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THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deacon Terry Murphy

I'm not a fisherman, but if you are a fisherman, you probably liked today's gospel. Jesus calls four fishermen to be fishers of men. They were actually fishing for fish, but they would go on to fish for men. Jesus is going to call Peter, James, John and Andrew to follow Him and become fishers of men.

But first a story:

Two experienced fishermen decided one day to go ice fishing. They walked out on the frozen lake, cut a hole in the ice, put worms on their hooks, and lowered their lines into the water. After about three hours, they had caught nothing. Then a young boy walked by with some fishing gear. He cut a hole in the ice, put a worm on his hook, lowered the line into the water, and immediately pulled out a fish. He repeated this process over and over until a pile of fish lay on the ice.

The two fishermen were amazed. One of them walked over to the boy and said, "Young man, we have been sitting here for three hours and have caught nothing, and yet you in a few minutes have caught a dozen fish. What is your secret?" The boy looked up and mumbled something that the man could not hear. The man noticed that there was a bulge in the boy's cheek. So, he said to him, "Young man, if you don't mind, would you spit out that bubble gum so that you could speak clearly and I could under-

stand you." The young boy cupped his hands and spat it out. Then he said, "It's not bubble gum. It's my secret. You need to keep the worms warm." Now, back to the gospel:

When Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

The words of Jesus contain both a command and a promise. It's not as if Jesus is saying, 'Let's go out into the deep water, put down the nets, and we'll see what happens.' Jesus is promising that if Peter will obey, he will catch fish. I'm sure that after a long night of fruitless fishing, this must have been hard to believe.

We can learn some useful lessons from this:

- 1) God never gives foolish commands—though they may look foolish at the time;
- 2) God intends to bless those who obey him without hesitation;
- 3) God's greatest miracles usually require our cooperation.

There were certainly reasons for Peter to be skeptical. After all, the experience of the previous night seemed conclusive. As a professional fisherman, Peter knew the lake. And he knew that sometimes even the best fishermen get "skunked."

(... Read the rest on our website)

PARISH LITURGIES

—5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Tuesday, February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes - World Day of the Sick

8:30 am + Denis Grady

Wednesday, February 12 - St. Buonfiglio Monaldo

8:30 am + Charlie & Rita
McAlinden

Thursday, February 13 - St. Catherine de Ricci

8:30 am + Frank Evans

Friday, February 14 - St. Cyril & Methodius

8:30 am + Myung Sae Lee

9:00 – 10:00 am **Adoration**

—6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, February 15 - St. Jordan

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm For:

+ Michael Clark, + Rita Merrick, + Antonio Da Silva, + Joan Borges, + Pat Conlon, Int. Silvana Bogdanovski

Sunday, February 16

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Will be held on **Thursday, March 20th 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 and click on 'Reconciliation'.

YOUTH STUDY GROUP

The Young Vincentians of St. Dominic Parish, Oakville, invite all high school students to a study group on Thursday evenings from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm in St. Dominic's Parish Centre.

Our awesome tutors are university students willing to give of their time and share their knowledge.

For more information, please call the parish office at 905-827-2373 or email: youngvincentians.stdoms@gmail.com

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS SAVE THE DATE

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 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)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH #146



February is known as the month of love, but love needs to be part of our thinking 24/7! Love is an action word, so take some time to reflect on your contribution to your married relationship. Do you use kind words, compliment, apologize when necessary, show love through action in what you do for your spouse, pray for your spouse daily and make the time to be together and share your day? These will all build love and keep it strong.



SANCTUARY LAMP

*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week:
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SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

VALENTINE'S-THEMED CHOCOLATE-DIPPED PRETZEL RODS

Looking for the perfect Valentine's Day treat? The Social Committee Volunteers have something special for you:

- A treat for yourself**
- A treat for your special Valentine**
- A treat for family and friends**

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Where: Parish Narthex

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- Summer Garden Party**
- Ice Cream Sundae-Sunday**
- New Year's Eve Game Night**



Treat yourself while helping make these events possible.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO EVERYONE!

If you would like to be part of our Parish Social Committee, you can stop by the Social Committee table in the Narthex after Mass, or you are welcome to join our next meeting on Monday, February 17th, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Centre or you can contact the parish office at 905-827-2373

*"Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of people."*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS OF HOPE

During Lent this year, the Liturgy Office invites all Liturgical Ministers to gather for a Lenten retreat on the theme of Liturgical Ministers of Hope. Saturday, March 22, 2025, Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, Ontario, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm or Saturday, March 29, 2025, St. Matthew Parish, Oakville, Ontario, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, or Saturday, April 05, 2025, Annunciation of the Lord Parish, Hamilton, Ontario, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.

DIOCESAN CHOIR

The Diocesan Choir leads and supports the assembly's song at major Diocesan liturgies, such as the Chrism Mass and Ordinations, and is looking for new members. For more information, please contact Mrs. Sharon Fazari, Choir Director, at sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com

ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM

This program provides the opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem, which will assist you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feeling, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will be offered from March 24-June 09 (no sessions April 21 & May 19) and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. To register, go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the date under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249, or email familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus call and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email:

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, February 10	St. Scholastica, Virgin
Tuesday, February 11	Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman
Wednesday, February 12	Missionaries
Thursday, February 13	Rev. William Trusz
Friday, February 14	Rev. Donald Wilhelm
Saturday, February 15	Rev. Guillermo Diaz

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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

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 prerequisite. All men are welcome! For info session, registration details, or more information, please contact: oakvilletmiy@gmail.com or scan this QR Code.



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