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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Love Brings Joy Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

In the second reading, John addresses readers very warmly, calling them “beloved”. It is quite appropriate in the context of the letter where he will discuss the theme of Christian love. For John, in all his writings – Gospel, Epistles and Revelation – love marks the core identity of every Christian. John exhorts all Christians to love each other as he describes them as people who love their neighbour (1 Jn 2:10, 3:11).

Then, in a few words, John describes God as love – “God Is Love”. This statement is found only once in scripture, yet it is the essence of the entire Bible. This revelation about God is an outcome of John’s intense meditation about Jesus and His need to come into the world. Jesus’ death on the cross is the sign of God’s love for humanity. All love, “comes from God”, and therefore, everybody who loves is born of God.

In the epistles, John makes three parallel statements about God. They are:

- “God is Light” (1:5),
- “God is Love” (4:8), and
- “God is Spirit” (4:24).

“God is Spirit” explains the metaphysical

nature of God. “God is Light” may give the idea of God’s appearance and glory. But the statement, “God is Love” expresses the character of God which is more appealing to the human heart.

In today’s Gospel passage, in Jesus’ words, John presents the ultimate expression of God’s love. Jesus presents His love not as a model to be imitated, but as a source of Christian life to be lived. Therefore, when a disciple of Christ expresses his/her love, it is, in fact, Christ manifesting His own Love through him/her. Through our love for others, Jesus cares for others, He comforts people, helps the poor, heals the sick and guides them to the Father.

For John, our acts of love lead us to God’s joy. Joy in Johannine writings is a direct outcome of life of obedience to God and a reward for obedience. When we obey Jesus’ commandment of love, we are led into a state of joy. The Joy of Jesus is the delight that arises from the sense of a finished work – it is a creative joy.

Christian love, therefore, is dynamic. It has the power of God. It creates and recreates. Love carries with it the reward of joy, which is the reward of life fully lived in the presence of God, who is Absolute Love. –

PARISH LITURGIES

— FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—

Tuesday, May 07 - St. Rose Venerini

8:30 am + Gerald McGraw

Wednesday, May 08 - Bl. Catherine of St. Augustine

8:30 am + Julian Martinez de Hoz

Thursday, May 09 - St. Pachomius

6:00 am March for Life

8:30 am + Victoria Luminario

Friday, May 10 - St. John of Avila & St. Damien

8:30 am + Rita McGill

9:00 am

NO ADORATION

—SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD—

Saturday, May 11 - St. Ignatius of Laconi

4:00 - 4:30 Reconciliation

5:00 pm For:

+ Giuseppe Novelli, + Rita Merrick, + Maria & Manuel Silva, + Maria & Jose Gomes, + Sun-deep Khosla, + Nawal Skaff, + No Chung Myung, + Heung Soon Kim, + Heung Sik Kim, + Tom Kingry, Int. Maria Stoica, Int Elena Stoica, + Rita McGill

Sunday, May 12 - Mother’s Day!

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



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.



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!

The next CWL Meeting will be on Monday, May 6th at 7:00 pm in the parish centre. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to join the Altar Serving Ministry. A special training session for new altar servers will be at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 18th in the church. Please plan to attend this meeting (about 1 hour). This ministry is open to individuals – youth and/or adults – as well as families.

VOLUNTEER EXPO UPDATE

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Volunteer Expo. It was extremely successful in informing our parishioners of what it takes to operate our church. For example, the 3 masses on every weekend require 51 volunteers, and that does not include those in our music ministry. If you wish to know more about our ministries, groups or committees, please scan this code to view the guide.



SANCTUARY LAMP

Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week in Memory of Jerry Bonett



We pray for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed, especially,
Rita McGill

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED!



Lucy Judith Verlinden

Parents: Peter & Erin Verlinden

Godparents: Paul & Yvonne Verlinden

SAINT DOMINIC PARISH INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Our parish community is filled with fine folks from a variety of international backgrounds. Our Social Committee is planning to host an evening event to celebrate all of the cultural backgrounds that make our parish a very special community.

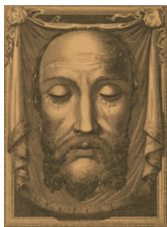
The actual event will take place early in 2025 (date to be confirmed). We are calling on members of our parish community to join in the planning for this special event. We are hosting a planning session on Wednesday May 15th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please join us.

Share your culture and be a part of our organizing team for International Night 2025!

SENIOR'S RESIDENCE MINISTRY MEETING

There will be a meeting for new, as well as previous volunteers on Wednesday, May 8th at 7:00 pm in the church to establish protocols for this ministry and create a schedule of ministry pairs to cover weekly liturgies at OSCR.

MONTHLY HOLY FACE DEVOTION



Please join our St. Dominic's Conversatio Christo Choir at our monthly Holy Face Devotion Vespers – contemplative evening prayer including the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary, and Gregorian Chant hymns on Sunday, May 5th at 7:00 pm in the Church as we pray for reverence, reparation and a return to Christ.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Society of St. Vincent de Paul at work in the community

How your donations helped our neighbours in need

January – April 2024

Home Visits

Number of visits: 36

Number of families visited: 24

Food vouchers & grocery gift cards: \$3,865

Easter Program

Number of families supported: 39

Gift cards given to families: \$1,950

Computer Support

Refurbished computers were given to students to support their learning and education.

Number of computers: 4 – \$870

Additional Support

Through out the year Neighbours in Need received bags of toiletries and various gift cards donated by the parish community.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

A Listening Ear

We support our neighbours in all ways possible: utilizing community resources, sharing public services, navigating employment opportunities, vision clinics, legal assistance, children's summer camps.

Twinning Program – St. Catharine, Jamaica

Our prayers and resource assist a less fortunate SSVP community.

Donation given to SSVP St. Joseph's Conference in St. Catharine, Jamaica: \$600.

Join Us - New members are always welcome. For more information, please contact us at office@saintdominic.ca

Many hands make any work much easier.

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.

"The Lord has revealed his victory in the sight of the nations."

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, May 06	St. Francois de Laval, Patron of the Bishops of Canada
Tuesday, May 07	Very Rev. David Wynen
Wednesday, May 08	Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb (SOC)
Thursday, May 09	Rev. Mark Morley
Friday, May 10	Very Rev. Adrian Lee
Saturday, May 11	Rev. Fadi Rizk

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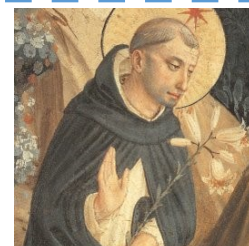
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