



SAINT DOMINIC PARISH

September 08, 2024

905-827-2373 | saintdominic.ca

Issue 36 | Volume 5

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Ranjan D'Sa, OCD

"Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, 'Be opened'" (Mk 7:34).

The actions and the words that Jesus uses while performing the miracle in today's gospel are quite unusual for Him. He takes the man who is dumb and deaf to a lonely place, puts His finger in his ears, applies saliva to his tongue, looks up to heaven in prayer, and uses a mysterious word. They give a somewhat mystic, ritualist and magical feel to the whole action of performing this miracle. Most of the time, Jesus commands or touches the people and healing takes place. But in this case, Jesus engages the deaf and dumb person with many ritualistic activities.

Deaf and dumb means total isolation. They neither can hear nor can speak. Helen Keller thought that deafness is a far greater disability than blindness. This man was both deaf and dumb. Since his disability was not visible externally, he never got any sympathy from others. Jewish religious beliefs of that time made his life a bit worse. Every disability was considered a punishment from God, but deafness was regarded as a curse because the person is prevented from hearing the word of the Lord proclaimed and be saved.

In the first reading, to the people in the Babylonian exile, prophet Isaiah proclaimed the future hope saying, *"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped" (Is 35:5)*. Israel had become deaf, dumb, and blind. They had become slaves in the foreign land. They had lost their dignity and with that their hope. The terrible calamities brought darkness to their lives and now they could not speak or hear the word of God which could give them comfort.

Isaiah realized that they need a messiah to raise people's hope to see things clearly. Only the word of God, who would become flesh, could open the eyes of the people, so that they could see beyond their suffering and hear the message of love. The healing that Jesus performed has the same symbolic meaning of Isaiah. The deaf and the dumb man does stand for all humanity.

We need to hear the word *"Ephphatha"* from Jesus from time to time. The socio-political-religious situation around us can blind us and make us deaf and dumb. Mass media and other form of communication may mislead us and take us to the recesses of darkness. We must remind ourselves that the Word of God has the power to open our hearts, illumine our minds and take away our blindness. It brings us hope and new life.

"Ephphatha" – "Be Opened."

PARISH LITURGIES

— 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Tuesday, September 10 - St. Peter Martinez

8:30 am + Gerald McGraw

Wednesday, September 11 - Sts. Protus and Hyacinth

8:30 am + Rob Brandi

Thursday, September 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:30 am + Joaquin Gonsalves

Friday, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom

8:30 am + Glen D'Melo

9:00 am Adoration

—24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

4:00 - 4:30 Reconciliation

5:00 pm For:

+ Maria & Jose Gomes, + Maria & Manuel Silva, + Joseph Paik, + Stephan Chon, + Monica Lim, + Rita Merrick, + Salvatore & Maria Mastrella, + Donald Melia, + Perry Melia, + Tom & Marion Parrott, + Emily & Walter Hodder & Children

Sunday, September 15

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



CONGRATULATIONS IN CELEBRATING YOUR 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

Congratulations to two of our parishioners, John and Annie Burke who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on August 31st, 2024. God’s blessings on both of you for your love, commitment and great example of unconditional love for each other!



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. 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. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Aguiar, our Pastoral Minister at (905) 827-2373, or email him at: michael@saintdominic.ca



SANCTUARY LAMP

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

YOUNG VINCENTIANS

We welcome all youth from grades 9 to 12 to join the vibrant community of the Young Vincentians at Saint Dominic Parish in Oakville! Our community is dedicated to service others and following the example of Jesus. We hold meeting every third Sunday of the month in the parish hall, following the 11:00 am Young Vincentians Youth Mass.

Our community is built on the pillars of spirituality, charity and friendship. Come be part of our community where you can form friendships, get closer to Jesus, and join our mission to support and uplift those in need.

