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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

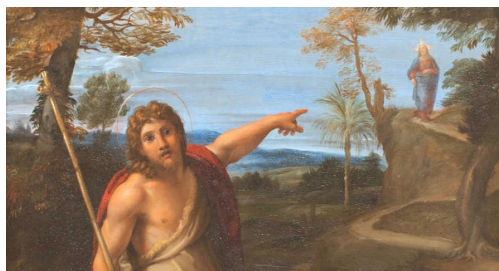
Father Ranjan D'Sa OCD

The Theological Movement of Liberation gained prominence since the 1960's. It originated in Latin America and spread throughout the world especially in developing countries. Liberation Theology holds that Christ came to free people from sin and from all types of oppressions. According to eastern understanding, Liberation is "the state of complete personal freedom from suffering and its causes". The call of liberation is much older than 1960. Its roots are in today's readings. Both the first reading from Baruch and Luke's gospel, advocate liberation for all people.

Baruch wants comfort for all – "put off your garment of mourning and unhappiness". This is the prophet's proclamation of a new Era of freedom. John the Baptizer wants preparations – "Prepare the way of the Lord". Our preparation will assist our liberation.

Liberation does not reach us by itself. Both the voices of the Old and the New Testament tell us to "prepare the way to the Lord". We are asked to "make straight his path". Valleys are to be filled and mountains made low. The Lord wants us to be free and liberated. This is possible only when we prepare ourselves, when we prepare a path into our hearts and out to the world.

To prepare a straight and level road between Israel and Babylon was next to impossible. The terrain was full of mountains. John's baptism and his preaching of conversion remind us that there are mountains and valleys also within us. We have become the slaves of our own passions and selfishness. We are required to build roads of trust, love, and cooperation in order to make a way for the Lord. The Advent Season bids us to make such healing roadways, a venture that will bring liberation. –



ST DOMINIC YOUTH MINISTRY'S 5TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BONANZA

St. Dominic's Youth Ministry 5th Annual Christmas Bonanza will be taking place on Wednesday, December 11th from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Hosted by the Conquest and Challenge Clubs of Oakville. All youth are welcome to join! Please RSVP online at: forms.gle/5FegAgVfv3n5bNLR8 or contact our Youth Minister, Michael Aguiar at: michael@saintdominic.ca

PARISH LITURGIES

— THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT —

Monday, December 09 - The Immaculate
NO MASS *Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Tuesday, December 10 - Our Lady of Loreto

8:30 am + Mary & Domenic
Ciaccia

Wednesday, December 11 - Pope St. Damasus I

8:30 am + Charlie & Rita
McAlinden

Thursday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 am + Kathleen Corona

Friday, December 13 - St. Lucy

8:30 am + Gary Valad

9:00 – 10:00 am **Adoration**

— THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT —

Saturday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm For:

+ Monica Lim, + Pasquale Lucido, + Marsha Duke, + Chiara Giulioni, + Bruna Grandò

Sunday, December 15

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



RECONCILIATION IN ADVENT

Thursday, December 12th

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Three confessors will be available to celebrate this beautiful gift of forgiveness and spiritual healing with our parishioners.

Please mark your calendar!



SANCTUARY LAMP

Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week in Thanksgiving - The Paikeday Family

We pray for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed, especially, **Mary "Annie" Burke.**

May they, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



As you make plans to celebrate the great Feast of the Birth of Christ, please note the date and time for celebrations in our parish:

Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24

- 5:00; 7:15 (Family Mass); 11:30 pm
(On Christmas Eve, Christmas Carols will begin 15-20 minutes before Mass)

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25

- 9:00 & 11:00 am

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 31 – 5:00 pm *and*

Wednesday, January 1 – 10:00 am

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY



For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, and it is also known as

Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines to Mass on the weekend of **December 14/15** to be blessed as, we too, celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you're encouraged to take your Bambino home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day – as you lay Jesus in the manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessing we receive at Christmas.

ANGEL TREE



The Angel Christmas Tree for seniors is back. To bring hope, peace, love and joy to the wonderful people who live at OSCR. Pick a card hanging from the Christmas Angel Tree. Bring a wrapped gift for that person with the name tag attached by December 15th. The seniors are very appreciative of your kindness at Christmas.



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SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

CHRISTMAS YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

During the Christmas Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer and fellowship, and praise music in support of your vocations on Saturday, January 4th beginning at 6:30 pm, at the Annunciation of Our Lord Parish, 280 Limeridge Road W., Hamilton. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

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| Monday, December 09 | The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Tuesday, December 10 | Rev. Lawrence Parent |
| Wednesday, December 11 | Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R) |
| Thursday, December 12 | Nation Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples |
| Friday, December 13 | Rev. John Ha |
| Saturday, December 14 | Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M. |
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SAINT DOMINIC PARISH CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT 7:15pm Family Mass

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 must attend the following rehearsals:

- **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.

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

SIGN UP ONLINE!



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