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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deacon Terry Murphy

We live in a time of declining church attendance. One reason is busyness; Sunday mornings are consumed with youth sports, catching up on the laundry or the lawn, or just chilling out after a busy week. Another reason might be that going to church is not as much of a thing people do these days; I'm guessing not too many people on your street go to church every week.

I think the biggest reason for many people, however, is that church doesn't seem relevant. They don't feel that worship and meeting together makes much difference in their lives, and they don't see much impact from church involvement.

How does church become relevant, even life-changing? Let's reflect on today's Gospel:

After Jesus called Simon and Andrew, James and John to leave their fishing nets and fish for people, they all went to church. Well, not church like we know it, but the synagogue in Capernaum, where Simon Peter lived. Simon and his friends had gone to the synagogue for years, but going with Jesus was unforgettable and life-changing.

In Jesus' day there were synagogues all over the place. They were all built around a similar pattern. Only the men entered the main door of the building; women entered through a sep-

arate door and sat in a gallery at the back. At the end of the building, opposite of the entrance, was a curtained alcove where the cupboard containing the synagogue scrolls was kept. In the center of the building was a stage with a pulpit where the prescribed portions of the law and the prophets were read and the sermon was preached.

In the normal service, psalms were sung, the Scriptures were read, and the sermon was preached. A time of questions and discussion followed. But, on this particular day that Jesus was preaching, He had an interruption. A possessed man was in the synagogue.

The possessed man screamed out because he could not handle the purity of Jesus. The demon recognized that Jesus had come to destroy him. The demon identified Jesus. He said, "I know who you are the Holy One of God." He confessed Jesus. What an indictment against so many! They deny, while demons confess. Knowing that Jesus is the Holy One of God is not enough. A person has to believe in Christ and love Him: Receive His gift of salvation.

Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit.

Look at the power of Jesus. He casts the unclean spirit out. How? By His Word; by simply saying, "Come out of him." The evil spirit obeyed and as he left the man's body, the man began to shake violently.

(read the rest on our website)

PARISH LITURGIES

—FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Tuesday, January 30 - St. Savina of Milan

8:30 am + Jean Claude Duval

Wednesday, January 31 - St. John Bosco

8:30 am + Zbigniew Cetera

Thursday, February 01 - Bl. Benedict Daswa

8:30 am + Stefan Stoica

Friday, February 02 - The Presentation of the Lord

8:30 am + Int. Therizia & Marius

—FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, February 03 - St. Blaise & St. Ansgar

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm **For:**

+ Stefan Stoica, + Denny Casey, + Joseph Xavier D'Cunha, + Maria & Jose Gomes, + Maria & Manuel Silva

Sunday, February 04

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parish



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: OUR CANDIDATES PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

On Tuesday, April 16th at 7:30 pm — St. Nicholas School

On Wednesday, April 17th At 7:30 pm — St. Dominic School

We pray that confirmandi may open their hearts and minds for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and make witness to the gospel.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION

The dates for First Communion will be during regular Sunday Masses beginning April 13—May 12th. **Reservations will open at noon on February 1st at saintdominic.ca/firstcommunion**

We pray that communicants will open their hearts to receive Jesus with joy and continue to receive Jesus regularly.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, March 6th at 6:30 pm for both St. Dominic and St. Nicholas School.


Parents are invited to set a good example by also going to Confession.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through life, which is your gifts. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.


SANCTUARY LAMP

Parishioners are invited to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp that hangs above the tabernacle. The 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 per donation per week is \$10.



SANCTUARY LAMP

Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week for the Intentions of the O'Donovan Sisters



We pray for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed, especially, **Jadwiga Chuba** and **John Cosani**.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



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. We will meet on the following remaining dates:

February 02, 2024	March 01, 2024
February 16, 2024	March 08, 2024
February 23, 2024	

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

“O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts !”

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. Proceeds from this event will be shared with the Bronte Winter Coat Drive. Tickets are now sold out.

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.

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 2nd at St. Michael Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). For more information, please contact:

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? 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. Registration is now available online at hamiltondiocese.com

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, January 29	Rev. Michael Bennett
Tuesday, January 30	Rev. James Curtin
Wednesday, January 31	Hospitaller Order of St. John of God (O.H.)
Thursday, February 01	Rev. Ralph Diodati
Friday, February 02	The Presentation of the Lord World Day for Consecrated Life
Saturday, February 03	Rev. David Lewis

SMART STEPS

Are you a parent or step-parent adjusting to blended family life? This program is designed to offer practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. Sessions are held at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. Time: 9:15 am – 3:30 pm. Price: \$50 per person (includes lunch). Date: Saturday, April 20, 2024. Register on line at hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

RESTART: REFRESH, RENEW, REVIVE

Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on a Friday evening. Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in person (700 King St. W, Hamilton) or by ZOOM. Register for the sessions here:

<https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home> or contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 if you plan to attend in person or for the zoom link if joining online.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

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