Let’s make a meaningful impact together! For further information on how to join our group, come meet with the youth in the narthex after all the Masses this weekend, call the parish office, or email youngvincentians.stdoms@gmail.com

11TH ANNUAL BRONTE COAT DRIVE – 2024

DONATE: Your gently-used clean winter outerwear all sizes Adult and Children

WHEN: September 07, 14, 21, & 28 (10:00 am – 1:00 pm)

WHERE: St. Dominic Parish Parking lot, 2415 Rebecca St., Oakville

ALTERNATIVELY

Drop off anytime in September & October at:
Fire Station 1 – Bronte Rd & Rebecca Street
Fire Station 3 – Kerr St. & Rebecca Street



Or call: 905-631-6188



Thank you for your warmth!

THE CHOSEN

Our parish will be resuming Season 3 of the hit series, The Chosen. 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:
****Please Note: Thursday November 7 (tentative, should one of the evenings be cancelled.)**

September 13 th	September 20 th	September 27 th
October 4 th	October 11 th	October 18 th
October 25 th	November 1 st	

OLIVE WOOD CRAFTS FROM BETHLEHEM

We are selling hand-made Olive Wood Crafts from Bethlehem, after all Masses on the weekend of September 14/15. Profits generated will be used to support the communities in Bethlehem. We thank you for your support! –Baher Habash

PASTA DINNER 2024

On the evening of Saturday, October 5th, we are hosting our Annual Pasta Dinner starting at 6:15 pm. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses, the weekends of September 21st and 28th in the Narthex. This event sold out last year, so be sure to pick up your tickets early. Ticket prices remain the same as last year. Children under 12 are \$5.00 and everyone over 12 is \$15.00. As part of our annual tradition, we ask all the men attending to donate a dessert to add to our dessert table for everyone to enjoy.

We appreciate the support that our wonderful Saint Dominic parishioners give to all Social Committee initiatives, and we look forward to sharing in the FUN and FELLOWSHIP at Pasta Dinner 2024!

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, September 09	Rev. Ireneusz Koziak, S.A.C
Tuesday, September 10	Very Rev. Tim Uniac, C.R.
Wednesday, September 11	Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate (S.O.L.I.)
Thursday, September 12	Rev. Robert Love The Most Holy Name of Mary
Friday, September 13	Rev. Rafal Tomon
Saturday, September 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM! 

CWL NEWS



The St. Dominic Catholic Women's League invites parishioners to join us for another "Soups On" luncheon fundraiser in support of the DeMazenod Door. This is our second sponsorship of their weekly Friday BBQ, providing lunch for the disadvantaged inner city folk 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 calendars for **Sunday September 22 at noon** (immediately after Mass) and buy a ticket, enjoy our home-made soups, and help us to help the DeMazenod Door feed the hungry.

SEEKING SILENT AUCTION DONORS

Donate an item to our Silent Auction

New Items: décor, toys, tools, small appliances or electronics

Gift Certificates or Baskets

Contact: cwl@saintdominic.ca or 905-464-2413

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!

SAINT DOMINIC PARISH

2415 Rebecca Street,
 Oakville, Ontario, L6L 2B1
 Phone: 905-827-2373
 Fax: 905-827-6055
 Email: office@saintdominic.ca
 Website: saintdominic.ca



Pastor: Reverend Ranjan D'Sa OCD
rdsa@hamiltondiocese.com

Pastoral Associate/Youth Minister: Michael Aguiar
michael@saintdominic.ca

Deacon: Reverend Mr. Terry Murphy
 Parish Accountant: Brian Thornton
 Secretary: Mary Evans
 Sacristan: Judi Kingry
 Custodian: Peter Coffey

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).

Follow us on social media!

Facebook: @saintdominicoakville & @saintdominicym
Instagram: @saintdominicym

Helen & Anthony Danko
Sales Representatives

“The Name Friends Recommend to Friends”

Cell 905-334-7770 helendanko.com | helen@helendanko.com
Cell 289-772-8822 anthony.danko@royallepage.ca | anthonydanko.realtor

COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME

Terry Cooke—Director

64 Lakeshore Rd. W. 905-844-2600
www.koprivataylor.com

EXPERIENCE THE AMICA DIFFERENCE

We could tell you what makes Amica Bronte Harbour different from other senior living residences. But we'd rather show you. After all, what makes us different is different for everyone.

