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## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Deacon Terry Murphy

***“Oh God, teach us to treasure your gifts, to share them with others, and to use them for your glory.”***

That prayer – taken in part, from the prayer over the gifts, from the Thanksgiving Mass that will be celebrated on Monday – sums up the essence of a true Thanksgiving: Treasure, Share, and Use Gods gifts.

As Jesus was telling his listeners today’s parable, he knew that this scenario would be played out in his own life. He realized that the Pharisees were plotting against him and most likely, they were planning on killing him. This parable was a foreshadowing of what was to come. Were the Pharisees taken aback by Jesus’ questions? Were they surprised that Jesus confronted them as he did?

If we were in Jesus’ shoes, would we have the same courage and trust to continue on his journey? This gospel makes it clear that Jesus knew that he would be killed, yet he stayed true to his call. He continued to preach and teach. Today, may we draw the strength from Jesus to be true to our call – whatever that might be! Jesus will walk with us, guide us and strengthen us! May we walk with Jesus today and every day!

This parable and the confrontation that this parable provokes are like a mirror held before us so that we might see and recognize, in ourselves, what Jesus sees and recognizes. This is not to condemn us but to recover us from the places of our self-exclusion, to call us back to life, and to lead us home.

Jesus doesn’t exclude us or anyone else from the kingdom of God. He doesn’t have to. We do it to

ourselves and we’re pretty good at it. That’s what the Pharisees have done. The Pharisees have excluded themselves.

It also makes me think about how, sometimes, I do not really appreciate what I have, or act like I know where it has come from. It serves as a kind of reminder to me.

It speaks so well of what we all know somewhere in our hearts, but often seem to forget in our actions and our attitudes. It speaks of how everything we have is a gift from God, a gift worked upon by our hands, most certainly; a gift perhaps even enhanced by our own strength, but a gift none-the-less, for God gives us the hands we need, and God gives us the strength we have.

I think that Jesus looks at all of us with love, and asks all of us to treasure our gifts, to share our gifts, and to use God’s gifts to help others. It’s a sad situation that so many in affluent societies choose the love of money over the love of the Lord. There are also many examples available to us of people embracing volunteer poverty, people like Dorothy Day, Mohandas Gandhi, Mother Teresa and so on. Each of us is called to the best of our ability to serve one another, share our resources with one another, and follow Him.

My hope and prayer is simply that we can all do what Jesus would do. That no matter what, we will never walk away from Jesus; we will never reject Jesus; we will always follow Jesus into the world of poverty, to the cross, to non violent confrontation with our society and government over murderous practices such as abortion and injustices in the prison system; that we too, will love our enemies and stand with the poorest and weakest around us, proclaiming the coming of God’s reign of peace and justice.

(... continue reading the rest on our website)

## PARISH LITURGIES

—27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

October 08 – October 14

**Monday, October 09 - St. John Henry Newman**

10:00 am **Thanksgiving Day Mass**

**Tuesday, October 10 - St. Daniel Comboni**

8:30 am + Ernest Aubut

**Wednesday, October 11 - St. John XXIII**

8:30 am Int. Paikeday Family

**Thursday, October 12 - Bl. Carlo Acutis**

8:30 am + Sharon McCormick

**Friday, October 13 - Bl. Alexandrina Maria da Costa**

8:30 am + Jose Micallef

—28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

**Saturday, October 14 - Pope St. Callistus I**

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm **For:**

+ Maria & Manuel Silva, + Maria & Jose Gomes, + Marco Simonetti, + The Jelenic Family, + Darryl Ward, + Tony Bengles

**Sunday, October 15**

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parish



### THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am



New and updated information for First Communion & Confirmation for the 2023/2024 school year is available on the parish website at: [saintdominic.ca/sacraments](http://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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Church.

#### **PARENT MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION**

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

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

### ALL SOULS DAY MASS AT HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY



The annual All Souls Day Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will take place on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. The principal celebrant will be Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton. Refreshments will be served after Mass. All are welcome!

### SANCTUARY LAMP



*Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week  
in Memory of Earnest Aubut*

### THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

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 8<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome!

### BLESSING OF THE STATUE FOR THE UNBORN

Last Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, after the 11:00 am Mass, our parishioners gathered together along with Fr. Ranjan and the Knights of Columbus, for a blessing and prayers at the Statue for the Unborn in memory of all the children who have died from abortion in our community and in the world.



### AN EVENING WITH BISHOP CROSBY

Join us for a wonderful opportunity to meet Bishop Douglas Crosby and hear him speak. It's a fun evening with exceptional food, fellowship, and a great cause. All are welcome.

Monday November 13, 2023, at the Oakville Conference & Banquet Centre 2515 Wycroft Road, Oakville, Ontario. Doors open at 5:30 pm with a reception. Dinner is served at 6:30 pm. To register or purchase tickets for this event, please go to the website: [www.hccf.ca](http://www.hccf.ca)



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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](http://saintdominic.ca/youth) or contact our Youth Minister, Michael Aguiar at the parish office.

The next meeting will be a Movie Night on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 only until Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>. Distribution is being held on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Please visit [saintdominic.ca/bronte-coat-drive](http://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 Wycroft Rd.

For more information, please visit [haltonalive.ca/gala](http://haltonalive.ca/gala) or contact Esther Shaye: [eshaye@gmail.com](mailto:eshaye@gmail.com)

## HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, October 09	Rev. Timothy Higgins
Tuesday, October 10	Rev. Christopher Tracey
Wednesday, October 11	Chaplains
Thursday, October 12	Rev. Brendan McGrath
Friday, October 13	Rev. Jason Kuntz
Saturday, October 14	Rev. Grayson Hope

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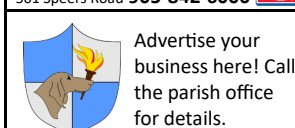


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