

# 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Up and Down the Mountain – Everyday Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been listening to John's Gospel for our Sunday Masses. Our meditation is particularly concentrated on the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of John, which presents to us Jesus as "the bread of life". This is one of the seven profound sayings by Jesus, explaining the mystery of His own person. The Gospel clearly indicates that only when we believe in the person of Christ, does he become our "life giving bread". In today's second reading, St. Paul says to us that to believe in Christ means to live an altogether new life – a life of Christ.

This week on Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup>, we also meditate on the Transfiguration of Christ, which we celebrate the mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ. The Transfiguration anticipates the heavenly glory of the risen Christ.

On May 29, 1953, Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay of Nepal became the first to conquer Mount Everest, the highest place on earth. Many people asked Tenzing whether he saw God when he was up at the summit. Tenzing wrote in his autobiography that, the whole expedition, which took several years to complete, was a process to reach God.

It is the belief with almost all the ancient

religions that the gods lived high on the mountains. The Old Testament presents such notions whenever it explains God's interactions with humanity. In the Gospel, the scene of the Transfiguration of the Lord, presents the experience of three disciples on the holy mountain as they saw Jesus transfigured. Prior to this, John, James and Peter walked with Jesus for six days. It was a tedious journey - climbing up the mountain to experience the moment of ecstasy. Our desire to experience God is never static; it is always dynamic, like an ascent to the mount. The whole process of climbing the mountain is the process of transfiguration. For Tenzing, reaching the tip of Mount Everest was the goal. Realizing that goal brought about an ecstatic experience of God.

We can experience Transfiguration in our everyday life. Each day we can reach the top of our everyday mountain. Climbing up also involves climbing down. What we have experienced on the top has to be relived and shared in love with others. The whole discipline we put in to reach God involves reaching out to our neighbour. —



#### **PARISH LITURGIES**

- 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-

Tuesday, August 06 - The Transfiguration of the Lord, Feast

8:30 am + Marilou Kimoto

Wednesday, August 07 - St. Sixtus II

8:30 am + Tom Kingry

Titular Feast of our Parish -----Thursday, August 08 - St. Dominic de Gúzman

8:30 am + Rosa & Kurian Scaria

Friday, August 09 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

8:30 am + Anna & Manuel Paikeday

9:00 am Adoration

-19 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-

Saturday, August 10 - St. Lawrence

4:00 - 4:30 Reconciliation

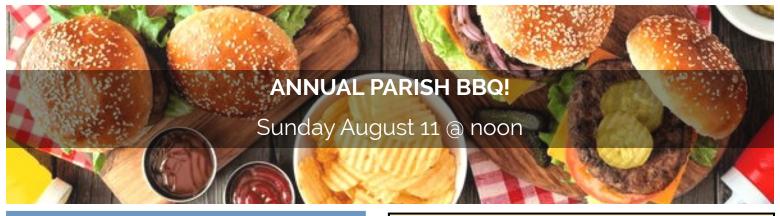
5:00 pm For:

+ Rosann Felder, + Thomas Danko, + Laura Bird, + Angelo Sippa, + D'Souza Family Members

Sunday, August 11

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



#### **FEAST OF SAINT DOMINIC & BBQ**

This week, on August 8<sup>th</sup> is the Titular Feast of our community – the feast of our patron, *Saint Dominic de Guzmán*.



Dominic was born at Caleruega (Spain) on August 8, 1170 and died at Bologna (Italy) on August 6, 1221. As a Canon Regular he was noted for penance, constant prayer, and an exemplary life. He travelled preaching, seeking the reconciliation of the Albigensian heretics through instruction and prayer. He established the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to revitalize

the Church through study, preaching and prayer. Dominic is remembered as a powerful preacher, organizer and patron of learning. Many people have followed his way of life through the centuries and have themselves become saints, including St. Albert the Great, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, Bl. Fra Angelico and St. Rose of Lima, to name a few.

We are called to give thanks for the holiness of life of Saint Dominic and his witness to Jesus Christ. We are also called to remember, with gratitude, all who have been and are members of our parish. We thank God for their holiness, life and witness of faith, which is a source of encouragement and blessing for us.

More information can be found here:

#### opeast.org/2014/08/timeline-of-the-life-of-st-dominic

We will be celebrating our parish patron's feast on Sunday,

August 11<sup>th</sup> 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 celebrations!!!





#### **SANCTUARY LAMP**

Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week for the Intentions of the Paikeday Family

#### MONTHLY HOLY FACE DEVOTION



Please join our St. Dominic Conversatio Christo Choir at our monthly Holy Face Devotion Vespers – a contemplative evening prayer including the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary, and Gregorian Chant hymns on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Church as we pray for reverence, reparation, and a return to Christ.

#### **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!

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#### **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 <a href="michael@saintdominic.ca">michael@saintdominic.ca</a>

#### **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

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, August 05	Rev. Melvin Pinto O.C.D.
Tuesday, August 06	Transfiguration of the Lord
Wednesday, August 07	School Sisters of Notre Dame (S.S.N.D.)
Thursday, August 08	Rev. Sunil D'Souza O.C.D.
Friday, August 09	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin
Saturday, August 10	St. Lawrence

#### 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 <a href="https://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com">www.hamiltondioceselearns.com</a>

#### **VOCATIONS**

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Today's readings remind us that the priest is ordained by the Holy Spirit to be the means by which Jesus' words are fulfilled. If you feel God could be 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

# Have a Safe and Happy Summer!

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