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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time *Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD*

In the first reading today, the prophet Isaiah prophesizes the rise of pagan king Cyrus as God's instrument to bring restoration to Israel. *"For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, (Cyrus) I surname you, ... I arm you, though you do not know me"* (Is 45:4).

The people of Israel were in the Babylonian exile. They were in one of the darkest times of their lives, quite like the Egyptian bondage. The situation was very bleak – people had lost hope in God. They had become slaves. They did not see any sign of getting out of their ordeal. Hopes of returning to their homeland were shattered. At this moment, against all odds, the young prophet Isaiah prophesizes that the return to the Promised Land is near, for God has 'anointed' Cyrus, a pagan king to bring them back.

Isaiah was a keen observer of the events that were unfolding around him. He saw that the dominant and egoistical Babylon, in its arrogance, had lost sight of the rise of a new Persian leader – Cyrus. He was winning all his battles. Within a span of a few years, Cyrus built a formidable empire, conquering nations after nations to his kingdom. Isaiah could foresee that it was a matter of time

before the Babylonians would fall to the Persians. The prophet gives them an oracle – *"Thus says the Lord to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations..."*

In the writings of Isaiah, God calls Cyrus using many titles which were specific to the Hebrew kings. God called Him a 'shepherd', 'the man of Providence', 'God's beloved', and the 'anointed', which means messiah. Isaiah sees the rise of Cyrus as God's plan to bring liberation to Israel – an instrument of salvation in the hands of God.

God used a pagan king to fulfill His plan. God can use anything to bring His plan of redemption to completion.

We can learn a lot from these Old Testament stories for our present day lives. Our present situation is not much different from the time of Isaiah. We are also facing the darker moment of our times. Our faith and spirit are weakened. We live in an era of social, moral, and spiritual collapse. But, if we see from the eyes of faith, we can find God making His presence felt through many events.

God can use any person, any event, and any situation to realize His plans. On our part we need to desire to bring God into everything we face. We need to give God *"What belongs to God"* – our entire life.

PARISH LITURGIES

—29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

October 22 – October 28

Tuesday, October 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret

8:30 am + Maria & Marino Rocca

Wednesday, October 25 - Pope St. Boniface I

8:30 am + Donna O'Donnell

Thursday, October 26 - St. Alfred the Great

8:30 am + Judith Vienna Reyes

Friday, October 27 - St. Abraham the Poor

8:30 am + Guido Bardaro

—30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, October 28 - Sts. Simon and Jude

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm **For:**

+ Eleanor Diana, + Frank Suklje, + Darryl Ward, + Tony Bengles, + Olga Clunies, + Karl Clunies, + Martha Pegado, + Freda Kantor, + Ruth Gruner

Sunday, October 29

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parish



MARK YOUR CALENDARS
Mass Times

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

All Souls 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
for the Intentions of the Jacques Family*

*We pray for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed,
especially, Ruth Gruner and Freda Kantor*

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



CWL NEWS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coffee Café Sunday, October 29th after the
11:00 am Mass

Membership Weekend Saturday/Sunday October 28th/29th

Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 25th 9 am to 3 pm

Member Christmas Lunch Sunday, December 10th – 12 noon

Our next general meeting will be held in the parish centre on
Monday, November 6th at 7 pm.

*Not a member, but curious? Please join us, all
ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend.*

DEDICATION OF NEWLY-BUILT CHURCH

The Dedication Mass of the new parish church, St. Catherine of Siena, will take place Sunday October 22nd at 3:00 pm (620 Rymal Rd. E, Hamilton). Two parish communities, Our Lady of Lourdes and Corpus Christi, were united several years ago and will now celebrate Mass in the same building. All are welcome to attend this beautiful ceremony.



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 10TH ANNUAL WINTER COAT DISTRIBUTION

Completed last Saturday, October 14th

**Thank you, Saint Dominic's parishioners for your
kind support!**



A joint effort of the Saint Dominic's Outreach, Catholic Women's League, and the Social Committee, along with the Epiphany and Walton Churches, the Canadian Legion, Oakville Hydro, and local merchants.

Through the generous giving of our many donors, we served 600 people and gave away more than 1300 coats and other much-needed winter apparel items to keep them warm this winter. Once again, thank you, and we look forward to your continued support for our 11th Annual Winter Coat Drive in 2024.

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

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
COMMUNITY IMPACT - MAY—SEPTEMBER 2023**

Home Visits – Number of home visits – 53, number of neighbours in need we assisted: 53 adults and 36 children, food vouchers and Grocery Gift Cards distributed – \$6,105.

Back to School Program – Number of children we assisted – 57, Walmart Gift Cards distributed – \$3000

Additional Support – Throughout the year neighbours in need received grocery gift cards, baby items and personal hygiene products. When the need arises, we help with occasional debts (utilities), dental treatment, vision care and other necessities.

Rent Support – We donated \$500 to rent arrears to help a family stay in their home.

Twinning Program – St. Catharine Jamaica – Our prayers and resources assist a less fortunate SSVF community. Donation given to SSVF St. Joseph's Conference in St. Catherine Jamaica: \$600.

Join Us – New members are always welcome. For more information please contact us at saintdominic.ca. Many helping hands make any work much easier. Thank you for your prayers and support.

"Shine like stars in the world, holding fast to the word of life."

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

CATECHESIS RESOURCE FAIR

The Diocesan Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is pleased to be hosting a resource fair this fall for all catechetical leaders serving adults, teens, and children. Come learn about new tools to support your ministry, browse hot off the press titles, and ask questions of our Diocesan staff who are here to help! More details and registration info can be found here: hamiltondiocese.com/resource-fair

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

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.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, October 23	Rev. Michael Anderson
Tuesday, October 24	Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.M.I.
Wednesday, October 25	Consecrated Virgins
Thursday, October 19	Rev. Stipe Rotim, O.F.M.
Friday, October 20	Fr. Ljubo Branimir Lebo, O.F.M.
Saturday, October 21	Rev. Illija Petkovic

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