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THE 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD*

The Western world and its thinking is mainly influenced by the philosophies of ancient Greece, especially when it comes to the understanding of the nature of human beings. Jews did not make any distinction between body and soul like the Greeks did. For Jews, a human being is totally one and inseparable whole. When a human comes into existence, the Jews held that the total being is in existence; likewise, when he goes out of existence, he entirely ceases from existence in death.

Then what will happen when we die? The prophet Isaiah contemplated this question often: *“For the dead cannot praise you... Those who go down to the grave can no longer hope in your faithfulness”* (Is 38:18). Jewish rabbis later started to teach people that at the end of history, God, through His power, would raise people back to life again. We all will repossess our body.

Paul, after his encounter with the risen Christ responds to this burning question in a different way. Now Christ is the key to all his answers. In today's second reading, Paul goes back to Genesis chapter 2 to elaborate his ideas on death and after life. Paul com-

pares Adam with Christ based on their humanity. Adam, by virtue of his creation, is 'of earth' and Jesus, by virtue of His resurrection, is 'of heaven'.

For Paul, the second Adam – Christ – became a heavenly being mainly in His resurrection. Therefore, every human being who dies in Christ shares this life-giving/receiving gift from God. By our birth, we all share in the humanity of Adam, therefore, the body that we receive is perishable – it is of the world and belongs to this world. When we share the resurrection of Christ, we receive the resurrected body, just like Jesus had, which is heavenly and eternal.

Paul is exhorting us to live our lives modeled on Christ. Though in nature we put on the earthly body (Adam), we must live as if we belong to heaven (Christ). For in our resurrection, we will put on imperishability. In baptism we are 'already' given assurance for eternity, but we are 'not yet' there. It is in Christ's death that we are made partakers of the heavenly body.

Today's Gospel gives us the idea of how to live our lives in Christ here on earth. It asks us to, *“Be merciful, just as our Father is merciful”* (Lk 6: 36).

PARISH LITURGIES

—7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Tuesday, February 25 - St. Luigi Versiglia

8:30 am Int. Theresa & Roy Ogba & Family

Wednesday, February 26 - St. Isabel of France

8:30 am + Andrew Zuchkan

Thursday, February 27 - St. Gregory of Narek

8:30 am + Gerda Neuhaus

Friday, February 28 - Pope St. Hilary

8:30 am + Guido Bardaro

9:00 – 10:00 am No Adoration

—8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, March 01 - St. David

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm For:

+ Chiara Giulioni, + Royston & Theresa Clunies, + Rosa Ruzzic, Int. Martha Burnsides
Int. Fr. Ranjan D'Sa O.C.D.

Sunday, February 02

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income Tax Receipts will be available for pickup in the Narthex after all the Masses this weekend.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



Shrove Tuesday

A Toppings Bar with a variety of fresh fruit and fixings to customize your pancakes,

The return of our Chocolate Fountain! A favourite from last year, with all the treats for those with a sweet tooth.

Tickets:

\$10.00 per person \$5.00 for children 12 and under

Join us for this year's **Shrove Tuesday Celebration** at our parish!

Tickets go on sale this weekend after Mass for our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper happening on Tuesday March 4th. Dinner will be served from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

This year's supper will feature:

Hot fresh pancakes served with delicious sausage,

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'.

SAINT DOMINIC PARISH NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

If you would like to advertise your business in our parish newsletter, we still have a few spaces left. For more information, please contact the parish office.



SANCTUARY LAMP

*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week:
In Memory of the Paikeday Family
Intentions of the Camacho Family*

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on Wednesday March 5th (Ash Wednesday). There will be two Masses that day. The morning Mass will be at 8:30 am and the evening Mass will be at 7:00 pm. Please mark your calendar.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

We pray that the children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will open their hearts to receive Jesus with joy and continue to receive regularly.



We pray that the candidates may open their hearts and minds to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

YOUTH STUDY GROUP

The Young Vincentians of St. Dominic Parish, 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



PARISH PENANCE CELEBRATION IN LENT

Mark your calendars

Thursday, April 3rd from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

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 SSVP are truly thankful for your past generosity and on-going support.

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 23, 2025

The Lord Calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Directory of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

"O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me."

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, February 24	Rev. Lourdasamy Subramani, SMA
Tuesday, February 25	Rev. Mark Morley
Wednesday, February 26	Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, R.S.C.J
Thursday, February 27	Rev. Adrian Lee
Friday, February 28	Rev. Fadi Wajih Rizk
Saturday, February 29	Rev. Marko Stefanec

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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 VLCFF

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) 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. 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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