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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Ranjan D'Sa, OCD

“But who do you say that I am?” (Mk 8:28)

The answer to this question should be personal and every Christian must respond to this question often. Most of the time we become the admirers of Christ and never try to be the true disciples. Jesus, in a way, is making His disciples to reflect on their personal adherence to Him.

This question has disturbed my conscience a bit. I thought I am a good Christian, a religious and a priest. But these, my vocations, have become my identity and they have enormously influenced how I relate myself to Jesus. My idea of Jesus is always filtered through the norms and regulations of the church and the do's and don'ts of the religious life.

Though, right this moment, I am not able to articulate who Christ is for me, I can give an example of a young novice who was raped by soldiers during the war in 1993 in Bosnia. She wrote a lengthy letter to her mother superior at the time she realized that she is carrying a child. The letter is heartbreaking, but I will give a few lines from her own writings taken from the book, *'Final Harvest'* by Wayne Weible.

“Permit me not to give you any details. It

was an atrocious experience, incommunicable except to God... In my teens, I had written in my private diary; “Nothing is mine: I belong to no one, and no one belongs to me.” Yet, one night, which I do not want to remember, some one took me and wrested me from myself and made me his...”

Then she reflects on the mystery of Christ and His suffering, “Is my suffering and the offence endured, in comparison to that of the One to whom I promised a thousand times to give my life?... the Lord had made me penetrate into the mystery of this shame, and to the religious that I am”.

Finally, she speaks about her mission of giving witness to Christ in a different way; “I will leave with my Child. I do not know where, but God, who suddenly shattered my greatest joy, will show me which path to take to accomplish His Will... I will be poor. I will don once more the old apron... to the child I am expecting, I will teach only to love. My child born from violence, will be a testimony that forgiveness is the unique greatness that glorifies a person...”

Only when we stand at the foot of the cross, gazing at His pierced body can we truly respond to Jesus' question saying to Him, “*You are the Messiah*” “*Son of the living God*” (Mk 8:29, Mt 16:16).

PARISH LITURGIES

— 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

**Tuesday, September 17 - St. Robert Bellarmine
and St. Hildegard of Bingen**

8:30 am + Galicano Casuga

**Wednesday, September 18 - St. Joseph of
Cupertino**

8:30 am + Denny Casey

Thursday, September 19 - St. Januarius

8:30 am + Joanne Kosta

**Friday, September 20 - St. Andrew Kim Taegon
& Companions**

8:30 am + Manuel Texeira Tavares

9:00 am Adoration

— 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, September 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle

4:00 - 4:30 Reconciliation

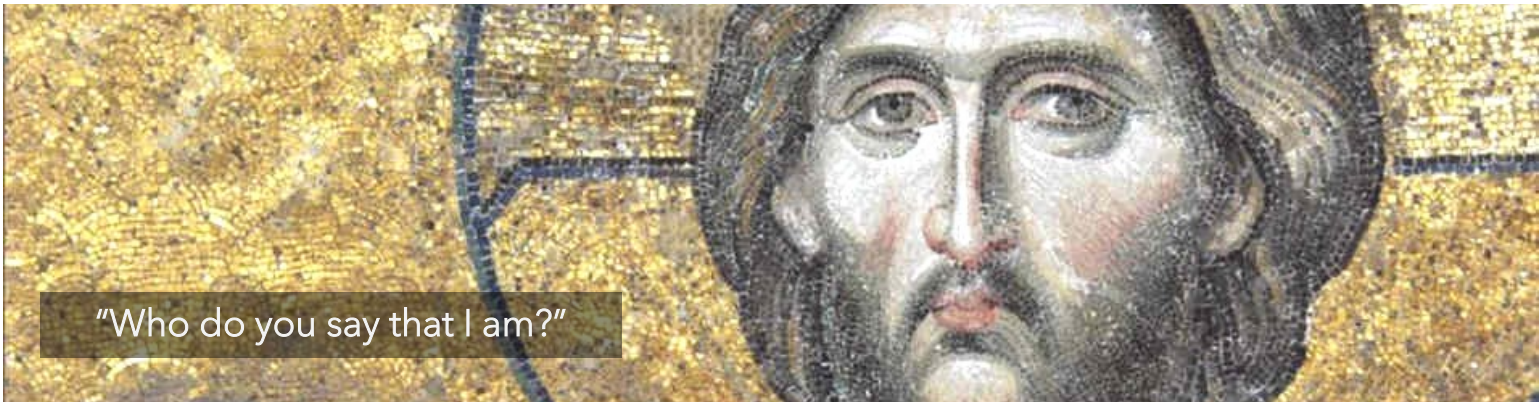
5:00 pm For:

+ Georgina Bourke, + Mozart Eduardo de Oliveira, + Sundeep Khosla, + Patrick Whiffen, + Alphonsus Whiffen, + Mike Holmes, Int. Marsha Duke

Sunday, September 22

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



“Who do you say that I am?”

FORWARD TOGETHER IN CHRIST

The Forward Together in Christ results document is available for all those who attended the group discussion in May, 2024. This document includes results from deanery meetings with close to 1000 parish delegates from across the diocese. We encourage all parishioners to view digital copies of this document on the Diocese of Hamilton website: hamiltondiocese.com

FIRST COMMUNION 2024-25 INFORMATION

Registration for the Sacrament of Holy Communion is now available on our website for those entering grade 2 and up. 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

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now available for those entering grade 7 and up. 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

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be an altar server training session on Saturday, September 28th at 10:00 am in the church for those who have already applied for this ministry. If you are interested in becoming an altar server, please complete an application—available from the sacristan—and attend this session. This ministry is open to youth, adults and family groups.

CONQUEST & CHALLENGE

The Conquest and Challenge youth programs will be starting on Tuesday September 17th at St. Dominic’s School at 6:30 pm. Registration is open for anyone who would like to be a part of this group. For more information please check our parish website: saintdominic.ca/youth



SANCTUARY LAMP

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

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, 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 14, 21, & 28 (10:00 am – 1:00 pm)

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

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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. 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 (is tentative, should one of the prior evenings be cancelled.)**

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

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!

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 | |
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| Monday, September 16 | Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R. |
| Tuesday, September 17 | Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C. |
| Wednesday, September 18 | Missionary Sisters of Christ the King M.ChR. |
| Thursday, September 19 | Rev. Philip Reilly C.R. |
| Friday, September 20 | Rev. Pawel Jamroz |
| Saturday, September 21 | Rev. Stephen Gilbert |

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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 weekend of September 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.

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in the land of the living."*

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

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