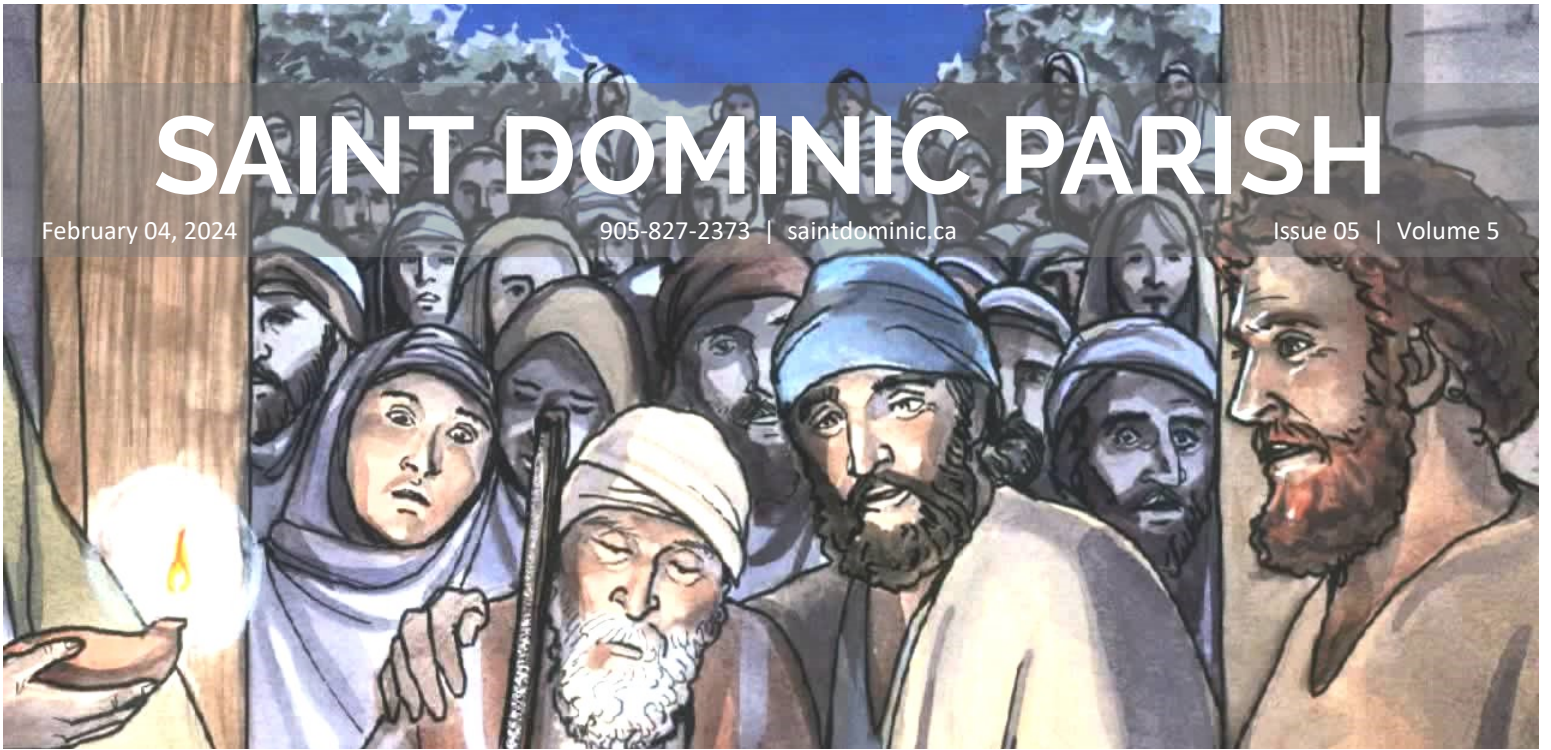


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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reverend Ranjan D'Sa OCD

The book of Job attempts to answer an age-old question: 'why do people suffer?' Moreover, the question becomes harder when it is narrowed down to righteous people and asked, 'why, then, do the good people suffer more than others?'

All of us have experienced suffering (evil) in our lives. Some people have confronted more than others – the ravages of war, the brutality of nature, social and physical devastation of diseases and pandemics and moral destruction of injustice, abuse, and exploitation. There are also other types of suffering that come directly out of human limitations, like misunderstanding, greed, anger, hatred... we all know what evil can do to our mundane lives.

At the time of Job, people directly connected suffering to human sins. They believed that suffering was a punishment from God. Later, some Christians thought that suffering was a part of God's testing of His faithful followers. This means God is pleased to see those who love Him suffer. How do we respond to these types of explanations? How do we approach the book of Job? And what has Jesus to say about suffering?

