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## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time *Deacon Terry Murphy*

For most of us, I suspect, greatness is about being number one, a winner, a success. It's about power, control, wealth, fame, reputation, status, and position. Have you ever seen the losing super bowl team dancing around Monday morning with two fingers in the air shouting, "We're number two, we're number two?" Probably not, and you probably never will.

What makes a person successful is always in short supply and easily slips away. Yet amazingly, people are desperate for success as the world counts success. There is an alternative. We may be slow to pick up on this. The disciples certainly were. What matters is that, sooner or later, we all catch on.

In this Gospel, Jesus is teaching His disciples the same thing that we heard him teaching them last week, that *"the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."* But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. I guess they didn't have a teacher tell them that there is no such thing as a stupid question. Or, even better, that the only stupid question is the one not asked.

What the disciples are discussing, however, is something different. Walking only a few steps from Jesus, they are arguing among themselves about which one of them is the greatest. These disciples are engaged in a contest about who is the one among them most likely to succeed as the world counts success.

Imagine that Jesus listens to all our conversations. Imagine that Jesus knows the real hopes

and longings of our hearts. I take great comfort in knowing that Jesus knows me, knows my heart, knows us, knows what we are worried about and working on. Then it says, Jesus sat down, called the disciples together, and said, *"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."*

Greatness – for Jesus, and for us – is never about power and prevailing, never about dominating and doting over another, never about asserting ourselves or our way. Greatness is about serving, sacrificing, caring, and sharing. He took a child and said, *"whoever welcomes one such child in my name, welcomes me, . . . and also the One who sent me."*

Let's be clear - the child in this little story - is not to show how Jesus loved little children, though he did. It is not a message about glorifying children. It is absolutely a message about sacrificing and serving, caring and sharing. It is an illustration of his previous point – whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.

Children were regarded in that day as non-persons, possessions of the father of the household, not yet full persons. They were not meant to be seen nor heard. So, it is counter-cultural; Jesus brings a child into the center space for his teaching to make a point. The greatest are not those with power and prestige but those who serve others, welcome children, tend to the needy, the destitute, the forgotten. The greatest are not those in places of privilege, but those who see and love those who are on the margins, left out, oppressed, and abused.

(... Go to the parish website to read the rest)

## PARISH LITURGIES

— 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —

**Tuesday, September 24 - Bl. Émilie Tavernier-Gamelin**

8:30 am + Fr. Victor McNamara

**Wednesday, September 25 - Sts. Cosmas & Damian**

8:30 am + Guido Bardaro

**Thursday, September 26 - St. John de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues & The Canadian Martyrs**

8:30 am + Thomas Danko

**Friday, September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul**

8:30 am + Angela Sylvan

9:00 am Adoration

— 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —

**Saturday, September 28 - St. Wenceslaus**

4:00 - 4:30 Reconciliation

5:00 pm For:

+ Joseph Paik, + John Meyerstein, + Joanne Kosta, + Don Kulawic, + Lina & Antonio Mosca, + Liston Thomas

**Sunday, September 29**

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THE SAINT DOMINIC AWARD!

On Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrated the Feast of Saint Dominic, several members of our parish community were recognized for their dedication and commitment of service to Saint Dominic Parish. Two of those members were not available that day to receive their award, so last weekend on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> we presented them with the Saint Dominic Award. Congratulations *Luca Di Muzio* and *Emily Duzek*!



*Thank you for your service!*

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be an altar server training session on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 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

There is a Conquest and Challenge meeting this Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Dominic’s School at 6:30 pm. For more information please check our parish website: [saintdominic.ca/youth](http://saintdominic.ca/youth)

*“God has called us through the good news, to obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*



### SANCTUARY LAMP

*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week in Memory of the Sami’s Family*

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

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

### VOLUNTEERS FOR CHILDREN’S LITURGY

Volunteers are needed for our Children’s Liturgy of the Word for the 11:00 am Sunday Mass, where kids in the range of kindergarten to about grade 3 are invited to the chapel for their own celebration of the Word. This is done with interaction and activities to engage them in scripture at their level. It’s a wonderful experience for everyone involved. If you are interested in either leading a few of these celebrations or simply assisting, which means being there in case a child needs help, please leave your contact information with the parish office. All necessary instructions and orientations are provided.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION**

## 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!

## THE CHOSEN

Our parish is screening 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.)**

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 7 <sup>th</sup>

*"The Lord upholds my life."*

## PASTA DINNER 2024

On the evening of Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, we are hosting our Annual Pasta Dinner starting at 6:15 pm. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses, the weekends of September 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 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 23	Rev. Hayden Starczala
Tuesday, September 24	Rev. Gordian Okpuruka
Wednesday, September 25	Salesians of St. Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
Thursday, September 26	Rev. Robert Hetu
Friday, September 27	Very Rev. Ian Duffy
Saturday, September 28	Rev. Vernon Boyd, S.J.

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## 11TH ANNUAL BRONTE COAT DRIVE – 2024

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

**WHEN:** September 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!*



## YOUNG VINCENTIAN'S

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 meetings every third Sunday of the month in the parish hall, following the 11:00 am Young Vincentians Youth Mass. 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](mailto:youngvincentians.stdoms@gmail.com)

Calling all in grades 8-12! The Young Vincentians are hosting a retreat on Theology of the Body for Teens on October 19<sup>th</sup> here at St. Dominic's. Join us for inspiring speakers, lunch and friendship! Find more information and a link to register at [saintdominic.ca/youth](http://saintdominic.ca/youth)

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