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THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Knowing God – the key to true happiness
Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

St. Augustine, in his book 'Against the Academicians and the Teacher', discusses in a rhetorical form the meaning of life. He asks the very essential question of our day-to-day life – why do we work so hard in life? The logical conclusion of his lengthy discourse was "Happiness". Everyone wants to be happy. But many a time we have no idea what real happiness means. We might tend to believe with the world that happiness depends on the things and events around us and how they unravel to us.

Is happiness a matter of having what one wants to be happy? The consumerist world defines happiness as "having what we want". If that is true, then there is no doubt the world is still in search for more things to be happy for there is no limit to our wants and desires. The material gains of this world are far from giving us real happiness, for every material gain is subject to fear of loss. Therefore, St. Augustine argues that it is in our love of God that we find permanent and enduring happiness without fear of loss which can limit our happiness.

The knowledge of God, therefore, is something very essential to have true happiness. Today's scripture gives us some idea how we can be happy. Luke, like Matthew, uses the word 'Blessed' to describe true happiness. Of course, true happiness can only come from God. In

today's Gospel, Luke bluntly presents, without any colour coating, the tenants of possessing true happiness. He literally says that "blessed are you who are poor", "who are now hungry", "who are now weeping", and "who are persecuted". Happiness is found within human limitations.

The world tells us that being strong, dominant, rich, controlling, having lots of followers... is the cause of happiness. But for Luke that is the recipe of disaster. He is inviting us to reflect on the human tendency of searching for temporary happiness on their own, by relying on their own powers. What will happen to them when they lose their abilities? How would they deal with the pressure of managing everything they possess? What about the anxiety and stress? So, Luke invites us to totally rely on God for everything. He wants us to realize that our human limitations help us find happiness in God alone.

In the Lukan Gospel, Jesus calls the poor blessed because, for him, they are already in the Kingdom of God – The emphasis is on "yours is the kingdom of God". He does not say that the Kingdom God will be theirs. To be part of the God's Kingdom one must accept God's rule and sovereignty. A self-dependent and self-centered person cannot accept God's rule and therefore can't be part of His kingdom. Only those who have known God can genuinely be poor, hungry...

PARISH LITURGIES

—6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Tuesday, February 18 - Bl. Fra Angelico

8:30 am + Myung Sun Lee

Wednesday, February 19 - Bl. Alvarez of Corova

8:30 am + So Myung Ku

Thursday, February 20 - St. Wulfric

8:30 am + Joanne Van Acker

Friday, February 21 - Bl. Pepin of Landon

8:30 am + Isabelle Liard

9:00 – 10:00 am **Adoration**

—7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, February 22 - St. Margaret of Cortona

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm For:

+ Mozart Eduardo de Oliveira, + Ludgero Leal, + Don Kulawic

Sunday, February 23

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



INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income Tax Receipts will be available for pickup in the Narthex after all the Masses today and next weekend, or you can come by the parish office during business hours (Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 am – 12:00; and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. *We are closed from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm.*)

“Be my protector O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of you're name.”



SANCTUARY LAMP

*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week:
In Memory of Joao Borges
Intentions of the Thomas Family
In Thanksgiving of Special Intention*

PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Thank you for a Wonderful Weekend of Events!

We had an incredibly **busy and successful weekend** at the parish last weekend with two fantastic events – the **Fiddlestix Concert, Dinner & Dance** on Saturday, and the **Valentine's Chocolate-Dipped Pretzel Rod Sale** after each weekend Mass.

A **heartfelt thank you** to all the **volunteers and participants** who contributed their time and effort to making both events a success!

Fiddlestix Concert and Dinner Update

A dedicated team of volunteers worked tirelessly to bring this event to life. We sold **101 tickets**, matching last year's total-an incredible turnout, as we consider **100 tickets a sellout** for this type of event! After a delicious meal, **Fiddlestix** kept the dance floor packed until about **9:40 pm**. A special thank you to everyone who stayed afterward to help with the cleanup! On **Sunday morning**, our committee received the following **heartwarming feedback** from an attendee:

“It was an uplifting night for all - a getaway from the day-to-day doom and gloom. For a small amount of money, we are entertained. A huge success. Thanks to all that made it happen. I believe this is what church and community are about.”

Valentine's Chocolate-Dipped Pretzel Rod Sale

The response to our **Chocolate-Dipped Pretzels** was overwhelming! Thanks to the efforts of our wonderful **parish social committee volunteers**, we sold out all 300+ pretzel rods.

The proceeds from this sale will help fund our **Free annual events**, including:

Summer Garden Party, Ice Cream Sundae Sundays, and New Year's Eve Games Night

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
ST. DOMINIC/ST. ANDREW CONFERENCE**

One week until our COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR WALK. Please join our event on Saturday, February 22nd and participate in the walk, volunteer that day, or consider making a donation. If you want to donate, go to St. Andrew/St. Dominic Team. Donations over \$20.00 will receive a tax receipt. Our community makes all the difference caring for those who are hungry, hurting or without a home. More information can be found on our site:

cnoy.org/location/oakvilleglenabbey

THANK YOU FROM SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

With the generous support of our parishioners, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue our work to support and serve our neighbours in need within our community. The success of the November Special Collection helps provide PC or Metro and Walmart gift cards for 41 families: 54 adults and 76 children ensuring they could enjoy the spirit of Christmas. We at SSVE are truly thankful for your past generosity and on-going support.

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy are those who live faithfully to the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them, be it married, single, religious, or priesthood. 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 17	Rev. Paul Edmondstone
Tuesday, February 18	Rev. Fernand Pierre
Wednesday, February 19	Disalced Carmelite Sisters O.C.D
Thursday, February 20	Rev. Grzegorz Ogorzalek
Friday, February 21	Rev. Msgr. Edward Sheridan
Saturday, February 22	Very Rev. David Wynen

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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

MINISTERIAL FORMATION THROUGH VLCCFF

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University’s Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certificate Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2024. Three and five-week e-seminars are also available at a discount rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at www.hamiltondioceselearns.com

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