In today's first reading, Job is in extreme pain and agony – the brutality of evil has

encompassed him entirely. For him, life is not fair. Unfair suffering has taken away every hope from him. There is no more joy left in him. The last sentence of today's reading sums up Job's dire state of mind. He cries out in despair, "I shall not see happiness again."

In his suffering, Job opens his heart and mind to God and laments bitterly to God. He knows that there is no person other than his own Creator, who can understand his pain and suffering. We should see Job's words not as a search for meaning for his misfortune, but rather his heartfelt prayer before God. It is a prayer just like Jesus did when He was at Gethsemane.

In today's Gospel, Jesus shows us how to respond to human suffering. Whenever Jesus saw a suffering person, He got up and went near to that person and brought healing to that person. We see Jesus helping the mother-in-law of Peter and then until late night, curing a lot of people who had come to Him seeking healing. Jesus constantly worked hard to eradicate evil.

Jesus shows us that evil can be overcome by being compassionate and caring for each other. He did not discuss why or how, but rather, did His part. He showed us that when we respond to people's sufferings, we become truly human. –

PARISH LITURGIES

—FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Tuesday, February 06 - St. Paul Miki & Companions

8:30 am + Sharon McCormick

Wednesday, February 07 - Bl. Pius IX

8:30 am + Rita Evans

Thursday, February 08 - St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita

8:30 am Int. Christian, Stephania & Elena

Friday, February 09 - St. Apollonia

8:30 am + Souls in Purgatory

—SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, February 10 - St. Scholastica

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm **For:**

+ Joseph Paik, + Stephan Chon, + Monica Lim, + Pete Petersen, + Sundeep Khosla, + Dolores Nixon, + Maria Teresa Lecuna

Sunday, February 11

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parish



ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Our Annual Pancake Supper will take place on Shrove Tuesday, February 13th, 2024. Tickets to the Shrove Tuesday event will be on sale beginning the weekend of February 03/04. 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.

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 14 WITH ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Masses:

8:30 am & 7:00 pm.

In accordance with the prescriptions of canon 1253, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops decrees that the days of fast and abstinence in Canada are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fridays throughout the year and during Lent are days of abstinence, but Catholics can substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. For more information visit cccb.ca/document/keeping-friday

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will be having Stations of the Cross to prepare ourselves adequately for the celebrations of Easter, which is the Feast of Jesus' Resurrection – the Feast of our Salvation. We prepare for Easter by prayer, fasting, and penance. A traditional form of prayer is the communal celebration of the Way of the Cross. The Way of the Cross helps us to understand and relive, in our own way, the Passion of Christ.

Please come and join us every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 pm to celebrate the Way of the Cross.

"Sing praises to the Lord who heals the broken hearted."



SANCTUARY LAMP

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

PARISH LENTEN PENANCE CELEBRATION

Thursday, March 14th 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm



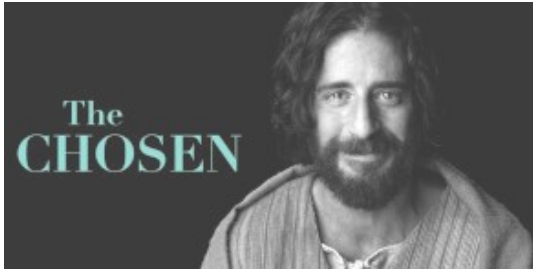
PARISH LENTEN REFLECTIONS – FRIDAYS FOLLOWING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us on Friday evenings for a short video reflection with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, as she helps you turn away from what wounds you and toward God who heals you and makes you whole. Each week, Sr. Miriam will lead us to meet the tenderness of God's Mercy, the Power of His Love, and the restoration of your heart and life, as you practice prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and sacrifice. Each session will begin at 7:30 pm after Stations of the Cross in the Church for just a few minutes. Participants are then welcome to take home guided reflections for prayer throughout Lent.



CWL NEWS

Please join us on Monday evening, February 5th in the Parish Centre for our monthly membership meeting. We begin at 7:00 pm with the Rosary and at 7:30 pm, we will be joined by our special guest speaker, Ron Shantz, CEO of Front Line Outreach. In response to your feedback, we are endeavoring to develop partnerships with local organizations that help the disadvantaged in our community. Frontline Outreach is one of those organizations, and we are looking forward to hearing more about their work with those in our community. Membership in CWL is not a requirement to attend. Hope to see you there!



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

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

“Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came to do.”

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, February 05	Rev. Robert Sims
Tuesday, February 06	Rev. Charles Galea
Wednesday, February 07	Missionaries
Thursday, February 08	Rev. Robert Kiffman
Friday, February 09	Rev. Pablito Labado
Saturday, February 10	Rev. Edward Mahoney

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 those who mourn for they shall be consoled. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.”

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