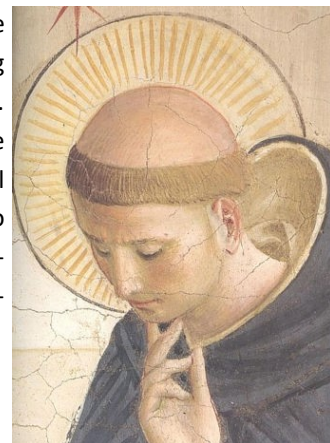
Presiders:

June 03 – Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki; July 01 – Bishop Douglas Crosby; August 05 – Bishop Gerard Bergie; September 02 – Bishop Wayne Lobsinger; October 07 – Thomas Cardinal Collins

FEAST OF SAINT DOMINIC & BBQ

On Sunday, August 6, during the 11:00 Mass, we will be celebrating the Feast Day of Saint Dominic. Bishop Wayne Lobsinger will be the celebrant. After the Mass, all parishioners are welcome to attend our Annual Parish Barbecue which will be held in the rectory backyard.

All are welcome to attend!



HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, July 3	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
Tuesday, July 4	Rev. James Petrie
Wednesday, July 5	Institute of Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus
Thursday, July 6	Rev. Fadi Rizk
Friday, July 7	Rev. Francesco Cucchi
Saturday, July 8	Rev. Grzegorz Ogorzalek

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
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