

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

There is a story told about King Henry III of Bavaria and how he became a saintly king. King Henry was very dissatisfied with his kingly jobs. He wanted to abdicate his kingship and become a monk. The king approached Prior Richard at the local monastery and pleaded to be accepted as a monk. Prior Richard, who knew King Henry well, reminded him about the difficulties of a king becoming a monk, for the king never had to be obedient to anybody. The king responded saying that he totally understood the Prior's apprehension, but that he would be obedient to the Prior for rest of his life. So, the Prior said, "if you want to obey me then I will tell you what to do. Go back to your throne and serve faithfully in the place where God has put you." King Henry obeyed the commands of the Prior, ruled his people with the fear of God and became a saintly king.

All three readings today, speak to us about the Divine Call. It is our duty to respond to this call of God in every day of our lives; and then, help others listen to God's call and respond to it positively. In simple terms, God is calling us to become saints. He expects us to be saints in the concrete situations of our personal, family and business or professional daily lives.

In the First Reading, God called Samuel. Through the help of Eli, Samuel responded to God's call. This was a starting point to a dia-

logue that eventually led to a relationship with God. God calls every one of us to a relationship with Him, which can be achieved by constantly responding to His invitation to discipleship and having constant dialogue (prayer) with Him.

Today's Second Reading is from Saint Paul's letter to the church of Corinth. He addresses them as men and women "called to be saints". That includes us. We may not feel like we are saints yet, but that is the purpose for which God has called us. We are all called to holiness. We have been given the Holy Spirit to help us become saints. "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit... For you have been purchased at a price" (1 Cor 6:20).

In the Gospel, Jesus invites His new disciples to come and experience His life. It is an invitation to abide with Him. This is taking the relationship to the next level. In John's Gospel, Jesus constantly asks his listeners to have a deeper relationship with Him and with His God. Whenever we enter a relationship with Jesus, our lives will never remain the same. Our entire self gets transformed. This is very well expressed by the change of name in today's Gospel – Simon becomes Cephas (Peter).

Let us ask God today to teach us how to live saintly lives in our families and in whatever occupation we find ourselves.

PARISH LITURGIES

-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-

Tuesday, January 16

8:30 am

+ Jean Claude Duval

Wednesday, January 17 - St Anthony Abbot

8:30 am

+ Sharon Mappleback

Thursday, January 18

8:30 am

+ Yan Lis

Friday, January 19

8:30 am

+ Andrej Gaca

-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-

Saturday, January 20 - Sts. Fabian and Sebastian

4:00 - 4:30 pm

Reconciliation

5:00 pm

For:

- + Stefan Stoica, + Figueiredo Family + Scott Shewchuck, + Sundeep Khosla,
- + Gomes Family, Int. Millie & Flori Markun, Int. Jennifer Ann Coe Honey Ball, Int Madeline MacInnis

Sunday, January 21

9:00 am For our 11:00 am Parish

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18-25



SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS

Fiddlestix Dinner/Dance

Our first Social Committee Club event of 2024 will be a live concert by Fiddlestix, a local community 5-piece band, on the evening of Saturday, February 3rd. In addition to music/dancing, the price of admission includes a light dinner. There will be a cash bar available. Tickets for this event will be on sale following all Masses beginning the weekend of January 13th. The ticket cost will be \$25/person. Tickets are limited so get yours early! Proceeds from this event will be shared with the Bronte Winter Coat Drive.

Annual Pancake Supper

Our annual pancake supper will take place on Shrove Tuesday, February 13th, 2024. New, this year will feature a 'Topping Bar' where you can add fresh fruit and various toppings to your pancakes. Also, this year we will be featuring a Chocolate Fountain complete with the fixings for everyone to enjoy. Tickets to the Shrove Tuesday event will be on sale beginning the weekend of February 3rd. The cost is \$10/person, children 12 and under \$5.00.

If you would like to get involved in our Parish Social Club, speak to one of our volunteers who will be selling tickets in the Narthex to our upcoming events, or contact the Parish office.

"All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!"

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD — Bible Sunday

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (January 21, 2024) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better-known and widely diffused. Our celebration for Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebraof Bible Sunday 2024. Visit our website: hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks



SANCTUARY LAMP

Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week for the Intentions of Alegria Lomibao



Our parish is viewing Season 2 of the hit series, *The Chosen*. The series allows us to see Christ through the eyes of those who knew him. The Chosen takes the stories of the Gospels and, at the same time, tells us a story that is in between the lines of scripture.

Participants are welcome to join us Fridays in the Parish Hall from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm for a screening of an episode, followed by group discussions and activities led by our Pastoral Minister, Michael Aguiar; materials will be provided. We will be focusing on season 2 of the series, spread throughout 8 sessions on the following dates:

January 12, 2024	February 16, 2024
January 19, 2024	February 23, 2024
January 26, 2024	March 01, 2024
February 02, 2024	March 08, 2024

To register, please contact Michael at the parish office or email: michael@saintdominic.ca

"What are you looking for?"

FOOD BANK

You are invited to bring non-perishable food for the needy and place that food in the bin in the Parish Centre Narthex. There is always a need!

VOCATIONS MASS

The annual Vocations Mass to pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life, and Consecrated Life will be celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I with Diocesan Vocation Director Father Mark Morley concelebrating on Tuesday, January 30 at 6:30 pm at Saint Gabriel's Parish, 2261 Parkway Drive, Burlington. Bishop Crosby will give a talk following the Mass. All are welcome! Sponsored by the Serra Club of Halton.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy, does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress? The solution is Retrouvaille - whose one purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couples themselves. It is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. For struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 8-10, 2024. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email: teamrecine@gmail.com

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially 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. Space allows room for Anniversary couples only (those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at hamiltondiocese.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION THROUGH VLCFF

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. Three and five week e-seminars are available at discounted rates. For more information about programs and to register visit us at www.hamiltondioceselearns.com

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, January 15	Rev. Phillip Cook
Tuesday, January 16	Rev. Luc Payette
Wednesday, January 17	Youth Ministers
Thursday, January 18	Rev. David Weise
Friday, January 19	Rev. Tom Moisan
Saturday, January 20	Rev. Louis Lenssen C.R.S.P.

WHEN LIFE CHANGES

The Hamilton Diocese is offering a new grief program. Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! Our six-week grief program starts January 17 and will be held from 1:30 - 3:00 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King Street West. You are welcome to join in person or by zoom. To register, go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the start date under upcoming events on the home page.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

Fr. Mike Morley invites all young adults (ages 20's and 30's) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30 pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30 pm-8:00 pm), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00 pm-9:00 pm), and Compline (9:00 pm) on Friday, February 3rd at St. Michael Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact:

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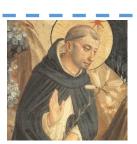
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