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Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

The Saving Power of the Word of God
—Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

All three readings from today's liturgy were written when the faith communities were passing through difficult times in their lives. The first reading strongly emphasizes that 'The Word' of God will not return to God empty. The second reading reminds us that the suffering in the world has a value, and it brings in new life. And finally, the Gospel narrates the saving power of 'The Word' of God. In all three readings it is the listener or the believer who must cooperate and work with the Divine Word.

Today's first reading was written during the mid-exilic time. *Yahweh's* people were in the Babylonian desert losing their hope on the promises made to them by God through the Holy People and therefore, losing their Faith. At this time, the Prophet Isaiah consoles the people and reiterates the promise made in the past about their return to Israel and to their freedom. He tells them, just like the rain or snow which waters the earth and causes all types of vegetation to thrive, 'The Word' of God fulfills its purpose. After 70 years of waiting, something unexpected happened, the first group of Hebrews were permitted to go back to their homeland.

When Paul was writing his epistle from a Roman prison, many people were interpreting their per-

secution and suffering under the Roman authorities as a great disaster. Early Christians were losing hope. To explain the value of suffering, Paul uses the imagery of a woman who is about to give birth. The groans of that woman are not the groans of death, but of life. Her suffering and pain will turn into joy with the coming of new life. It is through the cooperation of all the believers that we can transform creation, which is waiting to be transformed.

The parable of the Sower and the seed is the story of Jesus Christ, the incarnate 'Word' of God. The 'Word', like the seed, was put into the world by God's Will. He was an insignificant person in His society. He worked as a carpenter, was despised by the authorities and considered a fool by family members. It seemed that His preaching and teaching would die with His death on the Cross. Many rejected His teaching; some were simply curious but only a few accepted His teachings whole heartedly. Just like the seed in the parable, the Divine Word was destined to fulfill His purpose. Though Jesus' life was short and not that popular, as years passed His message was rooted in many different hearts and yielded a great harvest. It continues to bear fruit – some thirty-fold, others: sixty-fold and some others: a hundred-fold.

"The word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword..." (Heb 4:12)

PARISH LITURGIES

—THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL—

July 16 – July 22

Tuesday, July 18 - St. Frederick

8:30 am + Florine Pinto

Wednesday, July 19 - St. Arsenius the Great

8:30 am Int. Fr. Bobby

Thursday, July 20 - St. Apollinaris

8:30 am Int. Vittorio Camardo

Friday, July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi

8:30 am + Deacon Randy Matters

—16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm **For:**
+ Tony Spagnuolo, + Joanne Van Hoof,
+ Maria Valla, + Tony Jelenec, + Louisa Lai
Siu, Int. Annie Prasad, Int. Thomas Kurian

Sunday, July 23 - World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

9:00 am For our
11:00 am Parish



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein that you are my Mother.

FEAST OF SAINT DOMINIC & BBQ

On **Sunday, August 06**, 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, at 12:00 pm, all parishioners are welcome to attend our **Annual Parish Barbecue**, which will be held in the rectory backyard.

All are welcome to attend!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED!



Owen Joseph Trivers

Parents: Clark and Kaley Trivers

Godparents: Rick D’Costa and Jennifer D’Costa

SANCTUARY LAMP



Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week for the Deceased Members of the Paikeday Family

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

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

MEDITATION CLASSES

Meditation classes have started up again on Saturday mornings 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.

“The seed that fell on good soil produced a hundredfold.”

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

WATCH: [St. Mary Magdalene](#)

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp for a discussion on the life and witness of St. Mary Magdalene. Who was she, and why is she a saint? Find out in this conversation.



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IN THE MIND OF THE



Our Pastoral Minister, Michael Aguiar will be offering an Evening of Reflection July 26th, 2023 at 6:30pm at St. Patrick Parish in Burlington. Michael will accompany us as we journey through contemplative questions like... *Who am I in the mind of God? Where do I come from? What is the foundation of my identity, and that of everyone else around me?* Through In the Mind of the Artist, we will discover a unique look at who we are, the role we play in salvation history, and consequently, the incomprehensible dignity that comes with every human person.

Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre

Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre would like to welcome any groups or individual looking to book a retreat experience. With a large Chapel and acres of untouched green space Mount Mary is an ideal location for anyone seeking a space for a retreat. For more information and to book a retreat please visit www.mountmary.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!

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

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, July 17	Rev. Marko Stefanec
Tuesday, July 18	Rev. Joseph Abiola Akanbi
Wednesday, July 19	Pallottine Fathers (S.A.C.)
Thursday, July 20	Rev. Tomy Chittinapilly
Friday, July 21	Rev. Mark Morley
Saturday, July 22	St. Mary Magdalene, Disciple of the Lord

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