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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

—Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

The next four Sundays we will be listening to readings from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. Therefore, I think some background on this letter is helpful.

Philippi was a city in the large fertile plains of central Macedonia. The name of the city comes from Philip (father of Alexander the Great) who conquered it in 360 BC. It had become a strategic place for the Romans who controlled Philippi from 168 BC. A few wars were fought in the plains of Philippi – most important, was the battle between Octavian (Emperor Augustus) and Mark Anthony, defeating Cassius and Brutus. Philippi, under Roman rule, had become a melting pot of many cultures. Though Latin was the official language, Greek was used as a common day-to-day language.

The first Christian community (Church) in Philippi was founded by Paul around AD 49. The nucleus of this group were 'God-fearing' Jewish women who were meeting at the river for prayer on sabbath. Lydia, a merchant woman, invited Paul to her home and started a community of believers in her own home. Paul remained in Philippi until the community could sustain itself and proclaim the Good News. Later, Luke, Silas, and Timothy frequented the community to support them in faith.

In today's Passage, we see Epaphroditus was sent as a helper with gifts to Paul, who is in prison. Paul appreciates their generosity and praises their pure joy in sharing. Despite being persecuted and though in poverty, the Philippians were generous in sharing whatever they had. The joy of Christ (Gospel) which is expressed, despite poverty, becomes a great symbol of real generosity.

At this juncture, Paul is exhausted by his many years of preaching, during which he suffered both physically and spiritually. Now he wants to die. He wants to unite himself to his master. But at the same time, Paul sees he is needed by the simple communities like Philippi. This fact keeps him going. The friendship and gratitude shown by this small community revives his spirit.



Through Epaphroditus, Paul sends back this letter to Philippi to fill his absence from their community. He expresses his concern over the suffering they are enduring because of their preaching of the Gospel. But Paul's main intention in writing this letter is to warn Philippi against disunity within the community as it may render futile any advancement of the Gospel. –

PARISH LITURGIES

—25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

September 24 – September 30

Tuesday, September 26 - *St. John de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues and the Canadian Martyrs*

8:30 am + Sharon McCormick

Wednesday, September 27 - *St. Vincent de Paul, Priest*

8:30 am + Angela Silvan

Thursday, September 28 - *St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs*

8:30 am + Guido Bardaro

Friday, September 29 - *Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels*

8:30 am + Joseph Paik

—26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, September 30 - *St. Jerome*

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm **For:**

+ Joseph Paik, + Stephan Chon, + Monica Lim
+ Darryl Ward, + Juanita Quiricol, + Frank Suklje, + Anthony Caputa

Sunday, October 1

9:00 am For our

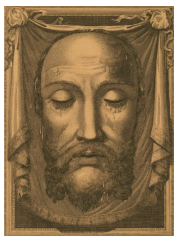
11:00 am Parish



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 for 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.

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.

Tickets are available through Eventbrite: saintdominic.ca or conversatiochristo.com Tickets will also be on sale in the Narthex on the following weekends: Sept 30/Oct 01.

Single tickets: \$25, two or more tickets: \$20 each, online streaming ticket: \$20/each. All are welcome!

“Live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ.”



SANCTUARY LAMP

Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week for the Intentions of Alegria Lomibao

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 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

“The Lord is near to all who call on him.”



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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.



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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. If you wish to register your children, please visit: saintdominic.ca/youth or contact our Youth Minister, Michael Aguiar at the parish office.

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.

10TH ANNUAL BRONTE COAT DRIVE



Are you 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.

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

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, September 25	Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.
Tuesday, September 26	Rev. Francisco Cruz
Wednesday, September 27	Parish Staff
Thursday, September 28	Rev. Mussie A. Keflezghi, M.C.C.J
Friday, September 29	Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.
Saturday, September 30	Rev. Jungheon (Francisco) Kwak

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