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## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Miracle of Cana - A Sign of God's Generosity*

-Father Ranjan D'Sa OCD

The early church celebrated a few events in the life of Jesus in a single celebration, calling it *Manifestation* or *Epiphany*. These four important events were: the **birth of Jesus**, which is the Incarnation of God's own Son; **Visit from the Magi**, which is a first recognition of Christ for the pagan world; **Baptism of Jesus**, when the Father proclaimed his Son to the people; and the **Miracle of Cana**, a sign of the coming of God's kingdom among us. The early church attached great importance to these events in the life of Jesus because they led to faith in Jesus.

John the evangelist gives particular importance to the Miracle of Cana. It is the first of seven signs that are narrated in his Gospel. Here at the Wedding Feast of Cana, Jesus turns 500 – 600 liters of pure water into the best quality wine. John takes time to explain how large the stone jars were and how the servants filled them to the brim. Then he mentions the remark of the steward that this new wine is superior to all the wine served so far.

For John, this miracle is a sign of God's generosity towards his people. Whoever comes

to Jesus will be given the Holy Spirit in abundance. John sees this miracle from the hindsight of Pentecost, where all who were in the Upper Room were 'drunk' with the new wine (Holy Spirit). Jesus, like his Father is abundantly generous with all who accept his salvation.

The Miracle of Cana is also a sign of God's everlasting love. The couple at the wedding feast stand for Jerusalem (God's People). In the first reading, we see that when the people of Israel came back from the exile, they found their city and their land neglected and in ruins. As an encouragement to the dejected people, God sends a message of future hope through the Prophet Isaiah. During the time of exile, they were like a wife – rejected by her husband, but now they are God's delight, his wedded – wife.

In the Gospel of John, Mary is mentioned only two times. First at the beginning of Jesus' public life, and again at the foot of the cross. In both places, John recognizes Mary's presence – "*The mother of Jesus was there*" (2:1), "*Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother*" (19:25). John, after taking Mary as his mother, realizes the importance of Mary in the lives of every disciple. Her role is to intercede for everyone when they run out of God's spirit (wine) in them. As a mother of the church, she cares for the church. –

## PARISH LITURGIES

–THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME–

**Tuesday, January 21 - St. Agnes**

8:30 am Int. Kit & Eddie O'Hara

**Wednesday, January 22 - St. Vincent**

8:30 am Int. Munsell Family

**Thursday, January 23 - St. Ildephonsus**

8:30 am + Jeanette Dobbeltsteyn

**Friday, January 24 - St. Francis de Sales**

8:30 am + Guido Bardaro

9:00 - 10:00 **Adoration**

–THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME–

**Saturday, January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul**

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

**5:00 pm For:**

+ Joseph Paik, + Monica Lim, + Mozart Edvaldo de Oliveira, + Silvino Giulioni, Int. Diana Moulden, Int. Gerry Ferguson, + Angela Chon, + Stephan Chon, + Pam Slater, + Isabelle Liard

**Sunday, January 26**

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Jan 18–25



## JUBILEE OF HOPE 2025

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025, "Pilgrims of Hope!" All are invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all available on the Diocese Website: [hamiltondiocese.com/jubilee](http://hamiltondiocese.com/jubilee)

*"All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you, shall sing your name,  
O Most High!"*

## FIDDLESTIX CONCERT, DINNER & DANCE

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, Fiddlestix will perform live at our annual dinner/dance event.

### What's Included:

Live music and dancing, a light dinner, cash bar available

### Tickets:

Cost: \$35 per person

On sale: Following all Masses starting the weekend of January 18<sup>th</sup>  
Proceeds will support the Bronte Winter Coat Drive & our Parish Social Committee

### Want to Volunteer?

Be part of the fun by joining our Parish Social Committee! It's easy to get involved:

1. Speak to a volunteer at the ticket table in the Narthex.
2. Contact the Parish Office: Leave your name and phone number and a Social Committee member will follow up with you.

We hope to see you there for an evening of music, dancing and community!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR  
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION.**



## SANCTUARY LAMP

*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week  
in memory of Ephraim Guytingco*

Parishioners are invited to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp that hangs above the tabernacle. This candle burns 24 hours a day seven days a week as a sign of honour to our Lord. If you wish to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp for a special intention during a specific week, you are asked to please contact the parish office. The cost is a \$10 donation per week. Your intention will be noted in our weekly bulletin.

## LOST AND FOUND.

There is a table set up in the Narthex with items from our lost and found basket. Please check for your items. Thank you.

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION MEETING

There is a Confirmation Preparation Meeting this Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the parish centre. We strongly recommend and encourage all parents and children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation to attend this meeting.

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

**Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** for the children from St. Dominic and St. Nicholas Schools, who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in the Spring of 2025. Parents are advised to prepare for the sacrament with their children and to also participate.

## SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday offering envelopes for 2025 are available in the Narthex for all who are currently using envelopes. As we approach a new fiscal in January we ought to consider our individual and collective responsibility for the upkeep of our parish facilities, the support of our parish staff and the promotion of God's reign through the many educational and outreach activities of our parish. Parishioners who are not currently using envelopes but wish to do so, please contact the parish office during office hours. Another option is pre-authorized giving. More details are found at [saintdominic.ca/support-us](http://saintdominic.ca/support-us)

## SUPPORT FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy, does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you stress? The solution is Retrouvaille – whose one purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required, except between couples themselves. It is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. For struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 07-09, 2025. For more information, call 905-664-5212, or email [1013r@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:1013r@helpourmarriage.org)

## PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Parenting Tip #165 – Family time matters as much when our children age, as when they are young. It helps to ensure this happens by building traditions that everyone partakes in regularly. Traditions that everyone looks forward to and enjoys – pizza and movie nights, a special breakfast after attending Mass, games night – anything that brings you together for fun will do. The emotional health of children with these kinds of connections is stronger throughout their lifetime. As a family, plan your together time weekly and remember to share meals together daily, whichever meal of the day that is to be. With a solid family foundation, your connectedness can and will stay intact as your children grow older. (From Teresa Harnett, Family Ministry Office 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

## MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

January is the perfect time to sit together as a couple with a good cup of coffee or hot chocolate and do a little year-in-review. Did we spend enough time with each other and with our families? What went well for us and where do we recognize challenges? Discuss how these things could be better in 2025 and commit to making it happen for your couple relationship. A little marriage reflection and tune up can keep the spark alive!

(From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, January 20	Rev. James Curtin
Tuesday, January 21	Rev. Edward Hampson
Wednesday, January 22	Youth Ministers
Thursday, January 23	Rev. Scott Whitfield
Friday, January 24	Rev. Michael Bennett
Saturday, January 25	Rev. Ron Cote

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## THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

### SAVE THE DATE

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 01, 2025, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Registration will be available online in January at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com))

## VOCATIONS DANCE – FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

Father Mark Morley invites the young adults (ages 20's and 30's) of our diocese to attend a Regency period dance for dating couples and for singles who are discerning the vocation of sacramental marriage on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Mount Mary Retreat Centre (437 Wilson Street East, Ancaster) starting at 7:00 pm. The evening includes a Vox Talk on "The Theology of Dancing and Dating," a dance instructor, and hors d'oeuvres. Cost: \$20 per person. Online registration is required by February 11<sup>th</sup>. For more details, visit: [hamiltondiocese.com/events](http://hamiltondiocese.com/events). For inquiries, contact the Vocations Office: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

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Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? If He is, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

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