SCHEDULE A TOUR AND COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH.
CALL JADE AT 905-842-8167

AMICA
BRONTE HARBOUR

160 BRONTE RD
AMICA.CA/BRONTEHARBOUR

Desjardins Insurance

Grant Leslie Agent

Providing Insurance and Financial Services

2345 Wyecroft Rd., Oakville • 905-469-4499
www.grantleslie.ca • grant@grantleslie.ca

Oakville KITCHEN & BATH CENTRE

599 Third Line, Oakville, Ontario L6L 4A8
Ph: 905.827.4611
info@oakvillekitchencentre.com
www.oakvillekitchencentre.com

KITCHEN & BATHROOM SPECIALISTS

AMANDA BECHBERGER
SALES REPRESENTATIVE
COMMERCIAL | RESIDENTIAL

D: 416.803.7608 O: 905.338.3737
amandabechberger@royallepage.ca
www.redverscommercial.ca

251 North Service Rd. W., Oakville, ON L6M 3E7
Royal LePage Real Estate Services Ltd., Brokerage

DENNIS' of OAKVILLE AUTO SERVICE

Complete Auto Service To All Makes and Models

Dennis Ciaccia
501 Speers Road
905-842-6000

ONTARIO'S DRIVE CLEAN
APPROVED AUTO REPAIR SERVICES
CAA

HOUSE TUNE UP **EUROPEAN windows and doors**

416.837.5242
Maciej Falger

Showroom: 1100 Invicta Dr., Unit 14, Oakville, ON L6H 2K9
info@housetuneup.ca | housetuneup.ca

Oakview Funeral Home
BY ARBOR MEMORIAL INC
56 Lakeshore Rd. W. | Oakville, Ont | 905-842-2252

YOUR HOME SOLD GUARANTEED OR WE'LL BUY IT!*

Rob Gill Sales Representative
RobGillRealtyGroup.ca | 416.949.5794

CARPET WAREHOUSE

Dominic Tonelli
238 Cross Ave. 905-842-0042
carpetwarehouse@bellnet.ca

Advertise with us! Contact the parish office at 905-827-2373 or office@saintdominic.ca

Knights of Columbus – Marian Council 3881

Helping Oakville Parishes and community through Charity, Unity and Fraternity. If you want to help, email:
MembershipDirectorKofC3881@gmail.com

On The Spot!®
Carpet Cleaning Specialists
www.onthespotcleaning.ca

Voted #1 carpet cleaner Since 1952
FREE spot lifter with every cleaning
905.825.4256

1446 Wallace Rd. Oakville ON
with loose rug drop-off *With this ad

HARVEY'S
It's a beautiful thing.

1/4 lb ANGUS BURGER COMBO \$8.89

3543 WYECROFT RD OAKVILLE, ONTARIO 905-469-8764

ANITA ANAND
Member of Parliament, Oakville

anita.anand@parl.gc.ca 905-338-2008

PARTIES 'N' MORE

Helping You Celebrate Since 1989!
427 Speers Rd. Unit #19
Oakville, ON. L6K 3S8
info.partiesnmore@gmail.com www.partiesnmore.ca
Catherine Quincol
Phone (905) 842-6960

SWISS (HALET) RELAX AND LET US WORRY ABOUT DINNER

2 CAN DINE FOR \$20.99
2 Quarter Chicken Dinners
WHITE MEAT ADD \$2.00 per entrée

3543 WYECROFT RD OAKVILLE, ONTARIO 905-469-8764

M. WAYNE MUNDEN
SALES REPRESENTATIVE
905.399.5910

MUNDENREALTY.COM MORE THAN AN AGENT.

BOOK MICKEY WITH NICKEY
NICOLE DESJARDINS, Travel Advisor
905-330-0893
NICOLE.D@PLAYCATIONTRAVEL.COM
playcationtravel.com/nicole-desjardins

Let our advertisers know that you saw their ad in our bulletin