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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time True Love

Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

"My mother is sick; my free time is given over completely to her. Most of my weekends I could not attend the Mass or Pray. Have I committed sin?"

It is very common for us to ask such questions. Many a time, we confuse between law and morality. Morality transcends law. It involves more than following laws. It brings into consideration the entire situation of the problem at hand.

It is God's desire that we all live a good life. If any of our actions are likely to add to the well-being of someone – helping them to live a good life – then it should be encouraged. God will never demand anything that is contrary to human well-being. Any religion that doesn't subscribe to the welfare of its followers and gives utmost importance to its own laws, reduces itself to a system of laws and legalities, rules and regulations, doctrines and dogmas.

In the Gospel, Jesus abhors rigid religious practices which do not allow people to live their lives like free children of God. Jesus, quoting the words of Isaiah, describes people who follow rigid laws and regulations; *"Their reverence of me (God) is worthless, the lessons they teach are nothing but human commandments."* Jesus teaches all of us how to live our religion in a joyful way.

No law, state, or church is absolute. Only the law of God is absolute. **True love** is the ulti-

mate criterion of all our moral actions and that is the law and the Will of God.

True commitment to God finds ways to express one's faith to God in many and different ways. Where there is love, there is God. –



MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Are you getting married this Fall or in the early part of 2025? Marriage preparation is an important way that the Church reaches out to support your relationship. Once you have spoken to the parish and booked your wedding, be sure to register for one of our Diocese's upcoming courses, which are available from January to December of each year. Fall dates are posted on the diocese website now. Find out more and visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/453f8m9k>

PARISH LITURGIES

— 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Tuesday, September 03 - St. Gregory the Great

8:30 am + Glen D'Melo

Wednesday, September 04 - Bl. Dina Bélanger

8:30 am + NO MASS

Thursday, September 05 - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

8:30 am + NO MASS

Friday, September 06 - St. Eleutherius

8:30 am + Patrick Latchman

9:00 am Adoration

— 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, September 07 - Bl. Eugenia Picco

4:00 - 4:30 Reconciliation

5:00 pm For:

+Domenic Ciaccia, +Mary Ciaccia, +Souls in Purgatory, +James Perot, +Pontarollo Family, +Don Kulawic, +Mary & Frank Lukowich, Int. Paula Whiffen, +Parrott Family, +Alphonsus & Elsie Whiffen

Sunday, September 08

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners

Do small things, with great love.

Mother Teresa

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 email: 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

HAMILTON DIOCESE MARIAN DAYS

The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, as the Diocesan Marian Shrine, will be hosting the Hamilton Diocesan Marian Days on the first Saturdays from June through October. The next Marian Day will be September 7th. Mass will be presided by Bishop Crosby.

The day begins with Holy Hour and Confessions at 9:00 am, followed by Mass at 10:30 am. A rosary procession will start at 11:30 am, followed by lunch at noon. Tea and coffee will be available and you are welcome to bring your lunch.



SANCTUARY LAMP

Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week in memory of Elegio, Honora, Librada and deceased family members



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Fire Station 1 – Bronte Rd & Rebecca Street
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Thank you for your warmth!

CWL NEWS



You are invited to join the CWL 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. Tickets are \$10 ea. and will be on sale after all Masses on the weekends of September 7/8 and 14/15. Mark your calendar and buy a ticket, enjoy our home-made soups, and help us to help the DeMazenod Door feed the hungry.

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



Our parish will be resuming Season 3 of the hit series, The Chosen. 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 th	September 20 th	September 27 th
October 4 th	October 11 th	October 18 th
October 25 th	November 1 st	

****Please Note: Thursday November 7 (tentative, should one of the evenings be cancelled.)**

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you interested in exploring the Catholic Christian Faith through the journey of the RCIA process at Saint Dominic Parish? RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and through talks, instructions, prayer and guidance, adults are led through a journey of understanding and accepting the Catholic Christian Faith. If you are considering this or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Fr. Ranjan D'Sa or Brian Thornton at the Parish Office.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, September 02	Rev. John Yang
Tuesday, September 03	Rev. Stefano Lee
Wednesday, September 04	Our Parish Community
Thursday, September 05	Rev. Brendan McGrath
Friday, September 06	Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
Saturday, September 07	Catholic Teachers

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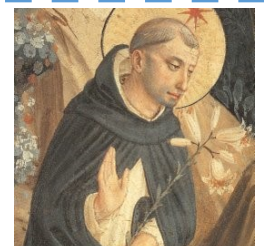
YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH — 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 evening includes a Holy Hour, Social with food, Praise Night with Vocation Testimony, and Compline, on Saturday, September 7th at Immaculate Conception Church in Formosa, Ontario). For more information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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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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