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Second Sunday of Advent

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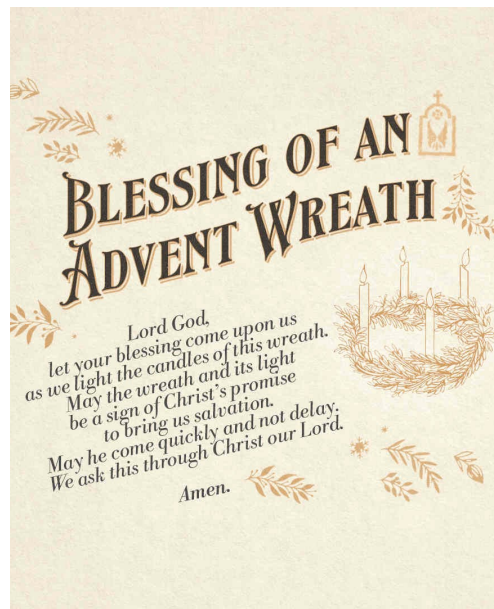
“Gospel”, which in Greek means *Good News*, is the main theme for today’s liturgy. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah announces the Good News: “*Console my people console them... Here is your God.*” And the evangelist St. Mark begins his gospel: “*The beginning of the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus Christ*”. What, then, is this Good News all about? It is the Good News about God’s compassion for His people. It is the Good News of our salvation!

To the people who have kept alive their hopes of freedom from slavery in the Babylonian exile; to the people whose pride of being chosen by God is destroyed; to the people who thought that their God had forsaken them, the prophet proclaims the news of freedom; it is a call to get ready for the day of salvation.

After living in the Babylonian desert for more than seventy years as slaves, the people of Israel never imagined that they would be a nation again. The prophet’s call to build a straight way to Jerusalem through the desert is really Good News for them. He tells them that like the previous exodus from Egypt, they need not go roundabout skirting differ-

ent kingdoms and lingering in the wilderness, but that God will provide them with the straight way, a highway, to their own land.

For St. Mark, the story about Jesus is the “Good News”. How could the story of Jesus, with all His struggles, rejection by the people, suffering and death, be the Good News? The answer, according to St. Mark, is that we need to wait patiently until the end of the story. It is only on Easter Sunday, at the time of Jesus’ resurrection that we understand the Good News. For now, it is only the beginning of the story of the Good News. It is the beginning of our salvation.



PARISH LITURGIES

—SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—

December 10 – December 16

Tuesday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 am Int. Anna Colantonio

Wednesday, December 13 - St. Lucy

8:30 am + Darryl Ward

Thursday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross

8:30 am + Josephine Mazza

Friday, December 15 - St. Mary Di Rosa

7:00 pm + Monica Lim

—THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—
(Bambinelli Sunday - Gaudete Sunday)

Saturday, December 16 - St. Adelaide

4:00 – 4:30 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm For:

+ Theresa Wirkowski, + Bert Costello,
+ Tara MacLeod, + Francie Cadogan,
+ Michael Evans, + Charles King, + Bogdanovski Family, Int. Fr. Peter Houghton,
Int. Kit & Eddie O’Hara, Int. Sundeep Khosla

Sunday, December 17

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parish



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. Please partake in this beautiful gift of forgiveness and healing in preparation for Christmas. There will be multiple priests to choose.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY



For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed both the people and their Baby Jesus figurine from their family nativity set in St. Peter's Square.

The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the Third

Sunday of Advent. Our parish will celebrate Bambinelli Sunday on December 16th/17th Mass. All are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figurine from your home nativity set to be blessed that day at Mass.

After the blessing, we suggest you take your 'bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and open it first on Christmas Day and place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib.

"O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart."



SANCTUARY LAMP

Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week for the deceased members of the Paikeday Family and for the Intentions of Anna Colantonio.



Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24, 2023

- **5:00 pm** (Carols begin at 4:30 pm)
- **7:15 pm** (Carols begin at 7:00 pm)
- **11:30 pm** (Carols begin at 11:15 pm)

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25, 2023

- **9:00 am**
- **11:00 am** (Christmas Pageant)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation

- Sunday, December 31, 2023 – **5:00 pm**
- Monday, January 01, 2024 – **10:00 am**

Note: the evening Masses on Dec. 24th & 31st do not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. Christmas Eve Masses are not the 4th Sunday of Advent Mass. Also, January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation.

CHRISTMAS BONANZA

Celebrate the joy of the season with St. Dominic's Youth Ministry! Our Christmas Bonanza will take place on Wednesday, December 20th from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Join us for an evening filled with festive fun for the whole family, including various stations of crafts, games, food and more all led by our high school leaders! Please RSVP to our Youth Minister, Michael by contacting the parish office. All parents who are available to support in the organization of this event are encouraged to please contact the parish office.

**SAINT DOMINIC PARISH 2ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DAY
FAMILY MASS & PAGEANT**



Children in Grade 4 and up are invited to participate in our parish Christmas Family Mass as actors and readers! The dates of the practices are as follows:

Friday December 15 – 4:00 to 6:30 pm

Monday December 25 – 10:00 am sharp. We meet at church in the meeting room to get prepared for the 11:00 am Christmas Day Mass.

If you would like to participate in our Christmas Pageant, please contact Mrs. Colleen Gamble at: colleengamble123@gmail.com, (905)-330-9537 or Michael Aguiar: Michael@saintdominic.ca at the parish office (905-827-



SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS

The first Social Committee event of 2024 will be a live concert by Fiddlestix – a local community 5-piece band on Saturday, February 03. More details to follow.

On Tuesday February 13, we will be having our Traditional Pancake Supper. If you would like to pitch in and help, to plan and host this event, you are invited to join the pancake supper volunteer committee at their scheduled meeting on Wednesday November 29th at 7:00 pm in the parish centre. We appreciate the support that our wonderful Saint Dominic parishioners give to all social committee initiatives and we look forward to a FUN and event-filled 2024.

CWL – CANDLELIGHT ADVENT MASS

The CWL council at Mary, Mother of God Parish has invited Saint Dominic CWL members to attend a Candlelight Advent Mass on Wednesday December 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm at Mary, Mother of God Parish, 2745 North Ridge Trail, Oakville, ON.

**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

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.”

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 50/50 DRAW

Help support Marian Council #3881 Knights of Columbus charities by participating in our 50/50 draw with councils across Ontario. The jackpot is currently over \$12,000 and climbing! The grand prize draw will be drawn on December 31st! Get your tickets at <https://ontariokofcraffle.5050central.com/?olc=3881>

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time, God sends priest, religious, and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Mark Morley, Directory of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, December 11	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
Tuesday, December 12	Married Couples
Wednesday, December 13	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R)
Thursday, December 14	Rev. Wallace Metcalf
Friday, December 15	Rev. Charles Galea
Saturday, December 16	Rev. Robert Kiffman

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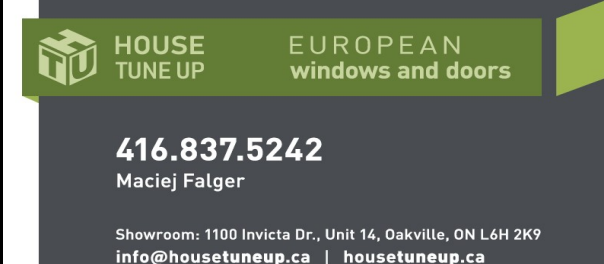
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