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## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

*“Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life” (Jn 6: 69).*

Today’s readings are the last part of the long discourse we heard for the past five weeks. After explaining about himself as the true food for humanity, Jesus invites us to make a choice of whom we would like to worship. We have heard him say who he is and what he is proposing for us. There is no more negotiation. Our options are clear – do we want him in our life as he proposed, or we can walk out.

In the First Reading, Joshua presents the people of Israel in a similar situation of making a definitive choice. After the death of Moses, Joshua was charged with leading the people of Israel. Joshua proved himself a great leader and commander. After settling down in the Promised Land, he convened an assembly of all the people at Shechem. He wanted them to take an oath of allegiance to Yahweh.

Why Shechem? When Abraham came to the Promised Land from Babylon, it was at Shechem that God appeared to him and made a promise of giving the land where he was standing to his descendants (Gen 12:7). On Jacob’s return, after serving Laban for several years, he ordered his wives to bury all the idols they brought from their father’s house at Shechem. At this place he made them to promise to serve Yahweh as their only God.

Why did Joshua make the Israelites take an oath to serve Yahweh alone even though they had witnessed the mighty works of their God when they came out of Egypt? At this point in time, the people of Israel were in a new social system. They had become a free people with their own land and country. They were free to choose the way they wanted to live. And, as such they were attracted by the many gods the local people worshipped in Canaan. Moreover, they were also influenced by the gods of Babylon and other oriental nations with their elaborate rituals.

Joshua sets a great example before his people. He chose Yahweh and only Yahweh as his God. So, he said, *“as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord”* (Jos 24:15). People followed his example and took an oath to follow Yahweh – *“Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God”* (Jos. 24:18).

Every Eucharist we attend presents us the same choice. *Do we want to be nourished by the true God for our life here on earth and for the life to come for eternity?*

Jesus does not make it easy. He wants us to know the cost of our choice. Most of Jesus’ listeners called it a hard teaching. Only a few accepted his offer. He is asking us the same question; *“Do you also wish to go away?”* (Jn. 6:68). Are we able to give the same answer as Peter and company? *“Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God”* (Jn 6:69).

## PARISH LITURGIES

— 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

### Tuesday, August 27 - St. Monica

8:30 am + Joaquin Gonsalves

### Wednesday, August 28 - St. Augustine

8:30 am + Bernice Casey

### Thursday, August 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:30 am + Gerald McGraw

### Friday, August 30 - Bl. Alfredo Ildefonso Schuster

8:30 am + Guido Bardaro

9:00 am Adoration

— 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

### Saturday, August 31 - St. Raymond Nonnatus

4:00 - 4:30 Reconciliation

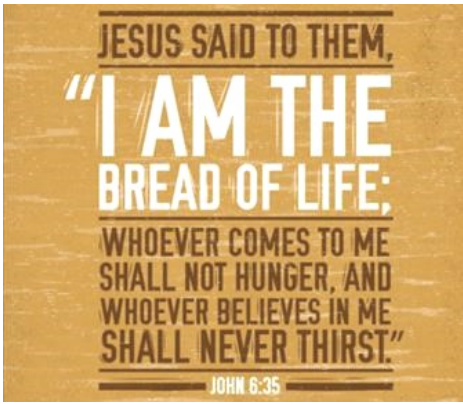
5:00 pm For:

+ Sundeep Khosla, + John Meyerstein, Int. Courtney Pinheiro, Int. Thomas Pinheiro, Int. Hayden Pinheiro, + Raymond Gilbert, + Blanche Caines, + Bill Grant, + Marie Cullen

### Sunday, September 01


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 for the Intentions of the Paikeday Family*



**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!**

We would like to congratulate Mike and Aija Noga, longtime parishioners of Saint Dominic Parish, who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Congratulations to both of you!

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*Thank you for your warmth!*

**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](mailto:michael@saintdominic.ca)



*“Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of eternal life.”*

**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](mailto:michael@saintdominic.ca)

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Our parish will be resuming the hit series, The Chosen, with Season 3. The series allows us to see Christ through the eyes of those who knew him. The Chosen takes the stories of the Gospels and, at the same time, tells us a story that is in between the lines of scripture. Participants are welcome to join us Fridays in the Parish Hall from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm for a screening of an episode, followed by group discussions and activities led by our Pastoral Minister, Michael Aguiar; materials will be provided. We will be focusing on season 3 of the series. We will meet on the following dates:

September 13<sup>th</sup>      September 20<sup>th</sup>      September 27<sup>th</sup>  
 October 4<sup>th</sup>      October 11<sup>th</sup>      October 18<sup>th</sup>  
 October 25<sup>th</sup>      November 1<sup>st</sup>

**\*\*Please Note: A session on Thursday November 7 is tentative, should one of the evenings be cancelled.**

**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT  
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> — FORMOSA**

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adult Night starts at 6:30 pm and includes a Holy Hour, Social with food, Praise Night with Vocation Testimony, and Compline, on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Conception Church (212 Concession Road, Formosa, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, August 26	Rev. Roque Concepcion
Tuesday, August 27	Rev. Stanley Nwokeji
Wednesday, August 28	Ursuline Sisters (o.s.u.)
Thursday, August 29	The Passion of John the Baptist
Friday, August 30	Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.
Saturday, August 31	Catholic Youth

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**CWL NEWS**



Coming Soon...The CWL invites you to join us on Sunday, September 22 at noon, immediately following the Mass, for "Soups On" a fundraiser in support of the DeMazenod Door. This is our second sponsorship of their weekly Friday BBQ, providing lunch for the disadvantaged inner city folks in Hamilton. Our St. Dominic volunteer team helped in 2023 and we understand the need is even greater now. Please mark your calendar for September 22 and join us for some homemade soups prepared by the members of the CWL. Watch the Parish Newsletter for further information.

There is a CWL meeting on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the parish centre. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

**VOCATIONS**

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to Him on our journey as married, single, ordained or consecrated persons. If 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.

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Parish Summer Hours: Tuesday to Thursday – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
 Friday – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (*Closed from noon to 1:00 pm*).

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