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# 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of the Poor Deacon Terry Murphy

We, as Catholics, rarely talk about the second coming of Jesus. In the next month, the Advent am not yet enjoying it. So, it is with the reign of Season, and Season of Christmas we will talk about Jesus's birth, his first coming. But we seldom talk about his second coming. Yet it is one of the foundational beliefs of our faith that Jesus will indeed come again. In fact, at this Mass and every Mass we pray for Jesus to come again when we pray the Lord's Prayer.

It is a pretty common news item these days that we are headed towards a global catastrophe. Global warming, the energy crisis, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, even pestilence is predicted, and I don't even know what pestilence is! The sports section of the Toronto Star predicts that the Toronto Maple Leaf's are rebuilding towards a run at the Stanley Cup in the year 2025 - a sure sign of the Apocalypse!

From one point of view, it is expected that such aberrations should happen. It is however sad that so many people will get excited and become agitated by news of threats of destruction and yet will not follow the core message of Jesus. St Augustine summed up Christian belief with his statement: "Our hearts are restless, until they rest in the Lord."

We are never satisfied. Time, far from being a succession of unrelated events is seen to involve the past, the present, and the future – which for the spiritual person is ultimately eternity.

The matter of the end for each of us and the end of the world itself is one that is often touched on in the Bible. It is our Christian understanding that the end of time has been anticipated in the death

and resurrection of Jesus. In Jesus, our salvation has already been achieved but we are not yet fully enjoying it. I can best understand the idea of being saved 'already but not yet' by remembering how I react when I smell sausages and bacon cooking before breakfast. I know it is there, but I God.

Jesus talked about the coming reign of God. It is clear in the Gospel today that Mark expected a catastrophic kind of ending within the lifetime of his audience. It can be seen, however, not as trying to strike fear into people, but rather to inspire them with hope.

The message of Jesus is one of Hope to be found in the world as it is. It is a message that tells us that God is journeying with us in the trials and difficulties of our life. God's message is challenging and disconcerting.

These words are challenging because they turn our usual values upside down, but they also inspire us, guide us, and give us hope and comfort. Once heard we can not forget them. "For though heaven and earth will pass away, my words will not pass away." The challenge that we each face is to respond to the gospel message. We are each challenged by the choice that Christ offers to respond to the love that God has offered or turn away from it. Christ has promised that he will come for us when our time has run its course and we believe him. Details are beyond our knowledge and they are relatively unimportant.

The core message is that what Jesus began will eventually be brought to conclusion. God's love, as revealed in Jesus, will eventually triumph over sin and death, and we can be part of that triumph. The choice is ours.

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

PARISH L	ITURGIES
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— 33RD SUNDAY	IN ORDINARY TIME-			
Tuesday, Novembe	r 19 - St. Nerses the Great			
8:30 am	+ Tony O'Neill			
Wednesday, November 20 - St. Edmund Rich				
8:30 am	+ Charlie & Rita McAlinden			
Thursday, Novembe	er 21 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
8:30 am	+ Mozart Eduardo de Oliveira			
Friday, November 22 - St. Cecilia				
8:30 am	+ Santo-Luigia Pestrin			
9:00 – 10:00 am	Adoration			
-THE SOLEMNITY	OF CHRIST THE KING -			
Saturday, Novemb	er 23 - St. Clement I &			
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#### **BOOK OF LIFE**

During the month of November, we invite you to record names of your deceased family members or friends in our **Book of Life**. All of these people are remembered in each day's Mass during the month of November.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPCOMING EVENTS

We have two exciting upcoming events for our parish community! On Friday, December 6, 2024, our Social Committee will be hosting a **Candlelight Advent Service & Social** at 7:00 pm. This event will begin in the Church with a special candlelight service. To fully light the space by candles and lanterns, contributions of any sort of candles or lanterns from the community are encouraged. After the service, there will be refreshments in the parish centre along with a display of over 200 Nativity Scenes. If you'd like to contribute to the display, reach out to the Social Committee. There is no cost to this event. All are welcome to attend.

On Tuesday, December 31st, 2024, our Social Committee will be hosting a **New Year's Eve Games Night & Celebration** starting at 6:30 pm in the parish centre. It will be a fun, social, and perhaps a little competitive night with games for everyone. Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer or treat to share. There will be a special New Year's toast at 9:00 pm, as the countdown will be rolled ahead for an early celebration. A variety of games and possibly a special GAME SHOW will be part of the evening! The cost of this event is free. All are welcome to attend.

