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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time *The Bread of Life* Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

We have been meditating on John chapter 6 for our Sunday liturgy. This chapter is about Jesus' famous discourse on The Bread of Life. So far, we have heard Jesus explaining, how he has become our nourishment, through our faith in him and by listening and accepting him as *"the word come down from heaven."*

Our first reading is taken from the Book of Proverbs. Here we see 'Wisdom' has prepared a great banquet. Wisdom was personified as a beautiful royal lady, who allures everyone to her charm (wisdom). Wisdom was given the highest esteem in ancient civilization. For the Jewish community, wisdom was closely connected with God. It was a gift of God.

Wisdom has prepared a great banquet with all sorts of rich food, and she invites everyone to come and dine with her. Everyone who is ignorant, unhappy in life, and the poor who need wisdom to change their lives, is invited for the banquet. The only qualification to accept the invitation is that they must be hungry for wisdom. Hunger for wisdom is hunger for God.

In the Gospel, Jesus presents himself as a

wisdom of God (Divine Word) to the world. He systematically prepares his listeners to understand him as the true bread of our lives. He is giving us a new banquet for our nourishment with his own body and blood – *"The bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world"* (Jn 6: 51).

Like Wisdom, Jesus invites his listeners to his banquet. His invitation comes with a reward. But to those who reject it, the very act of rejection will become their condemnation. For Jesus there is no middle ground, either you are with him, or against him. Jesus presents first the condemnation *"if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you"* (Jn 6:53). The reward that Jesus promises is for life into eternity – *"anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life and I shall raise him on the last day"* (Jn 6:54).

To come to the banquet table of Jesus, first we need to have faith in Him. Secondly, we must hear His word and allow it to translate into concrete attitudes of life. And finally, hunger and thirst for true life that comes only through Christ, presented to us in the Eucharist. By partaking in the Eucharist, we are proclaiming our deepest desire to be totally identified with Jesus and become the living witnesses of the eternal kingdom to come. –

PARISH LITURGIES

— 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Tuesday, August 20 - St. Bernard of Clairvaux

8:30 am + Rita McGill

Wednesday, August 21 - St. Pius X

8:30 am + Fernando Angeloni

Thursday, August 22 - Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am + Mary Arthur

Friday, August 23 - St. Rose of Lima

8:30 am + Mozard Eduarde Oliveira

9:00 am Adoration

—20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, August 24 - St. Bartholomew

4:00 - 4:30 Reconciliation

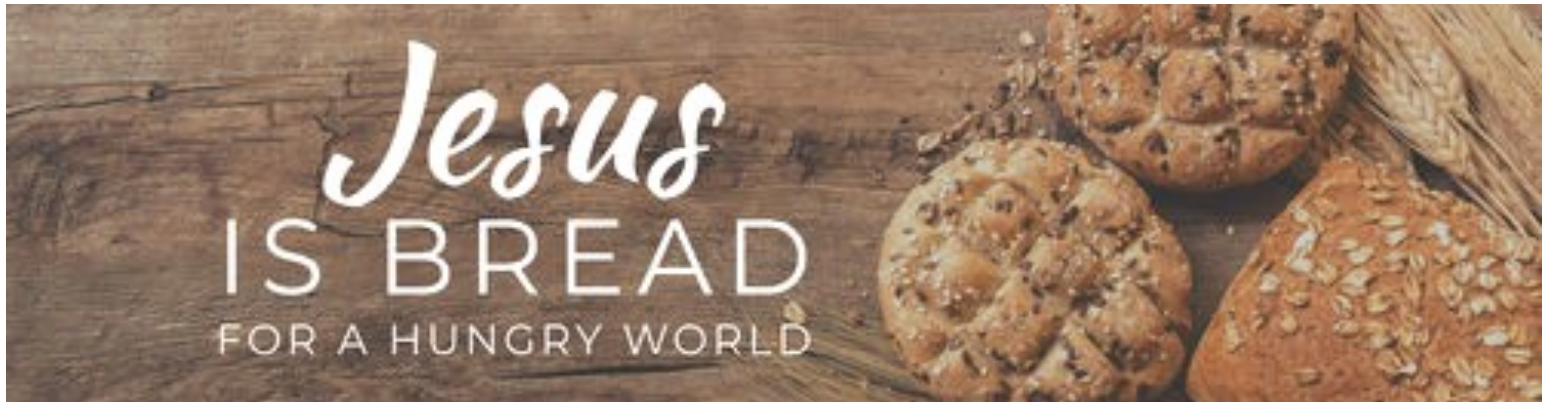
5:00 pm For:

+ Leonard Kelly, + Marsillio Petrucci, + Rossann Felder, + Raymond Gilbert, + Andre Skaff, + Jennifer Aguiar, + Joseph Anthony Castanheiro, + Jamie Matos

Sunday, August 25

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



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.



SANCTUARY LAMP

Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week in memory of Charles Ward

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THE DIOCESAN MEDAL OF HONOUR AND THE SAINT DOMINIC AWARD

On Sunday, August 11th, as we celebrated the Feast of Saint Dominic during the 11:00 Mass, several members of our parish were recognized for their dedication and commitment of service to Saint Dominic Parish. Three of our parishioners, Paul Glover, Rod Rafauli, and Vimla Martinez de Hoz, received the Diocesan Medal of Honour and one of our parishioners, Tia Mehrotra, received the Saint Dominic Award. Congratulations to all of them!



"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in them, says the Lord."

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

Don Kulawic, Bill Grant, and James Matos

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

Amen.



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

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

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PARSIH BARBEQUE

What a wonderful day! For a third year, Father Ranjan hosted parishioners in an annual celebration of the Feast of Saint Dominic. Despite a brief downpour, everyone was able to enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and delicious food, as they gathered in the rectory backyard for a summer barbecue. A special thank you to Albert Melo from Harvey's/Swiss Chalet on 3543 Wycroft Road, Oakville for donating the food. Many thanks to the members from the Social Committee, CWL, and the Knights of Columbus who planned and prepared the food, and to the parishioners who helped cook, serve and clean up. We are so grateful to all who helped make this a true community celebration!



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HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, August 19	Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.
Tuesday, August 20	Rev. Paul Voisin, C.R.
Wednesday, August 21	Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ (I.H.M.M.C.)
Thursday, August 22	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, August 23	Rev. Francisco Cruz
Saturday, August 24	Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.

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