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Where is your Flask of Oil?

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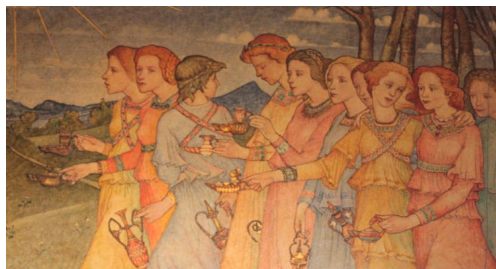
This week's liturgy invites us to pay attention to our human frailty and specifically our mortality. Death is a part of human life – we are all born to die. I often meet people on the verge of their death. Some are scared to die, others feel unprepared and anxious, some don't want to let go of this world – their belongings including family and their lives – but a few are calm and are able to face their inevitable death. Peace comes to us when we are in touch with our humanness and count on the blessings that come from our Maker – our God. When we know in the depths of our being that our God is a loving and caring God, we are free from every fear. Psalm 23 affirms, *"Even though, I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me"* (v 4).

Saint Paul wrote his letter to the Thessalonians around 48 AD. At that time Christians believed in the imminent second coming of Christ, known as Parousia. Because of this belief, there arose some practical problems. Many stopped working and spent time praying and preparing for Parousia. The second problem was more theological – what will happen to those who have already died and gone before? For Paul, when Jesus comes in Glory, the dead will have already been raised

to new life. So, Paul emphasizes our need to prepare for the day of the Lord's coming without neglecting any responsibilities in this world for our neighbours and for ourselves.

The Gospel of Mathew was written around 70 AD which addresses a similar problem. Now, a lot of time is passed from the death and resurrection of Christ. His expected Parousia did not actualize and as a result, some have felt discouraged, others felt cheated and left their faith. Here, Matthew uses this parable of Jesus advising the believers to keep themselves ready for meeting Christ. He adds a saying of Jesus at the end of the parable for emphasis, saying, *"So, stay awake because you do not know either the day or the hour"* (Mt. 25: 13).

The First Reading from Wisdom literature creates a good balance. The wisdom that comes from God can help every person to find joy in life. Wisdom is a gift from God that teaches us to choose right things and to do it well. Like the five wise virgins who carried their flask of oil, we are advised to bring with us our good works with diligent vigilance to the wedding banquet of heaven. –



PARISH LITURGIES

—32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

November 12 – November 18

Tuesday, November 14 - St. Lawrence O'Toole

8:30 am + Sharon McCormick

Wednesday, November 15 - St. Albert the Great

8:30 am + George Delija

Thursday, November 16 - St. Gertrude & St. Margaret of Scotland

8:30 am + Joe & Nely Ypelaar

Friday, November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:30 am + Ann Marie Pegus

—33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, November 18 - Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul
Reconciliation

4:00 – 4:30 pm

5:00 pm

For:

+ Georgina Bourke, + Henrika & Pete Schuurmans, + Darryl Ward, + Jim Dashney, + Joseph Tessy, + Angela & Antonio Paccione, Int. Jason Huber

Sunday, November 19

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parish



In remembrance of Saint Dominic's deceased parishioners, a special Celebration of Life Memorial 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 Bellevue, 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 the 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.

POINSETTIA SALE UPDATE



A huge thank you from our Young Vincentians to our lovely parishioners who made our first ever plant sale a great success. We are so grateful for your support! Plants will be available for pickup at our Christmas Bazaar on November 25, from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

SANCTUARY LAMP



***Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week
In Memory of Frank & Rita Evans***

Parishioners are invited to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp that hangs above the tabernacle. This candle burns 24 hours a day, seven days a week, as a sign of honour to Our Lord. If you wish to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp for a special intention during a specific week, please contact the parish office. The cost is a \$10 donation per week. Your intention will be noted in our weekly bulletin.



CWL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, November 25th

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Come and be tempted by yummy home-baked goodies, get started on your Christmas shopping with wares being offered by Crafters, (jewellery, knitted items, charcuterie boards 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 for only \$7/person. 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 Vincentians fundraiser, your plants will be available for pick-up at the Bazaar! Your support is greatly appreciated.

RECONCILIATION IN ADVENT

There will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent, on Thursday, December 14th from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the Church. Partake in this beautiful gift of forgiveness and healing in preparation for Christmas.

Did You Know? During Mass, we bow or genuflect to the altar. Outside of Mass, we genuflect to the tabernacle, where Jesus – body, blood, soul & divinity – is reposed.

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



Mass Intentions

are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable. As Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the perfect form of prayer!" One single Mass has more value than all the good works of men, because the Eucharistic Celebration is the work of God himself. If you would like to purchase a Mass intention for someone (living or deceased) please contact the parish office. The cost is \$10.00 per intention.

Lest We Forget



O God,
by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest,
look kindly on our departed veterans who gave their lives
in the service of their country.
Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son
they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom
and rejoice in you with your saints forever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FROM CANADIAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS



Challenge
CONQUEST



The next Conquest and Challenge meeting will be this Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30 pm at Saint Dominic School.

"Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, November 13	Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.
Tuesday, November 14	Permanent Deacon Candidates
Wednesday, November 15	Deceased Members of our Parish Community
Thursday, November 16	Very Reverend Cornelius O'Mahony
Friday, November 17	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Saturday, November 18	Rev. Michael Isabelle

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.



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