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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time *Deacon Terry Murphy*

The same Jesus who passed by Bartimaeus is alive today. The Good News is that no matter what has happened in our past, Jesus walks into the dusty streets of our lives this day. We simply need the eyes of living faith to see Him and the renewed heart to follow Him on the way. Prayer is the fuel which keeps living faith alive and keeps our eyes open to see.

Helen Keller was inspiring in the way she dealt with her deafness and blindness. She once wrote a magazine article entitled 'Three Days To See'. In that article she outlined what she would like to see – if she were granted just three days of sight. It was a powerful, thought-provoking article.

On the first day she said she wanted to see her friends. The second day she said she would like to be able to look at nature around her. And on the third day, she said she would like to spend her time in her home city, New York – watching the busy city and the bustle of work. She concluded with these words: "I, who am blind, can give one hint to those who see: Use your eyes as if tomorrow you were stricken blind."

Blindness in the 21st century is bad enough – but it was much worse in Jesus' day. Today, a blind person at least has the hope of living a useful life with proper training.

Like Bartimaeus, we can all get stuck on the side of the road in different ways at different times in our lives. Bartimaeus was a poor blind beggar with faith; dishonored and marginal-

ized, but became an example of discipleship for all of us. First of all, he was insistent and deliberate – Not like the person who said, "I planned on joining the procrastinators club, but maybe next week."

Bartimaeus kept calling out, "*Jesus, son of David, have pity on me,*" even though many people rebuked him and told him to be quiet. So, Bartimaeus kept calling out to Jesus even louder.

Not like, at a CWL meeting, when the leader asked an elderly member to open the meeting with prayer, for the purpose of invoking God's blessing on their meeting. She did so in a soft voice. Another lady, straining to hear, shouted, "I can't hear you!" To which she replied, "I wasn't talking to you."

The bystanders in today's Gospel wanted to manage and control the moment, telling him to be quiet; they did not want the marginalized man to get healed and restored to community life. To love as Jesus loves is to hear the cry of the lonely voice.

Bartimaeus has already heard the gossip of the town and how Jesus had healed others. He listened carefully and when he sensed that Jesus was close enough, he yelled out for help saying "*Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me.*"

Have you ever sensed that Jesus is close to you? Have the noises of the crowds and this world deafened you so much that you are oblivious to his presence?

(... Read the rest on the parish website)

PARISH LITURGIES

— 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Tuesday, October 29 - St. Gaetano Errico

8:30 am + Guillermo & Gladys Ramos

Wednesday, October 30 - St. Serapion of Antioch

8:30 am + Annette Welch

Thursday, October 31 - St. Wolfgang

8:30 am + Guido Bardaro

Friday, November 01 - Solemnity of All Saints

8:30 am All Saints

9:00 – 10:00 am **Adoration**

— 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, November 02 - All Soul's Day

10:00 am **All the Departed Souls**

4:00 – 4:30 **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm **For:**

+ Jerry & Edith Bonett, + Robert Nixon, + Helen Cacho

Sunday, November 03

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



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)

Celebration of Life

*Memorial Mass for all parishioners
who have died within the past year*

Tuesday November 13th at 7:00 pm

Refreshments to follow. All are welcome!

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

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

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

AN EVENING WITH BISHOP CROSBY

Join us for a wonderful opportunity to meet Bishop Douglas Crosby and hear him speak. 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

*“The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.”*

SANCTUARY LAMP



*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week
for the Intentions of Jason Huber*

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.

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

PILGRIMAGE TO QUEBEC

To celebrate the 350th Anniversary of the Church in Québec, St. Raphael's Parish in Burlington is hosting a pilgrimage to Québec 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 – Montréal, St. Anne de Beaupré and Notre Dame – Québec City, and Our Lady of the Cape – Trois-Rivières. For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex or contact Enza Fenech: 905-301-3376.

Reminder:

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



11TH ANNUAL WINTER COAT DRIVE EVENT



The Bronte Coat Drive took place on Saturday, October 19, 2024, in the gymnasium of St. Dominic School. We collected over 2000 coats plus boots, scarves, mittens and hats! We served over 800 people and delivered more than 1600 coats! The Saint Dominic Outreach committee would like to thank all who donated coats, used and new, and all the volunteers who helped collect, sort, and work the day of the distribution! Thank you!

MARIAN COUNCIL 3881 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Marian Council 3881, Knights of Columbus is a community-based fraternal organization that has been doing charitable work in our community since 1954. This year, it has completed 70 years of its establishment in Oakville. To commemorate the event, we are having a 70th Anniversary Celebration on Friday, November 15th, 2024. Join us for Our 70th Year Dinner and Dance Celebration! It's been 70 amazing years, and we're celebrating with a night of fun, laughter, and memories! Come reconnect, reminisce, and make new memories with us!

Location: St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre at 1280 Dundas Street West, Oakville. Tickets: \$65 Early Bird until October 31st (\$70 afterwards). Tickets are available after Mass or call Rod Rafauli @ 905-691-4700.

HEALING MASS AT ST. MATTHEW PARISH

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.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, October 28	Rev. Thomas Manninezhath C.M.I.
Tuesday, October 29	Rev. Grayson Hope
Wednesday, October 30	Consecrated Virgins
Thursday, October 31	Very Rev. David Reitzel
Friday, November 01	All Saints Day—Solemnity
Saturday, November 02	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SAINT DOMINIC/ST. ANDREW CONFERENCE 40TH ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of St. Dominic/St. Andrew Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. In 1982, a number of parishioners from St. Dominic Parish saw a need in our community. This was during the recession of 1982 and families were experiencing hardships from loss of jobs and bankruptcies. Under the guidance of Fr. Steven Bodner, the pastor at that time, the Sparrow Group was formed. ***“Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap, nor gather into barns: yet our heavenly Father feeds them”*** (Matthew 6:26). The Sparrow Group was active for approximately one year and realized it was involved in helping the less fortunate people in our community in much the same way as members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference in Hamilton. Gerry Farrell, a Vincentian from one of the Hamilton Conferences, was invited to a Sparrow Group meeting and gave an outline on how to organize a conference. At the next Sparrow meeting, the decision was made to form a conference. The first meeting of the St. Dominic Conference was held on October 11, 1984. At that time there were no other conferences in Oakville. SSVP assisted families from all of Oakville and occasionally Milton. Some of the members of St. Dominic Conference were St. Andrew Parishioners and a few years later, the conference became St. Dominic/St. Andrew Conference. Over the past years, other Catholic churches have formed conferences. There are now 5 other conferences in Oakville.

Happy 40th Anniversary!

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