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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

—Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

The parable of two sons is specifically directed to the Pharisees and Sadducees who claimed hegemony on God's Kingdom. Because of their Biblical traditions, Hebrews boasted of being chosen by God. Many a time, God referred to them as His first born, but the Hebrews believed that they were the only 'child of God' (Ex 4.22).

In today's parable, Jesus spoke about the two children of God. The first born said 'yes' to God's will. Israelites always believed that Abraham's 'yes' in faith had made them children of God. Israelites listened to the word of God and responded to the call to become God's first born.

The second son represents the pagans. Jews equated pagans with dogs. It is very provocative on Jesus' part to elevate pagans to being children of God. Jesus wants to disturb the thinking of the Jews, who are totally against the mercy and justice of God. Jesus wants to show them that God is the loving Father for all of humanity.

Jesus strongly sends the message to the Jewish leaders that no one has dominion over His Father's Kingdom. The second son (gentiles) may have said 'no' to God's call to hear His word and do His will, but later repented and fulfilled God's will. On the other

hand, the first son (Hebrews) took for granted God's gifts and failed to respond to His will.

Matthew wrote this parable 50 years after the death and resurrection of Christ. At that time, the Christian communities were predominantly made up of pagans. They were not the first ones to hear the Good News. When the Jews rejected the message of Christ, the disciples (St. Paul) turned to the pagans and preached the message of hope and salvation (Acts 14: 46) to them. The gentiles took seriously the preaching of the disciples and became an integral part of the community of believers.

We find these two sons even in the church. In baptism we willingly say 'yes' to God's call of salvation. But as the days pass, due to worldly pressures and human desires, our initial 'yes' gradually turns into 'no'. We do become the children of God through baptism and living the life of baptism we confirm our inheritance to God's Kingdom. How good it will be, if we become the combination of both sons and say 'yes', and keep the promise. —

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Daily Reflections – Feast of the Guardian Angels – October 2, 2023

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PARISH LITURGIES

—26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

October 01 – October 07

Tuesday, October 03

8:30 am Int. Joan Pinto

Wednesday, October 04 - St. Francis of Assisi

8:30 am + Theresa Shease

Thursday, October 05 - St. Faustina Kowalska

8:30 am + Gerald McGraw

Friday, October 06 - St. Bruno & Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher

8:30 am + Dalip Dial

—27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, October 07 - Our Lady of the Rosary

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm **For:**

+ Rita Merrick, + Jose Pinheiro, + Elisa Papparelli, + Raina Shirley-Ann Scott, + Isabelo & Matilde Lacuesta, + The Suklje Family, + Douglas Earl Tate, + Maria Rosa Furino in Cambone

Sunday, October 08

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parish



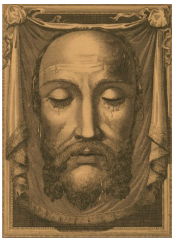
THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Monday, October 9th at 10:00 am



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 will be available at the doors on October 1st.

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

There is a CWL General Meeting this Monday, October 2nd at 7:00 pm in the parish centre.

All are welcome!



SANCTUARY LAMP



Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week for the Intentions of the Magnus Family



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, leads seekers through a journey of understanding the Catholic Faith, through talks, instructions, prayer and guidance. If you are considering this or know someone who might be interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Father Ranjan D'Sa or Brian Thornton at the parish office. Classes will begin on Sunday, October 8th. All are welcome!

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2023/2024

New and updated information for First Communion & Confirmation for the 2023/2024 school year is available on the parish website at: saintdominic.ca/sacraments

We encourage all parents whose children are preparing to receive their sacraments this year to review the documents and processes and become familiar with the important dates.

Please contact our Parish Minister, Michael Aguiar, at the parish office for any questions.

PARENT MEETING FOR FIRST COMMUNION

There will be a Parent Meeting for First Communion on Wednesday, October 11th, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Church.

PARENT MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION

There will be a Parent Meeting for Confirmation on Thursday, October 19th, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Parent's whose children are preparing to receive their sacraments this year must attend this meeting.

“Lord, be mindful of your mercy.”



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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.

The next meeting will be this Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

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.

HALTON ALIVE GALA



The Halton Alive Gala will be held on Friday October 20, 2023. The doors will open at 6:00 pm and the cost is \$100.

Event features: gourmet dinner, silent auction, live music, testimonials, photo booth, games, door prizes.

Location: Oakville Convention Centre, 2515 Wyecroft Rd.

For more information, please visit haltonalive.ca/gala or contact Esther Shaye: eshaye@gmail.com

MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP

If you would like to explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic priest, please join me, Father Mark Morley, and other men who are discerning their vocation, by attending our diocesan Men's Discernment Group. Our first meeting for the Fall will be held on Friday, October 20th at 7:00 pm (at St Michael's Church, 80 University Avenue, Waterloo, ON). We will gather in the hall; please use the side doors at the front of the church. If you would like to attend, or have any questions, please contact me:

hamiltondiocese.com/vocations

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus."

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, October 2	Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.
Tuesday, October 3	Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.
Wednesday, October 4	Felician Franciscan Sisters (C.S.S.F.)
Thursday, October 5	Rev. Robert Love
Friday, October 6	Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.
Saturday, October 7	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski Our Lady of the Rosary

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