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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Servant Songs

Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

In Isaiah, chapters 40 to 55, we find seven songs/poems ascribed to a mysterious figure called the 'Servant'.

In the first four songs, the identity of 'the servant' is a bit vague. He is identified as Jacob – the nation of Israel, and as an individual who has a mission to the whole nation.

In the fifth song, the servant speaks about his mission as that of one who 'gathers Israel for him' and whose job is to bring salvation to all the nations (Is 49).

The sixth and the seventh songs speak about the persecution, death and vindication of the servant. In the sixth song, the servant does not shy away from insults and persecutions. *"I gave my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard"* (50:6). He was subjected to shame and spitting.

The seventh song is our first reading today (but only a small part is read at the Mass). He is shown as a mysterious figure distinct from the nation, who has lost all his beauty and is despised by others. He has taken up all the transgressions and the iniquities of the people and paid it with his suffering. *"My*

servant shall justify many, and he shall bear their iniquities" (53:11).

If someone reads these servant songs, one may feel that the author was witnessing the suffering and death of Jesus. But these songs were written some 600 years before Jesus' birth. God had foreseen the need to send this servant for their salvation, and to teach all His ways. The way God sees His servant is totally different from how we humans see. Through human failures, the servant of God achieves his success. His success is not counted by his achievements, but how many he saves. He saves his own persecutors from their iniquities.

The servant is the perfect image of Jesus – who, though hated and persecuted like the servant – saved people by humbly accepting His suffering. He gave up His life as a sacrifice that the whole of humanity might find fullness of life in God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus identifies himself with the Old Testament prophecy of the servant. Jesus said, *"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many"* (Mk 10:45). These are the similar words spoken about the servant in Isaiah; *"By his suffering shall my servant justify many"* (Is 53: 11). –

PARISH LITURGIES

— 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

World Mission Sunday

Tuesday, October 22 - St. John Paul II

8:30 am + Pete Petersen

Wednesday, October 23 - St. John of Capistrano

8:30 am + Mozart Eduardo de Oliveira

Thursday, October 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret

8:30 am + Byun Sun Chun

Friday, October 25 - Sts. Chrysanthus & Daria

8:30 am + Darlene Lee

9:00 – 10:00 am **Adoration**

—28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, October 26 - St. Bean

4:00 – 4:30 Reconciliation

5:00 pm For:

+ Cajetan Pereira, + Rouque Durado

Sunday, October 27

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



RCIA – BECOMING CATHOLIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults program is starting today, 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 – 905-827-2373.

MEN'S SCRIPTURE GROUP

We invite you to join our Men's Scripture Group! We meet every Friday morning from 9:00 am – 11:00 am in the Bodner Room. What to expect: We fellowship, share our views of the upcoming Sunday Scripture readings, and enjoy a mid-morning coffee break. For more information, please contact Jim Ferguson at (905) 825-0925.

CWL NEWS

The Catholic Women's League calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Join us

Calendar of Events – 2024

- Coffee Café* – Sunday October 27th after the 11:00 am Mass
- Membership Weekend* – Saturday/Sunday October 26th/27th
- Christmas Bazaar* – Saturday, November 9th – 9:00 am–3:00 pm
- Member Christmas Lunch* – Sunday, December 8th – 12 noon



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 and forming a diamond pattern, the quilt measures 82"x67." 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 taking place at the Christmas Bazaar & Elf Boutique on Saturday November 9th. Thank you for your support!

Next CWL General Meeting – November 4th at 7:00 pm



SANCTUARY LAMP

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

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 be focusing on Season 3 of the series. We will meet on the following dates

October 25th

November 8th

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

AN EVENING WITH BISHOP CROSBY

Join us for a wonderful opportunity to meet Bishop Douglas Crosby and hear him speak. It is a fun evening with exceptional food, fellowship, and a great cause. All are welcome! Thursday, November 14th, 2024 at the Oakville Conference and Banquet Centre—2515 Wycroft Road, Oakville. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Register today – tickets and sponsorships are limited in number – Visit: hccf.ca

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 02—GUELPH

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 Young Adult Night includes a Holy Hour, Social with Food, Praise Night with Vocation Testimony and Compline on Saturday, November 2nd at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

“The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mass Times:

All Saints Day – Friday, November 1st at 8:30 am

All Souls Day – Saturday, November 2nd at 10:00 am
(this Mass does not fulfill the Sunday obligation)

Reminder:

Daylight Savings Time ends on November 03.
 Turn your clocks back 1 hour.



ALL SOULS DAY MASS AT HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY

The Annual All Souls Day Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington will take place on Sunday, November 03 at 2:00 pm. The principal celebrant will be Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!



There will be a Healing Mass on Friday, November 8th at 7:00 pm at Saint Matthews Parish, 1150 Monks Passage, Oakville. The celebrant will be Fr. Rajesh Dsouza. If you would like more information, please contact Maria at (905) 825-0219 x228.

“Heal me O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved.”

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, October 21	Very Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei
Tuesday, October 22	Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P.
Wednesday, October 23	Congregation of the Holy Cross (C.S.C.)
Thursday, October 24	Rev. Livinus Okamgba
Friday, October 25	Rev. Paul Mathew Vellimoozhayil
Saturday, October 26	Rev. Romelito Guillen

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ALL SAINTS DANCE-A-THON!

All are invited to an All Saints Dance-A-Thon hosted by Mater Boni Consilii Academy on Friday, November 1st, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm at St. Dominic Parish Hall. Come dressed in your favourite saint or biblical figure and enjoy an evening of food, drinks, games, music, and a chance to win a great raffle prize! Tickets are \$50 per family or \$15 per person. RSVP by October 29th. To learn more please contact our Youth Minister, Michael: michael@saintdominic.ca

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 01 to Monday, November 04. 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 City, and 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.



Memorial Mass for all parishioners who have died within the past year
Tuesday November 13th at 7:00 pm

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