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## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

—Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

There is always a struggle to comprehend God and His actions. We love to hear about God's unconditional love, but fear about His justice. Can love and justice exist together? How can a Just God be that compassionate to His People? Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, in her writings, beautifully solves this problem. For her "God's justice is His mercy". If God's very nature is mercy, then His justice must be mercy.

Thérèse always trusted in the mercy and compassion of God. She pictured God as a loving and caring parent – "I have long believed that the Lord is more tender than a mother. I know that a mother is always ready to forgive trivial, involuntary misbehavior on the part of her child. Children are always giving trouble, falling, getting themselves dirty, breaking things – but all this does not shake their parents' love for them".

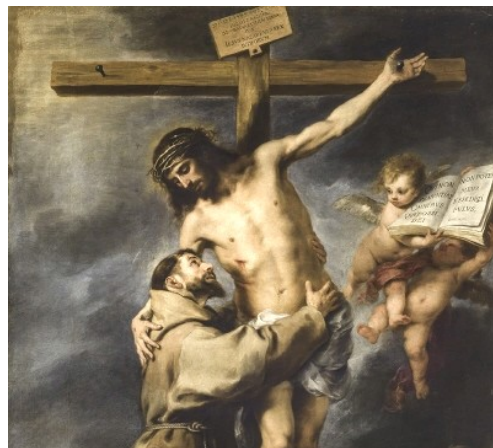
In today's Gospel passage, Peter asks Jesus what the limit is to forgive others. Is it seven times? If we know the background, Peter has shown a great deal of improvement. The rabbis had put the limit to three which was a significant improvement from the code of retaliation of Hammurabi.

It is natural for human beings to retaliate disproportionately for the harm done to

them. It is not easy to forgive, especially when the hurt is grave. But unforgiveness can make us the prisoner of our own emotions, like: anger, hatred, grudge, and jealousy. When we refuse to forgive, we build a wall around ourselves, and we lock ourselves in.

The parable that Jesus presents in the Gospel shows us that we can never put limits in forgiving others. Because of our fallen nature, we owe a huge debt to God – but God forgives all of them. He never counts our offences but wants us to respond to His love and mercy from the freedom of our heart. As a result of becoming free children of God we have the duty to forgive others and to show mercy to them.

Jesus wants his disciples to reflect His Father's mercy in everything they do, for "God's Mercy is His love". –



## PARISH LITURGIES

—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time—

*September 17 – September 23*

**Tuesday, September 19** - *St. Januarius*

8:30 am + Denny Casey

**Wednesday, September 20** - *St. Andrew Kim Tae*

*-Gon, Paul Chong Ha Sang, and Companions*

8:30 am + Caitlyn Jennings

**Thursday, September 21** - *St. Matthew, Apostle*

8:30 am + Lazaros & Helena Kim

**Friday, September 22** - *Martyrs of the Theban Legion*

8:30 am + Georgina Bourke

—25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

**Saturday, September 23** - *Saint Pio of Pietrelcina*

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm **For:**

+ Fr. Victor McNamara, + Claudio Marinaccio, + Caesar Celi, + Kevin Dashney, + Celedonia Soqueno-Ginete, Int. Christine Thomas, Int. Christine & Charles Thomas

**Sunday, September 24**

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](mailto: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 to 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. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Aguiar, our Pastoral Minister at (905) 827-2373 or [michael@saintdominic.ca](mailto:michael@saintdominic.ca)



Registration is now open for Saint Dominic Youth Ministry's Conquest and Challenge program! Families with children in Grades 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: [saintdominic.ca/youth](http://saintdominic.ca/youth) or contact our Youth Minister, Michael Aguiar at the parish office.

*"Should a man nourish anger against his fellows and expect healing from the Lord?"*

## SANCTUARY LAMP



*Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week  
In Memory of Georgina Bourke*

*We pray for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed,  
especially, Reverend Arthur Scidmore, Anthony Caputo,  
Luz Guillen.*

*May they, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## 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 interested, 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 proceeds 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 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.

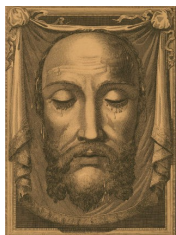
## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

### CONVERSATIO CHRISTO

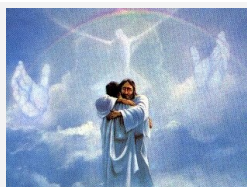
Experience the power of praying with Gregorian Chant



**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 [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#) channels, linked on [conversatiochristo.com](http://conversatiochristo.com)

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



*“I tell you, you should forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times.”*

### 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](http://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.

## CATECHETICAL RESOURCES FAIR

**JOIN US THIS FALL!** All are welcome to an informal presentation on new and exciting resources to support catechetical ministry with adults, teens, and children. Time will be provided for questions and discussion as well as an opportunity to browse new titles and Diocese-specific resources for parish ministry.

Tuesday, October 24 (10:00 am – noon):

**Chancery Office, Diocese of Hamilton**

Wednesday, October 25 (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm):

**St Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener**

Please register here to receive event reminders and important updates: [hamiltondiocese.com/resource-fair](http://hamiltondiocese.com/resource-fair)

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, September 18	Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.
Tuesday, September 19	Rev. Sunil D’Souza O.C.D.
Wednesday, September 20	Salesians of St. Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
Thursday, September 21	Rev. Melvin Pinto O.C.D.
Friday, September 22	Rev. Vivek Trindade
Saturday, September 23	Rev. Raphael Ma, 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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