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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Terry Murphy

There once was a new, rather inexperienced Deacon, who was preaching a homily about the feeding of the 5000. Nervous – numbers mixed up – told people Jesus fed 5 people – 5000 loaves of bread. Cranky parishioner – right in front – laughed at blunder. “Better get your facts straight before preaching on that gospel again.” The next July – Deacon but more confident – another stab said 5 loaves two fish fed 5000 – looked straight at cranky. Added for emphasis “It was quite a miracle” Cranky muttered: “That was no miracle. There was still plenty of food left from the last time you told the story.”

We can learn a lot about who Jesus is from today’s gospel – a story considered so important that it is the only one of Jesus’ miracles recorded in all four gospels.

Can you imagine how the disciples must have felt when Jesus gave the instructions for the people to sit down? Maybe they felt like saying: “Healing the sick is one thing – but feeding 5000 men and several thousand women and children with five loaves and two fish is asking the impossible.” Did they feel that if Jesus failed to feed the crowds they would look like fools? Did they feel like saying to Jesus “Don’t be stupid.” The disciples had one view of the situation and Jesus had a different vision of the situation. The disciples were putting a limit in what to expect – Jesus had no limits. The disciples’ vision was small, but Jesus’ vision was limitless.

It hasn’t changed much since then. Our vision and expectations are often small, but Jesus’ vision and expectations for us are without limits. And if we try to expand our vision to be more like the vision of Jesus the world says to us “You are stupid.” The world says you are stupid if you want to do something about the more than one billion of the world’s eight billion people that are living on less than two dollars a day. You are stupid if you want to feed the chronically hungry also totally a staggering one billion – the highest number in human history.

And the world is right according to its own standards and vision, but the visions and standard of the western world are very often not the vision of Jesus. According to the mind of the world, following Jesus is irrational. So, to follow Jesus in our world you have to lose something. Maybe you have to lose some respect for yourself to follow Jesus now. When Mary said “yes” to the angel Gabriel, she lost respect for herself. In the eyes of the world, she was a loser, but in fact she became a winner. If we decide not to lose something for Jesus and follow the ways of the world, then we will end up losers in the end.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is not the only one with a big vision. The other person with a big vision is the small boy who owned the bread and fishes.

(... Read the rest on our website)

PARISH LITURGIES

— 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Tuesday, July 30 - St. Peter Chrysologus

8:30 am + Guido Bardaro

Wednesday, July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola

8:30 am + Sundeep Khosla

Thursday, August 01 - St. Alphonsus Liguori

8:30 am + Rita McGill

Friday, August 02 - St. Eusebius & St. Peter Julian Eymard

8:30 am + Jasso Dial

9:00 am Adoration

— 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, August 03 - St. Lydia Purpuraria

4:00 - 4:30 Reconciliation

5:00 pm For:

+ Paddy Jessen, + Tom Kingry, + Joaquin Gonsalves, + Beatrice & Alfredo Carvallo, + Mario Angelo, + Rosann Felder

Sunday, August 04

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Our Parish Office Summer Hours are as follows:

Tuesday – Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm &

Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

*Have a Safe
and Happy Summer!*

FEAST OF SAINT DOMINIC & BBQ

We will be celebrating the Feast of our community's patron, Saint Dominic de Guzmán, on Sunday August 11th, during the 11:00 am Mass. After the Mass, all parishioners are welcome to attend our Annual Parish Barbeque, which will be held in the rectory backyard.

All are welcome to attend the celebration!!!



VOLUNTEERS FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Volunteers are needed for our Children's Liturgy of the Word for the 11:00 am Sunday Mass, where kids in the range of kindergarten to about grade 3 are invited to the chapel for their own celebration of the Word. This is done with interaction and activities to engage them in scripture at their level. It's a wonderful experience for everyone involved. If you are interested in either leading a few of these celebrations or simply assisting, which means being there in case a child needs help, please leave your contact information with the parish office. All necessary instructions and orientations are provided.

RCIA – BECOMING CATHOLIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, leads seekers through a journey of understanding the Catholic Faith through talks, instructions, prayer and guidance. If you are considering this or know someone who might be interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Father Ranjan D'Sa or Brian Thornton at the Parish Office. Classes begin in the Fall. All are welcome!

SANCTUARY LAMP



*Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week
in memory of Elegio, Honora & Librada
and Deceased Family Members*

CONFIRMATION 2024-25 INFORMATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin next Fall for those entering grade 7 and up, who are registered in Saint Dominic Parish. Please note that our information brochure was sent out at the end of June through our schools. If you lost the brochure or attend other schools, you will find copies of the brochure on the wall in the narthex, or you can go on our website. The Service Project Record sheet can also be found on our parish website. You are expected to acquire 20 hours of community service prior to receiving the Sacrament as part of the registration process, so it may be helpful to start collecting your service hours over the summer. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Aguiar, our Pastoral Minister at (905) 827-2373 or email him at michael@saintdominic.ca

FIRST COMMUNION 2024-25 INFORMATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will begin this Fall for those entering grade 2 and up, who are registered in Saint Dominic Parish. Please note that our information brochure was sent out at the end of June through our schools. If you lost the brochure or attend other schools, you will find copies of the brochure on the wall in the narthex or you can go on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Aguiar, our Pastoral Minister at (905) 827-2373 or michael@saintdominic.ca

VOCATIONS

In the Gospel many people hunger for a small amount of food. In our day, there are too many people for the small number of priests, sisters, brother, and deacons. We too must trust in the Lord by praying for vocations. If you feel God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: Vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Parenting Tip # 160

The first day of July started with a celebration of Canada and all that our country has to offer. It is a wonderful month to celebrate summer with family and friends and a great time to remember to pray for our country, be thankful for our freedom, to celebrate our Catholic faith, and to look at the many riches our country has to offer us. So, speak to your children about their wonderful country, about the beauty God has created here for them and about the many blessings they experience as Canadians. It is easy to dwell on the negative, but teaching our children to have an attitude of gratitude for their blessings makes for a healthier frame of mind! (Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office: 905-528-7988 ext. 2250).

RESTART: MOVING FORWARD

Our 10 week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will begin again this fall and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King Street West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Fall registration will be online soon so look to register at hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or email familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Office of Youth Ministry will be holding a Catholic leadership program for young people in grade ten (ages 15-16). This program will equip them and encourage them to draw closer to Christ and their respective communities. The goal of this program is that young people will join us for opportunities for formation as Catholic leaders and then go back to their respective communities to turn their learning into practice. Registration for this program closes October 25th and can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/frassati2024>

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Marriage Tip #140

Love is a choice and sometimes little choices can make for a more loving and contented relationship. A smile and kiss as a greeting, a thank you for something your spouse does for you or the family, a little note of gratitude for their gifts and talents. Over time, we can forget the kind words, compliments and seeing the good can change the way we interact. Choose to take these actions and watch your love grow. (Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250).

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION THROUGH VLCFF

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2024. Three and five week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at www.hamiltondioceselearns.com

*"A great Prophet has risen among us;
God has looked favourably on his people."*

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, July 29	Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Disciples of the Lord
Tuesday, July 30	Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.
Wednesday, July 31	Pallottine Fathers (S.A.C.)
Thursday, August 1	Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos
Friday, August 2	Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
Saturday, August 3	Parish Staff

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Friday – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (Closed from noon to 1:00 pm).

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