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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Distant Camp

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All ancient societies considered leprosy as something impure and so they kept lepers away from the community. Lepers had to live alone in isolation and out of "the camp" (Lev. 13:45-46). This may have been a public health precaution to prevent people from being contaminated; (Doesn't that sound familiar?) but they were regarded as sinners and thus accursed by God. Since it was the belief that God had condemned them, people felt they should keep them at a distance.



In today's Gospel, Jesus felt great sorrow at the sight of the leper. Jesus

saw in the leper not only his skin disease but also the pain of rejection from his own people and community. Jesus does not run away from the so-called 'impure leper', but touches him and heals him. He sees in the leper an unwanted person who needs compassion and help.

The touch of Jesus has a great significance for the leper who lives in a 'Distant camp' as

an outcast. For Jesus, the leper is His friend, who has "cried for God from his distress".

In our society, we may not find many lepers with skin disease, but we do find 'the lepers' who are rejected by society, people who are untouchables because of race or religion, or people who are expelled because of their moral conduct. It is improper for a Christian to add his or her voice in condemning people or keeping 'the other' in a 'distant camp'. The disciples of Christ are invited to adopt an attitude of the master reaching out to the rejected and to all those in need of help. Does our present social environment make us feel that we are in a "Different Camp"?

PARISH LITURGIES

—SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Tuesday, February 13 - St. Catherine de Ricci

8:30 am + Frank Evans

Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday

8:30 am Ash Wednesday
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 15 - St. Walfrid

8:30 am + Sundeep Khosla

Friday, February 16 - Bl. Joseph Allamano

8:30 am + So Mung Ku
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Lenten Reflection

—FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT—

Saturday, February 17 - Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

4:00 - 4:30 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm For:

Int. Julie Bonett, + Rita Merrick, + Sundeep Khosla, + Nadine Richards, + Hartman De Souza, + Martino Zizizi, Int. Tom Kingry,

Sunday, February 18

9:00 am For our
11:00 am Parish

WHEN ARE FASTING & ABSTINENCE REQUIRED DURING LENT?



FASTING & ABSTINENCE

ABSTINENCE

Catholics are obligated to practice **fasting** & **abstinence** on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.

In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of **abstinence**.

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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 10/11. 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.

*"You are my refuge Lord;
with deliverance you surround me."*



SANCTUARY LAMP

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



We pray for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed, especially, **Elizabeth McCarville**
May they rest in peace. Amen.

There will be a Visitation at 10:00am & Funeral Service at 11:00am at Kopriva Taylor Funeral Home on Monday, February 12th, 2024.



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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

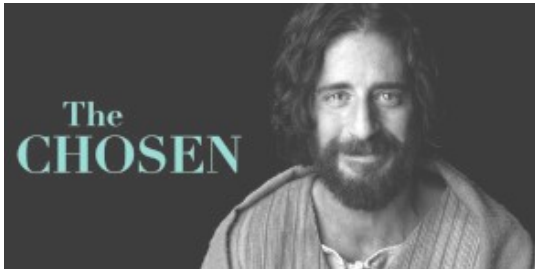
World Day of Prayer will be held this year at Saint Dominic Parish, 2415 Rebecca Street, Oakville, on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 5:00 pm. The World Day of Prayer service offers parishioners the chance to join in meaningful Christian service and afterwards, enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and conversation together. For more information please visit our website: saintdominic.ca

SHROVE TUESDAY – FEAST OF THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS & MONTHLY VESPERS

To celebrate the Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus on Shrove Tuesday February 13, our Saint Dominic's *Conversatio Christo Choir* will lead a 30-minute Vespers in the Church at 7:00 pm, including Gregorian Chant hymns and the Rosary. From March onwards, we will have monthly Vespers – contemplative prayer evenings – in honour of the Holy Face, every First Sunday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Church. You are welcome to join us, as we pray for reverence, reparation, and a return to Christ.

PARISH LENTEN PENANCE CELEBRATION

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



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 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm (after the Stations of the Cross) 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

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, February 12	Rev. Michael McHugh
Tuesday, February 13	Rev. Msgr Theodore Slaman
Wednesday, February 14	Ash Wednesday
Thursday, February 15	Rev. William Trusz
Friday, February 16	Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan
Saturday, February 17	Rev. Msgr Edward Sheridan

ST. DOMINIC CHURCH PASSION PLAY

We are looking for students in grade 7 to grade 12 - who will perform the Gospel Passion on **Friday March 29th** at the **11am Good Friday Liturgy**.

Rehearsals are **Saturday** February 17, February 24th and March 2nd from **1-4pm** and **Friday March 22nd** from **4-6pm** at St. Dominic Parish (Food will be provided).

Please contact **Colleen Gamble** at colleengamble123@gmail.com or Michael Aguiar at the Parish Office if interested.

LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEER HOURS?

GOOD FRIDAY GOSPEL
DRAMATIZATION



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