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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eternal Inheritance

—Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

The word 'inherit' is defined by the Cambridge Dictionary as: 'to receive money, a house, etc. from someone after they have died.' The young man in the scripture knew well that eternal life cannot be merited, achieved or conquered. It is not even a reward for a life well-lived, but it is a 'gift' freely and generously given by God. It is a gift from Abba Father to His loving Children. Eternal life is a property of the Eternal Father gratuitously shared with all of us.

Jesus tells us in John's Gospel that there are many dwelling places in His Father's home and that He will prepare a place for us (Jn 14:2). Jesus was telling this to His disciples. Through our baptism, we have become the Children of God, and therefore, we have become not only brothers and sisters of Jesus, but also His disciples. Eternal life, therefore, is our inheritance from God. God, being a good Father, wants all of His Children to inherit that Gift.

To inherit the Father's property, we must always remain as the true children of the Father. Jesus gives us some simple tips to achieve this. His response to the young man

is straight forward: "*follow the commandments*". Surprisingly, we can see, Jesus does not mention the first three commandments which are in relation to God. To become true children, we have to become like the Father. We must love and care for others who are around us and with whom we share this world.

The young man in the Scripture did very well with everything, yet, failed in the ultimate test. His attachments did not allow him to go much further in his relationship with God. Attachments to worldly prosperity have proven to be detrimental in our inheriting of life. Such attachments have taken God away from us. When God is taken out of the picture, we become the centre of our own life. Self-centered life is in opposition to the life of God, which is self-giving and sacrificing.

The answer to the question of the young man is very simple: **to inherit eternal life, we must become the children of God.** –



PARISH LITURGIES

— 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Monday, October 14 - Thanksgiving Day

10:00 am

Tuesday, October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus

8:30 am + Hema Muliyl

Wednesday, October 16 - St. Marie-Marguerite D'Youville

8:30 am + Alice & Cheriyan Barghese

Thursday, October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:30 am + Michael De Vita

Friday, October 18 - St. Luke, Evangelist

8:30 am Int. Noah Sweeney

9:00 – 10:00 am Adoration

—28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, October 19 - St. Paul of the Cross

4:00 – 4:30 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm For:

+ Horatio Figueiredo and Deceased Family Members, + Stephan Chon, + Charlie & Rita McAnlinden, + Ray Kulig

Sunday, October 20

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on Monday, October 14th at 10:00 am. All are welcome to attend!

YOUNG VINCENTIANS THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Young Vincentians of Saint Dominic are still accepting unexpired canned foods and non-perishable items until October 16th. Donations can be left in the parish Narthex. For more information, email youngvincentians.stdoms@gmail.com

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



There is a Confirmation Parent Meeting this Thursday, October 17th, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Church. This is a mandatory meeting for all parents whose children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in April 2025.

RCIA - BECOMING CATHOLIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults program will be starting on **Sunday, October 20, 2024** after the 11:00 Mass. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who might be, please contact Father Ranjan D'Sa or Brian Thornton at the Parish Office.

CONQUEST & CHALLENGE

There is a Conquest and Challenge meeting this Tuesday October 15th at St. Dominic's School at 6:30 pm. 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

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY RETREAT FOR YOUTH

The Theology of the Body Retreat will take place on the 19th of October at Saint Dominic Parish from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. This is an all-day event that is open to all youth in the Halton Region. There will be amazing speakers, fun activities and lunch provided. Theology of the Body emphasizes the uniqueness and preciousness of every person, promoting healthy and pure relationships. Understanding these principles equips young people to build strong, loving, and lasting relationships based on mutual respect and self-giving love. If you are interested in attending this retreat, please contact Vimla at youngvincentian.stdoms@gmail.com or go to the Saint Dominic Parish website.

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 to 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 meet on the following dates:

October 18th

October 25th

November 8th

Please note: There will be no screening of The Chosen on Friday, November 1st.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR PAST NIGHT

Congratulations to our Social Committee for another SOLD OUT pasta dinner! Together, with a team of dedicated volunteers, the Committee treated parishioners to authentic Italian home-cooked food. And the dessert table was a delicious ending to the meal. Congratulations to Charmaine Aubut, who won the grand prize in our Balloon Burst game. Many thanks to all those who planned, organized, contributed their culinary skills and helped make this a fun evening for all who attended.



If you are already thinking ahead to Christmas, please make plans to attend the next Social Committee offering on the evening of Friday, December 6th. A very special service, **Advent by Candle-light**. More details to follow in the upcoming weeks.

RETREAT FOR MEN

Call to Holiness: A Men's Retreat Night will be sponsored by the Burlington Knights of Columbus Council 5073 on the evening of October 15, starting at 7:00 pm. We will be reflecting on a "Universal Call to Holiness." Our guest speaker will be Fr. Ranjan D'Sa. Refreshments will be provided. For further information, please email Rennie Milne at vmilne3473@sympatico.ca

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, October 14	Rev. Francis Ahuekwe Thanksgiving Day
Tuesday, October 15	Rev. Kevin D'Souza
Wednesday, October 16	Chaplains World Food Day
Thursday, October 17	Rev. Piotr Golinski
Friday, October 18	Rev. Stephen Murrin
Saturday, October 19	Rev. Andrew Carny

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CWL NEWS



As part of the fund-raising in support of our charitable giving, the CWL is excited to be raffling a beautiful hand-sewn quilt. In shades of red, gold and cream forming a diamond pattern, the quilt measures 82"x 67." The market value of this hand-sewn beauty is \$1,000. Tickets will be on sale in the Narthex, where the quilt will be on display, after each Mass every weekend until November 9th. Tickets are \$10 each, or 2 for \$15, with the draw to take place at the Christmas Bazaar & Elf Boutique on Saturday, November 9th. Thank you for your support!

PILGRIMAGE TO QUEBEC

To celebrate the 350th Anniversary of the church in Quebec, St. Raphael's parish in Burlington is hosting a pilgrimage to Quebec from Friday, November 1st to Monday, November 4th. All are welcome to join this pilgrimage. We will be travelling to the Shrines of the Sacred Heart, Sherbrooke, St. Joseph's Oratory, Montreal, St. Anne de Beaupre and Notre Dame, Quebec, Our Lady of the Cape, Trois-Rivieres. For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex or contact Enza Fenech: 905-301-3376.

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit;
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

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