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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time *The King's Banquet* —Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

The first reading and the Gospel somewhat deal with the same theme: a banquet. The first reading tells us that one day God will prepare an extraordinary banquet. In ancient days, only kings used to arrange huge banquets to celebrate their victories, weddings or some other feasts connected to royalty. These celebrations were lavish. But Isaiah speaks about God's banquet, which will be the biggest and the best of all.

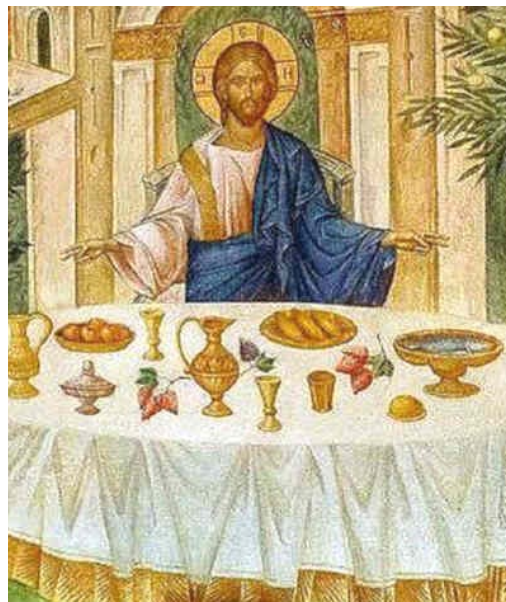
Banquets in scripture symbolize joy and happiness in God's kingdom.

The Gospel tries to prove that what was promised in the Old Testament is fulfilled in the New Testament. The celebration of the great feast is already begun through the coming of the promised Messiah. Many could object: if the banquet table for God's kingdom is already set, then why do we still not experience the peace and happiness it promises? The reality around us looks scary; there is economic insecurity, moral degradation, broken family systems, monotonous religious living, threats of wars, natural disasters, pandemics and many more things that threaten not only our normal living but also our very existence.

The feast of God's kingdom is begun; the invitations are being sent to all – to every tribe, tongue, and nation. But it waits for everybody to come in and secure their place. It also requires everyone's cooperation to realize its purpose, upon which depends its success. No one can accept the invitation and enter the feast unprepared.

In the second reading, the community of Philippi renders us a good example. The sincerity of their life and true love, expressed through sacrifice, was the sign that the Spirit of God was working among them.

Where there is authentic love, there is God and His Kingdom. –



PARISH LITURGIES

—28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

October 15 – October 21

Tuesday, October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:30 am + Sharron McCormick

Wednesday, October 18 - St. Luke, Evangelist

8:30 am + Michael De Vita

Thursday, October 19 - St. Paul of the Cross

8:30 am + Stephan Chon

Friday, October 20 - St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

8:30 am + Kathleen Fitzpatrick

—29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, October 21 - Bl. Giuseppe Puglisi

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm **For:**

+ Badovinac Family, + Julie Jacobi Brennan,
+ Ratka Pekas, + D'Souza Family

Sunday, October 22

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parish



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 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.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS AT HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY



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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
Mass Times**

All Saints Day – Wednesday, November 01, 2023 8:30 am

All Soul's Day – Thursday, November 02 8:30 am and 7:00 pm

Reminder: Daylight Savings Time ends November 05, 2023



SANCTUARY LAMP

*Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week
in Memory of the Deceased Members of the
Paikeday Family*

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. All are welcome!



Challenge
CONQUEST



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 a Movie Night on Tuesday, October 17th, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

FALL ACTION CAMPAIGN: (Virtual) Tuesday October 24, 7—8 pm

Come and learn about this year's Fall Action Campaign: Stand for the Land. Since January 2023, three land defenders from Guapinol region in Honduras have been murdered for defending their land from mining companies, adding to the 135 land defenders murdered since 2014. Visit: devp.org/en/evenement/fall-workshop-hamilton

CWL NEWS

The CWL is having their 2nd Annual Christmas Bazaar on the weekend of November 25/26 in the parish centre.

Calling all Saint Dominic Bakers

We could use your help in making our bake table great again, while helping us to raise money for the assorted charities we support. Drop off times for the Bake Table is on Friday, November 24th, between 2 pm and 5 pm or at 9 am on the day of the bazaar.

If you would like to volunteer your time packaging, pricing, and helping at the bake tables, please contact the CWL at: cwl@saintdominic.ca



HELP SAVE LIVES IN HALTON

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion, over 200 abortion workers converted and over 100 abortion clinics have closed.

Vigil Location: East of Oakville-Trafalgar Hospital, at the northwest corner of Proudfoot Trail and Dundas Street.

Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm, daily until Nov. 5

Local contact: Steve – 40daysforlifeoakville@gmail.com
40daysforlife.com/oakville

On Tuesday, October 17th, Bishop Douglas Crosby will offer a Mass in support of the 40 Days for Life Campaign at St. Augustine Parish in Dundas at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend!



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 or contact

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

FALL RETREAT - "Created for Communion"

St. James Parish in Oakville is holding a Fall Retreat on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 9:30 am – 12:00pm. The guest speaker is Fr. Vivek Andrade. St. James Parish is located at 231 Morden Road, Oakville, ON – 905-845-3603.

13th ANNUAL HCCEF EVENING WITH BISHOP CROSBY

Join us for a wonderful evening at the 13th Annual HCCEF Evening with Bishop Crosby. This event will take place on Monday, November 13, 2023 at the Oakville Conference & Banquet Centre, 2515 Wycroft Road, Oakville, Ontario. It's a fun evening with exceptional food, fellowship, and a great cause. 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

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, October 16	Rev. Hayden Starczala
Tuesday, October 17	Rev. John Van Hees
Wednesday, October 18	Congregation of the Holy Cross (C.S.C.)
Thursday, October 19	Rev. Patrick Ohl
Friday, October 20	Very Rev. Larry Parent
Saturday, October 21	Rev. Gerald Mulhall

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Secretary: Mary Evans

Sacristan: Judi Kingry

Custodian: Peter Coffey

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

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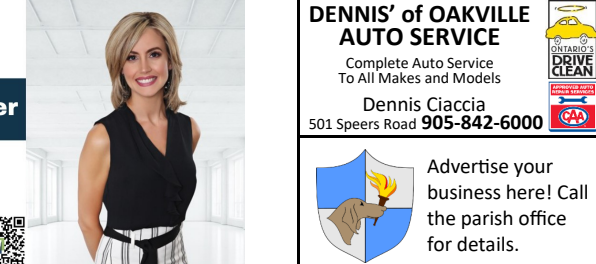

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