

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

-Deacon Terry Murphy

"Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, loving is the fulfilling of the law" (Romans 13:10)

"Hate is too great a burden to bear. It injures the hater more than it injures the hated" (Correta Scott King)

each other is that the one who is upset says nothing to the person who has caused the upset. But the angry person does talk to his or her friends and supporters and begins to gather sympathetic ears for a message that the other person has done the injured party wrong. For now, the person who is now being vilified has no idea that he or she has done anything to anyone. Then when the problem ultimately comes to a head, the original issue has either been completely forgotten or has morphed into something entirely different than the slight it started as. Meanwhile, the person who started it all with some relatively minor act has become a major villain, - simply from the power of bad feelings, innuendo and accusations, simmering over time. This is precisely what Jesus talks about in today's gospel.

If I was asked what my wife would say if she found out that I was having an affair. Joanne would probably ask — as I look up from a pool of my own blood on the floor — "How do you reload this thing?" Although clearly a joke, it is unfortunately the way many of us handle our disagreements with others. We may not literally settle them with firearms, but we also don't try to reach reconciliation. We wait in ambush until we can be sure of "winning the war". And this is a model that is absolutely not acceptable to Jesus Christ.

Today's Gospel gives us some real concrete step-bystep instructions from Jesus with regard to how we should handle conflict. In this passage Jesus lays out a step-by-step plan for how one Christian should handle a disagreement with another member of the

community.

How do I respond when I feel sinned against by another? Do we bind another to us with our anger or resentment? Or do we strive to let the hurt, anger or jealousy go by talking with the individual? The gift is we can always change our automatic responses to certain situations. It typically takes a concerted effort. It is so easy to slip back into old patterns.

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Today, ask yourself: "What is the pain, hurt, frustration that I am carrying? Am I ready to let it go? I pray you are.

From my experience in prison ministry forgiveness is the aspect of Jesus' ministry that we humans have the most trouble following. It is part of our human nature; when someone wrongs us, we want to get them back, and make them feel how they made us feel.

You see, no matter how much harm may come to the person who has committed a wrong and is then ambushed by people because of what they have done, it is the person who was originally wronged, the one against whom a sin was committed, who suffers irreparable harm if there is no forgiveness. The one who asks for forgiveness goes on, once the forgiveness is requested. That person has done what he or she can do by asking forgiveness. It is the person who *refuses to forgive* who continues to suffer.

(... read the rest on our website)

PARISH LITURGIES

-23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time-

September 10 – September 17

Tuesday, September 12 - Most Holy Name of Mary

8:30 am NO MASS

Wednesday, September 13 - Saint John

 ${\it Chrysostom, Bishop \& Doctor\ of\ the\ Church}$

8:30 am Int. Helen Chong Ping

Thursday, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 am + Caitlyn Jennings

Friday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 am + Galicano C. Casuga

-24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-

Saturday, September 16 - Saint Cornelius, Pope, & Saint Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr

4:00 – 4:30 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm **For:**

+ Parrott Family, + Claudio Marnaccio, Int. Bill Gittins, + Juanito Quiricol, + Jonathan Polce, + Remi Marchildon

Sunday, September 17

9:00 am For our 11:00 am Parish



FIRST COMMUNION 2023/24 INFORMATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will begin this 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

CONFIRMATION 2023/24 INFORMATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin this 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



Registration is now open for Saint Dominic Youth Ministry's Conquest and Challenge program! Families with children in Grade 2 to 12 are welcome to register for another year of fun, activities, sports, and virtue formation. High school students are encouraged to volunteer and will receive community service hours. The club will gather every other Tuesday from 6:30 pm — 8:30 pm at Saint Dominic school beginning September 19th. If you wish to register your children, please visit: saint-dominic.ca/youth or contact our Youth Minister, Michael Aguiar at the parish office.



SANCTUARY LAMP

Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week
In Memory of Deceased
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RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in exploring the Catholic Christian Faith through



the journey of the R.C.I.A. process at Saint Dominic Parish? R.C.I.A. stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Through talks, instructions, prayer and guidance, adults are led through a journey of understanding and accepting the Catholic Christian Faith. If you are considering this or know of someone who might be interest-

ed, please contact Father Ranjan D'Sa or Brian Thornton at the parish office.

ST. DOMINIC PARISH PASTA DINNER AND FUN NIGHT

The Social Committee is pleased to announce that they will be hosting a Pasta Dinner on Saturday, September 23 following the 5:00 pm Mass. You are invited to join your fellow parishioners as we transform our auditorium into a little slice of Italy. You will get to experience the sights, sounds and ambience of a restaurant on the Via Del Corso in Rome. The evening will start with wine, beer or soft drinks available from a cash bar. The fare will include authentic pasta, home made Italian tomato sauce (choice of vegetable, meat, and Alfredo), freshly-cut Italian Bread, Caesar Salad, dessert and coffee. There will be a number of draws for prizes during the evening. All proceed will go to our Catholic Women's League's charitable initiatives. Tickets will be \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets will be on sale September 02 & 03 and 09 & 10, following all Masses. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please speak to a Social Committee member or contact the parish office.

O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord.

Do no harden your hearts!"

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Food Bank Suggestions for the Month of September: Peanut free snacks (e.g.: nut free cereal bars, pudding & fruit cups) for the food bank for the month of September since the kids are back to school.

Our next general meeting will be held in the Parish Hall. Monday, September 11th at 7:00 pm. Guest speaker: Josie Luetke from Campaign Life. All are welcome.

CONVERSATIO CHRISTO

Experience the power of praying with Gregorian Chant



Reminder to Get Your Tickets... The Saint Dominic 9 am Choir From the Pews has been hard at work throughout the summer with weekly rehearsals and meetings, preparing for their first Gregorian Chant Concert – *Conversatio Christo* – on Sunday, October 01 at 7:00 pm at Saint Dominic Parish. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Centre.

More than a concert, Conversatio Christo is an opportunity to experience the power of Gregorian Chant – an ancient form of prayer of the Catholic Church that the Second Vatican Council called a "treasure of inestimable value." Net proceeds of the concert will benefit CWL charitable initiatives and our purpose is to spread devotion to the Holy Face – a return to Christ in a spirit of reverence and reparation.

For a brief preview, please visit our <u>Instagram</u> or <u>Facebook</u> channels, linked on conversatiochristo.com

Tickets are available through Evenbrite: saintdominic.ca or conversatiochristo.com Tickets will also will be on sale in the Narthex on the following weekends: Sept 16/17, Sept 23/24, Sept 30/Oct 01.

"The one who loves another has fulfilled the law."

10TH ANNUAL BRONTECOAT DRIVE

Cleaning out your closets and have winter apparel that no longer fits? We would be happy to accept your donations of men's, women's and children's winter coats (also scarves, hats, mittens and boots). Must be clean and in good repair. Donations may be left in the Narthex or dropped off at the Saint Dominic parking lot every Saturday in September between 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Please visit saintdominic.ca/bronte-coat-drive for more information.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you throughout our life, which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as married couples, priests, consecrated virgins, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

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 fire-power 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 peace, through the intercession of Our Lady of Victory.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, September 11	Rev. Ronald Voisin
Tuesday, September 12	Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
Wednesday, September 13	Missionary Sisters of Christ the King
Thursday, September 14	Rev. Roque Concepcion Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Friday, September 15	Our Lady of Sorrows
Saturday, September 16	Rev. George Nowak, C.R.

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (*Closed from noon to 1:00 pm*).

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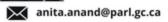
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