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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up on the last day." (Jn 6:44)

In John's Gospel, we see Jesus fully focused on His mission on earth. Not even for a moment does Jesus lose His sense of mission. The purpose of His entire life on earth is to raise people up 'on the last day' and present them to God. As the scriptures continue, the purpose and focus of Jesus' mission becomes intense. Even at Gethsemane in the midst of His agony, Jesus prayed to His Father for the fulfillment of this mission – *"Father... not my will, but yours be done."* (Lk 22: 42)

In today's passage, Jesus gives a deeper idea about the relationship He has with His Father. Because He was with the Father, Jesus has seen the Father and now He has come to this world as the people's spiritual food: *"the bread that came down from heaven."* The purpose of Jesus coming to this world is simple and clear: it is to bring God's life in the world. Therefore, *"those who believe in Him have eternal life."*

The eternal life that Jesus gives us is a gift from God. We may think that we can choose God by our own volition, but the scriptures are very clear that our salvation is part of

divine initiative. *"No one can come to me unless the father draws Him."* Our secularistic society may over-emphasize human independence and teach us how to achieve 'self-actualization', but Jesus assures us that to attain salvation by our own efforts is an utter impossibility.

Then how can we attain our salvation? Jesus gives us a simple way to reach God, since He is the only begotten son of God. Jesus knows the Father very well and He has all the secrets to reach God, therefore:

- Firstly, we must listen to Jesus carefully, for in Jesus *"all will be taught by God."*
- Secondly, we need to believe in Jesus' words, which sustain our spiritual life, for *"he who believes has everlasting life."*
- Finally, assimilate Jesus in every aspect of our lives just like the bread assimilated becomes our flesh and blood, for *"Jesus is the living Bread come down from Heaven."*

Jesus, in His total humanity – meek, humble, weak and fragile – is the source of our salvation. His entire person is our spiritual bread. He alone can nourish our souls to eternal life. –

PARISH LITURGIES

— 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Tuesday, August 13 - Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus

8:30 am + Sundeep Khosla

Wednesday, August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:30 am + Rita McGill

Thursday, August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity

8:30 am + Stan Brozny

Friday, August 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary

8:30 am + Massimo Pestrin, and Sean Doyle

9:00 am Adoration

— 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, August 17 - St. Clare of Montefalco

4:00 - 4:30 Reconciliation

5:00 pm For:

+ Rita Merrick, + Beatrice & Alfredo Carvalho, + Mario Angelo, + Figueiredo family, Int. Judi Kingry, + Joan Pacifici, + Charles Ward

Sunday, August 18

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



ANNUAL PARISH BBQ!

Sunday August 11 @ noon

WELCOME, NEW PARISHIONERS!

A special welcome to all new parishioners! We pray that you will feel welcome in our community and that your spirits will be nourished each week at the Eucharist. Be sure to introduce yourself to Father Ranjan D'Sa and complete a registration form, which you will find at all the entrances to the church.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Thursday, August 15 is the Solemnity celebrating the Assumption of Mary, body & soul into heaven. Foreshadowed in scripture by the assumptions of Enoch and Elijah, Mary too was given this great grace as she was united with God in such a special way.

"You do not abandon my soul to the grave or allow your holy one to decay." Ps. 16:10

"The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world."

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable. As Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" One single Mass has more value than all the good works of men, because the Eucharistic Celebration is the work of God himself. If you would like to purchase a Mass Intention for someone (living or dead), please contact the parish office. The cost is \$10.00 per intention.

Front cover: Saint Dominic is usually depicted with a dog holding a torch. Before his mother conceived him, she saw in a vision that a dog with a burning torch in its mouth would come forth from her womb and set the world aflame with love for Christ.



SANCTUARY LAMP

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

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

Jennifer Aguiar and Joan Pacifici.

May they, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.



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!

ROSARY – EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING

There is a public recitation of the Rosary in front of Saint Dominic Church every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm.



The origin of our Lady of the Rosary (our Lady of Victory) stems from The Battle of Lepanto. Though outnumbered by the Ottoman Forces, the so called 'Holy League' possessed of superior firepower would win the day through prayer and petition for the intercessions of the Blessed Virgin Mary through the recitation of

the rosary. October 7th, would henceforth, be the Feast of our Lady of Victory.

Please join us to pray for world peace, through the intercession of Our Lady of Victory.

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

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.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, August 12	Rev. Mussie Keflezghi, M.C.C.J.
Tuesday, August 13	Rev. Vivek Trindade
Wednesday, August 14	Legionaries of Christ (L.C.)
Thursday, August 15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, August 16	Rev. Christopher Tracey
Saturday, August 17	Rev. Raphael Ma C.R.

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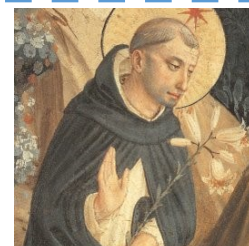
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