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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi's Oracle

Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

Our First Reading is from the Book of Malachi. In Hebrew, Malachi means 'My Messenger'. Many scholars think that this is the title of the book rather than the name of the author. The first verse states, "The oracle of the word of the LORD to Israel by his messenger (Malachi)" (Mal. 1:1). The author of this book was the last of the literary Prophets in the Old Testament. He lived around 500 BC and gave oracles about the coming of the Messiah to the people of Israel.

During his time, the second temple was rebuilt, and business was as usual. However, the leaders and the priests abused their power and authority. As a result, corruption was rampant, divorces became a common trend, exploitation of the poor and moral decadence became the norm of the time. At this time, the messenger of God (Malachi), as an attorney of God, accused the leaders of their sins against God's covenant and against God's people.

In the Book, 'Malachi' systematically writes down six major violations against God, popularly known as six disputations. Today's reading is part of the second disputation and its consequence against the religious leaders. The major sin of the priests was their disregard to the Word of the Lord; they perverted the Word of the Lord by giving their own interpretation and ideas. Thus, instead of becoming spiritual guides to the people, they allowed the people to stray from the right path.

'Malachi' insisted on the importance of remaining truthful and faithful to the Covenant of God which was made through Abraham. His call for a return to God in repentance, preached comfort in becoming God's possession. He prophesied about the coming of the Messiah by asking his people to be watchful about the arrival of Elijah as a harbinger – "Now I am sending to you Elijah the prophet, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and terrible day; He will turn the heart of fathers to their sons, and the heart of sons to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with utter destruction" (Mal. 3:23-24).

In the Gospel, Jesus shows His discontent with the way the Pharisees run the religion. He says that they have usurped the seat of Moses without any mandate from God, which rightfully belonged to a prophet. Since Jesus is the prophet par excellence, it is His rightful place. Though Jesus constantly criticizes the doctrine of the Pharisees, He asks his listeners to practice only the good they preach and not follow their example of a power grab.

Here, we are invited to listen to the one who has the authority and is the perfect model for all of us. As prophesied by Malachi, Jesus Christ is our ultimate comfort and our salvation. –



PARISH LITURGIES

—31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

November 5 – November 12

Tuesday, November 07 - St. Florentius of Strasbourg

8:30 am Int. Jayden D'Costa

Wednesday, November 08 - St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

8:30 am + Gerald McGraw

Thursday, November 09 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:30 am + St Aubin Family

Friday, November 10 - St. Leo the Great

8:30 am + Aubin Family

—32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, November 11 - St. Martin of Tours

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm **For:**

+ Rita Merrick, + Theresa Wirkowski, + John Meyerstein, + Kevin Dashney, + Eileen Penwell, + Derek Murdoch

Sunday, November 12

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parish



Celebration OF LIFE

In remembrance of Saint Dominic’s deceased parishioners, a special Celebration of Life Mass will be offered on Wednesday, November 15th at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will follow. All are welcome!

Prayers will be offered especially for those parishioners whose funerals were celebrated here between November 2022—October 2023. Their names are displayed on ribbons which hang from the Memorial Candle in front of the Ambo. They include:

Honorato Figueiredo, Angelique Bernadette Debets, Mary Catherine Gillis, Suzanne Monaghan, Joseph Edgar Leon Bervilleau, Denise Marie Snowdon, Frank Michael Cutajar, James D’Arcy Fahey, Paul Frederick Goguen, Daniel McNeil, Beverly David Black, Maria Valla, Frederick Wayne Kendall, John Meyerstein, Emily Grant, Margaret June Warren, Alan Smith, Kay Rose Jamieson, Dolores Aline Gravel

We also invite you to record names of your deceased family members or friends in our *Book of Life*. All these people are remembered in each day’s Mass during the month of November.

THE YOUNG VINCENTIANS OF SAINT DOMINIC PARISH

We are looking for youth grades 7—12, that would like to become a member of the Young Vincentians of Saint Dominic Parish. If you would like to be a part of this youth organization, please contact Vimla Martinez de Hoz at:

youngvincentians.stdoms@gmail.com.

“You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher, the Lord Jesus Christ.”



SANCTUARY LAMP

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

POINSETTIA SALE!



Our newly-formed Young Vincentians have organized a Poinsettia Sale, offering plants in two sizes – 8” at \$20, or 10” at \$30, in either red or white. If you plan to purchase poinsettias this year, please consider supporting our young people through this initiative.

Orders and payment in cash or cheque (payable to St. Dominic CWL) may be dropped off after Mass. The deadline for orders is Sunday, November 05. Plants will be available for pickup at our Christmas Bazaar, on November 25, from 10 am – 3 pm.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through the 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.

FOOD DONATIONS BOX

Show your appreciation by sharing your bounty with those who are struggling to keep food on the table. The Oakville Food Bank need food donation to assist those affected by the pandemic. Donations of non-perishable foods may be left in the Food Box in the Parish Centre. These items are delivered weekly to the Food Bank. Items most needed are posted on Food Share’s website at:

oakvillefoodbank.com/needed-items



CWL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Saturday, November 25
10 am – 3 pm

Come and be tempted by home-bakes goodies, get started on your Christmas shopping with wares being offered by Crafters (jewellery, knitted items, handmade chocolates, charcuterie board and more!) and bid on over 30 amazing items on our Silent Auction table! You can also support the DeMazenod Door by visiting Humankind, a gift store where all proceeds are donated to the Door. Take a break and treat yourself to tea, sandwiches and goodies at our Tea Room. And for the little ones, this year, there are activities planned at our Kids Korner.

And if you will be ordering poinsettias from our Young Vincenians fund-raiser, your plants will be available for pick-up at the Bazaar! Your support is greatly appreciated!

THE ANNULMENT PROCESS

The Facts and Myths presented by Deacon Joseph Di Loreto, Diocese of Hamilton

Date: Thursday, November 23rd at 7:00 pm
Place: St Michael Parish, 80 University Avenue West, Waterloo – in the parish centre basement

Deacon Joseph Di Loreto, the Administrative Officer and Auditor of the Marriage Tribunal for the Hamilton Diocese will present an overview of the Annulment process. He will clarify the steps, dispel the myths, share facts and answer your questions. To reserve your spot, please register by emailing parish@stmichaelw.ca or phone 519-884-9311.

ADVENT PRAYER NIGHT FOR YOUTH MINISTERS AND VOLUNTEERS

All adults who minister to young people in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to an evening of prayer and fellowship. Join us on Wednesday, December 13th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Freelon for our Advent gathering. For more information and registration, email youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary during the year 2024? You are invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. More details and registration will be available online in December at hamiltondiocese.com.

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

"The greatest among you will be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, November 06	Rev. Adam Zettel L.C.
Tuesday, November 07	Consecrated Virgin Candidates
Wednesday, November 08	Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton
Thursday, November 09	Dedication of Lateran Basilica
Friday, November 10	Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
Saturday, November 11	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

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