We appreciate the support that our wonderful St. Dominic parishioners give to all social committee initiatives, and we look forward to sharing in the FUN and FELLOWSHIP as 2024 comes to an end.

"Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord."

#### ADVENT HYMN FESTIVAL

To begin the Advent season, the Diocesan Choir is pleased to announce an Advent Hymn Festival at St. Joseph Parish (260 Herkimer Street, Hamilton) on **Sunday December 01 at 7:00 pm**. Registration is not required and there is no charge. All are welcome!



#### SANCTUARY LAMP

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

#### THANK YOU... WITH YOUR HELP, WE DID IT!

Last weekend's *Elf Boutique Fundraiser* was successful! We raised \$2000 for our charity. Thank you for your support!



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CWL BAZAAR

The CWL's Annual Christmas Bazaar was a resounding success, thanks to the wonderful support of our Parish community. Please know that your participation helped us raise over \$4000. This means we will be able to continue to support numerous charitable causes such as Good Shepherd Centre, Shifra Homes, the DeMazenod Door, Halton Alive, Halton Catholic Children's Foundation, and World Day of Prayer, to name a few. Your support makes the hard work worthwhile. We couldn't have done it without you!

Congratulations to the two winners of the Raffle at the Bazaar. Name the Stuffie was won by Christina and Candy Kiss Guessing Game was won by Jo-Ann.





# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS



Keep Christ in Christmas

The Knights of Columbus, Council 3881, invite you to promote our Christian faith to our neighbours and friends as we enter the Christmas season.

Lawn Signs reminding us all to "Keep Christ in Christmas" are available for purchase for \$20 from Brian O'Connor (416) 575-6431 <u>oconnor.brian.boc@gmail.com</u> or Conor Boyd (905)469-4157 <u>conmarboyd@gmail.com</u>

## SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The eighth World Day of the Poor will be observed on November 17, 2024. This year's theme is **The prayer of the poor rises up to God.** Pope Francis reminds us that "we are called in every circumstance to be friends of the poor, following in the footsteps of Jesus who always began by showing solidarity when dealing with the least among us." We hope you will consider supporting World Day of the Poor by donating what you can to the SSVP collection on November 16/17. Your donations will be used for all of programs throughout the year to help our neighbours in need. Thank you for your continued prayers and generosity.

## PREPARING FOR THE JUBILEE

Msgr Murray Kroetsch and Christina Mines will be hosting preparation sessions for Adult Faith Formation Leaders in anticipation of the Jubilee of Hope beginning on December 24, 2024. This is an important moment in the life of the Church! Four brief session will be offered around the Diocese of Hamilton throughout the month of November to equip pastoral leaders for adult programming initiatives throughout the Jubilee year. All are welcome to participate. For registration and more information contact: <u>hamiltondiocese.com/events/2024/09echoesof-hope-a-retreat-day-for-catechists</u>

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR					
Monday, November 18	Rev. Arehange Kebe				
Tuesday, November 19	Rev. Fernand Pierre Deceased Consecrated Brothers and Sisters				
Wednesday, November 20					
Thursday, November 21	Catholic Young Adults				
Friday, November 22	Rev. Godwin Pinto O.C.D.				
Saturday, November 23	Rev. John Schnurr				



Children in **GRADES 4** to **high school** are invited to participate in our Christmas Eve Family Mass as actors or readers!

With Christmas fast approaching we have limited time to prepare, so your child <u>must attend the following rehearsals</u>:

- Friday November 29th 4:00 pm to 6:00pm (to assign parts)
- Friday December 6th 4:00 to 5:30 pm
- Friday December 13th 4:00 to 6:00 pm
- Friday December 20th 4:00 to 6:00 pm
- Tuesday December 24th 6:00 pm sharp we meet at the church hall to get prepared for the 7:15 pm Christmas Eve mass.

#### SIGN UP ONLINE!

St. Dominic Parish Youth Ministry will provide a nut-free snack at these rehearsals and the children are asked to **bring a water bottle** to each rehearsal.



Please confirm your commitment online or contact Mrs. Colleen Gamble at: colleengamble123@gmail.com

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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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