



# SAINT DOMINIC PARISH

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## THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Father Ranjan D'Sa OCD*

After the defeat of Babylon by the Persians (539 B.C.), the Jewish people began their return from their exile in Babylonian captivity. Around 444 B.C. Nehemiah was appointed by King Artaxerxes as a governor of Judah. Nehemiah took upon himself the rebuilding of the wall at Jerusalem and the restoration of Jewish faith and religion. He was assisted in this task by Ezra, a priest and a very dynamic leader.

In the first reading, Ezra was sent to Jerusalem to find a solution to a chaotic situation created by some Jews living there and the recently returned Babylonian exiles. "God's chosen people" had forgotten the precepts of their God. The poor were exploited. Stealing, violence and debauchery had become a common trend in their daily life.

Ezra was fully aware of the power of God's Word – which indeed can change and transform human life. Ezra undertook the task of teaching the people God's Word – the law and the prophets. He realized that "chosen people" took to wicked practices not out of disrespect or failure to observe the Lord's commands but out of sheer ignorance of His precepts and commandments. The people had totally forgotten their scripture.

In the gospels, Jesus completes the work of Ezra. Jesus does not use any words of scripture to accomplish His mission because He is the Word of God. When He speaks, God speaks. His every word has the power to bring order out of every kind of chaos. We only need to accept Him like the people did in the first reading – they accepted and believed in the scripture read to them by Ezra.

Ignorance of Christ and a lack of understanding of His teaching are still prominent causes of the existing chaos in our society today. It is a challenge for all of us Christians, to accept Christ first and then to give Him to the society where we live and work. –



## PARISH LITURGIES

—THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

### Tuesday, January 28 - *St. Thomas Aquinas*

8:30 am + McGraw Family

### Wednesday, January 29

8:30 am + Angela Chon

### Thursday, January 30

8:30 am + Rita Evans

### Friday, January 31 - *St. John Bosco*

8:30 am + Jason Speers

9:00 – 10:00 am **Adoration**

—THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD—

### Saturday, February 01 - *Conversion of St. Paul*

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

**5:00 pm For:**

Int. Jason Huber, + Kisoo Kim, + Tom Myung, + Maria Im, + Monica Byun, + Joseph Kim, + Anna Kim, + Audrey Dutton, + Edith Bonett

### Sunday, February 02

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Volunteers are needed for our Children's Liturgy of the Word for the 11:00 am Sunday Mass, where kids in the range of kindergarten to about grade 3 are invited to the Chapel for their own Celebration of the Word. This is done with interaction and activities to engage them in scripture at their level. It's a wonderful experience for everyone involved. If you are interested in either leading a few of these celebrations or simply assisting, which means being there in case a child needs help, please leave your contact information with the parish office. All necessary instructions and orientations are provided.

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

We are in need of Ministers of Hospitality to help at our weekend Masses. If you are interested in volunteering, either at the 5:00 pm Saturday evening Mass, or the 9:00 am or 11:00 am Sunday morning Mass, please contact the parish office. Students who sign up to volunteer will be able to get volunteer hours. This is an excellent ministry to meet people.

### SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Will be held on **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. Help them prepare with an examination of conscience for kids. You can find one on our website: [saintdominic.ca/sacraments](http://saintdominic.ca/sacraments) and click on 'Reconciliation'.

### 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 and take them home.  
Thank you.

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – January 26, 2025

You are the Body of Christ; everyone of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations Diocese of Hamilton – 905-528-7988 Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



### SANCTUARY LAMP

*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week:  
In Memory of Ephraim Guytingco  
Intentions of Theresa & Roy Ogba and Family*

### 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 25<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!

### 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)



## 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)

### MEN'S MINISTRY GROUP

A ministry for men, focused on personal prayer and development, that will primarily incorporate the program TMİY, or That Man is You, is beginning its second semester for interested men in Oakville. It will run Saturdays at 7:00 am at Mary, Mother of God Parish. Previous attendance is not a pre-requisite. All men are welcome! For info session, registration details, or more information, please contact: [oakvilletmiy@gmail.com](mailto:oakvilletmiy@gmail.com) or scan this QR Code.



### 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 is available online at [hamiltondiocese.com/events](http://hamiltondiocese.com/events))

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

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, January 27	Rev. Ralph Diodati
Tuesday, January 28	Rev. David Lewis
Wednesday, January 29	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, C.M.I.
Thursday, January 30	Rev. Robert Sims
Friday, January 31	St. John Bosco, Priest
Saturday, February 01	Rev. Arpee Nicolas Urquico

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## JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.*



*May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May the same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.*

*To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.*

*"The Lord sent me to bring good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the captives."*

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