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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

This statement completes the purpose of Jesus’ mission on this earth. The disciples are encouraged to bear fruit through their lives. The Father is glorified when Jesus’ disciples are fully alive by bearing abundant fruits and by further evolving in their discipleship. Just like the Father, the disciples must bring life in the world. Hence, discipleship is not a static way of life, but rather, it is constantly growing and evolving – a dynamic way of life.

Today’s Gospel passage is part of Jesus’ final teaching to His disciples. After the last supper, when He washed their feet, Jesus sat down with His disciples to give them His parting advice. First, He makes sure that His disciples understand that He is going to His Father to prepare a place for them. Secondly, He wants his disciples to know that He and His Father are one. And finally, they must live their lives in constant communion with the Father and the Son and bear fruit.

To bring His message home clearly, Jesus uses the Old Testament imagery of viticulture from Isaiah (5:17). Israel as a nation was re-

garded as the vine of God. God planted this vine with care that it may produce plenty of fruits. Since Israel failed in its mission, Jesus replaces Israel... now Jesus is the new vine. It is not the church, nor any other institute that is God’s vine anymore. It is Jesus Himself that is God’s choicest vine, and we are only His branches.

The emphasis of this parable is on bearing fruits – being fully alive. To be fully alive, there is a need of extensive pruning. In the viticultural language it is said, “the more the pruning, the greater the yielding.” Hence, the Christian faith and charity is not about compromises or allowances. It is not the result of allowing the natural energies and instincts to run riot. It is just about bearing fruits and being regarded as the disciples of Christ.

To bear fruits, Jesus says, we must connect ourselves with Him – “*abide with me as I abide in you*”. It is a call to make a home in Christ. Making a home in Christ is the prerequisite of fruitfulness. Every branch that is connected to the vine (Christ) will bear fruit. The church and all the disciples of Christ must realize that in isolation, apart from being in Christ, nobody bears fruits. Christ is the source and the summit of our fruitfulness.

PARISH LITURGIES

— FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER —

Tuesday, April 30 - St. Pius V

8:30 am + Guido Bardaro

Wednesday, May 01 - St. Joseph the Worker

8:30 am Int. Anna Petrella

Thursday, May 02 - St. Athanasius

8:30 am Int. Peter Hughes

Friday, May 03 - Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

8:30 am + Alexander Thomas

—SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER —

Saturday, May 04 - St. Florian

4:00 - 4:30 Reconciliation

5:00 pm For:

+ Jerry Bonett, +Bonifacia Casuga, + Maria Antidormi, + Deo Lall, + Ken Richards, + Tom Kingry, + Young Chul Kim, + Giuseppe Novel-li, + Pereira Family Members, Int. Elena Terezia, Int. Stefan Cristian, + Tony Jelenic

Sunday, May 05

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners

Easter Season: April 08—May 19



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION

The dates for First Communion will be during regular Sunday Masses beginning April 13th – May 12th.

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

FAREWELL TO OUR BELOVED PARISHIONER TOM KINGRY



We regret to inform you of the passing of one of our most beloved and dedicated parishioners, Mr. Thomas Kingry. Tom passed away on April 15, 2024 and his funeral was held on Thursday, April 18th at 11:00 am.

As a boy, Tom was a loyal altar server in his Saginaw, Michigan parish. The rewards of this ministry led him to assist chaplains in his numerous US Marine Corps postings and prompted his lifetime of service to Saint Dominic Parish.

Upon his arrival here in the late 1970s, Tom joined many ministries, such as the folk choir. He also became an R.C.I.A. team leader and began training altar servers (a job he loved). For over 48 years he was an active member of Saint Dominic Parish, where he led educational programs and was instrumental in helping organize liturgies and training liturgical ministers, as well as the coordination of special liturgies for Saint Dominic and within the diocese.

He was a voracious reader of books covering all aspects of religion. Tom also enrolled in online classes to further his knowledge of scripture. He used this background to facilitate several evening courses for parishioners and, over the ensuing decades, was involved in a wide variety of parish functions. Sharing his love of scripture was perhaps his most enduring passion, as he was a member and leader of a men’s group, which met weekly for the past 23 years.

We will miss Tom for his kindness, compassion and dedication to our parish and community. *Eternal rest grant unto Tom, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*



SANCTUARY LAMP

Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week in Memory of Elegio Honora Librada



We pray for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed, especially, **Elizabeth Boulton**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they, in Your Mercy, rest in peace. Amen.

YOUNG VINCENTIANS MONEY JAR COLLECTION

During Lent, we had a large glass jar on the sanctuary in front of the Ambo to collect any spare change from parishioners, that would be donated to the Young Vincentians. We achieved our goal to completely fill this jar with money. The amount of money that was collected for the Young Vincentians was \$1,340.00. Thank you to everyone who contributed their spare change to this jar.



MOTHER’S DAY SALE OF ROSES



Once again on Mother’s Day weekend, the ladies of the Catholic Women’s League will be selling roses. There will be tables setup at each door. Funds from this sale will support women-based charities such as Shifra Homes Inc. & Halton Alive

Roses sell at 1 for \$3 and 2 for \$5.

So bring your loonies and toonies to treat that special mother or grandmother to a beautiful rose or two or three!

TRIVIA NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS



Over 100 Saint Dominic parishioners enjoyed our Trivia Night; thank you to the amazing group of volunteers on our committee, who made this event successful. A special thanks to Marco Di

Muzio for organizing and hosting the trivia game; and to Laura Di Muzio for keeping the team scoreboard up to date for all players to follow. Congratulations to the winning team: the **Brainy Beatitudes**.

FORWARD TOGETHER IN CHRIST

St. Dominic Parish will be offering a parish-wide gathering on May 4th from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, to further discuss different priorities of the Diocese and apostolically discern how this looks in our parish.

This event is an opportunity for us to come together as a parish family to discern and explore the apostolic callings that God has placed on our hearts and within our community. It will be a time for prayerful reflection, insightful discussion, and communal discernment as we seek to ask how we are called to serve.

For those interested in participating in this event on Saturday, May 04, please call the parish office for registration.

WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week 2024 begins on Sunday, May 5, 2024. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school and are welcome to attend.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is: "***We are called to love***", and is grounded in our Holy Scriptures: With joyful anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025, we are inspired by Pope Francis announcing the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope."

With open hearts of love, we can continue to "***fan the flame of hope***" for a bright future.

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MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

Marian Council Knights of Columbus have arranged a coach bus to transport people to Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday, May 9, 2024 to participate in the *Annual March for Life*. If you would like more information or would like to attend, please contact **Charles Thomas: (416) 997-2786 – chathomas@deloitte.ca**

A request from, the St. Dominic Coat Drive volunteer team...

Now that Spring has arrived, are you cleaning out your closet and wondering what to do with those winter coats that no longer fit or have been replaced with new ones? How about donating to the **2024 Bronte Coat Drive**. Between April 20 - May 12, you are welcome to bring donations of men's, women's and children's winter apparel to the Narthex. Don't throw those away, those gently used coats help us keep someone warm next winter!

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, April 29	Rev. Guillermo Diaz
Tuesday, April 30	Rev. Paul Edmondstone
Wednesday, May 01	International Worker's Day
Thursday, May 02	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
Friday, May 03	Rev. Grzegorz Ogorzalek
Saturday, May 04	Grandparents & the Elderly

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