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## THE 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD*

After proclaiming the poor, hungry, weeping and persecuted as blessed, and totally rejecting the use of any form of violence in the life of His disciples, Jesus teaches them the true Christian values which they will have to put on before they can proclaim to others. Jesus wants to see spiritual growth and moral consistency in His followers. They cannot be like, 'the blind leading the blind', or the tree which does not produce 'good fruits', or the person ignoring a 'log in his own eyes'.

The word 'blind' is used in a metaphorical sense, referring to those who lack real faith in life. In the early church when Luke was writing this Gospel, the newly baptized were considered illumined and therefore, they had the sight of faith. Since they were enlightened by the light of Christ, they believed that they knew everything about faith thus having the right to hold the hands of others and guide them to Jesus. For Luke, a truly enlightened person will have to observe the principles of the Beatitudes to guide his way. Spiritual poverty is always a guiding yardstick.

The Early Church saw many teachers who thought that whatever they said or did was in perfect sync with the gospel values. Luke tells them that Jesus would call them hypo-

crites. Hypocrite means, actor, who puts on the role of someone else in the theater. These are hypocrites because they put on the mask of a righteous person and mislead people from the truth. They are blinded by the 'log' in their own eyes.

Jesus is inviting His disciples to be very consistent with their Christian morals and principles. Every Christian must see that whatever they speak must be supported by their actions. The disciple should follow the master. Our works should bring life to others and to our community. Jesus' entire life was the work of God to bring 'good fruits' in the world. His death on the cross is the testimony and an example for all His disciples to imitate.

Christians must work towards bringing life and building communities, and not destruction and death. –

**WHEN ARE FASTING & ABSTINENCE REQUIRED DURING LENT?**

ASH  
WEDNESDAY

GOOD  
FRIDAY

EVERY  
LENTEN  
FRIDAY

**FASTING & ABSTINENCE**      **ABSTINENCE**

Catholics are obligated to practice **fasting & abstinence** on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.

In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of **abstinence**.

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## PARISH LITURGIES

—8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

### Tuesday, March 04 - St. Katharine Drexel

8:30 am +Maria Novak

### Wednesday, March 05 - Ash Wednesday

8:30 am Ash Wednesday Mass  
12:30 pm St. Dominic School Mass  
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Mass

### Thursday, March 06

8:30 am +Vittorio Chiacchia

### Friday, March 07

8:30 am +Scaria & Rosa Kurian  
9:00 – 10:00 am **Adoration**  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

—1ST SUNDAY OF LENT—

### Saturday, March 08

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm **For:**

+Denise Snowdon, Int. Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD, Int. Maria Gomes & Manuel Pereira, +Enzo Vettazoni

### Sunday, February 09

9:00 am For our  
11:00 am Parishioners



Please pray for the health of Pope Francis!

All Catholics have a duty to pray for him, his health and his mission. He has been in hospital due to a respiratory infection and pneumonia. He seems to be recovering.

For updates on his health, please visit [vaticannews.va](http://vaticannews.va)

## LENT BEGINS ON MARCH 05 WITH ASH WEDNESDAY

### Ash Wednesday Masses:

8:30 am & 7:00 pm

In accordance with the prescriptions of Canon 1253, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops decrees that the days of fast and abstinence in Canada are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fridays throughout the year and during Lent are days of abstinence, but Catholics can substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. For more information, visit [cccb.ca/document/keeping-friday](http://cccb.ca/document/keeping-friday)

## ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

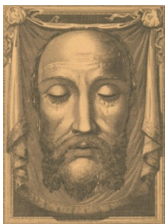


Our Annual Pancake Supper will take place on Shrove Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Tickets will be on sale this weekend after all the Masses. Dinner will be served from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the parish centre. The cost is \$10/person, children 12 and under \$5.00.

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

If you would like to get involved in our Parish Social Committee, speak to one of our volunteers, who will be selling tickets in the Narthex, or contact the parish office.

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FACE



On Shrove Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Face. Our Conversatio Christo Choir will be leading a devotion to the Holy Face in the Church at 7:00 pm. Let us pray together for reverence, reparation and a return to Christ.

## PARISH PENANCE CELEBRATION IN LENT Mark your calendars

Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm



## SANCTUARY LAMP

*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week:  
In Memory of the Phyllis Visschedyk  
Intentions of the Habash Family*

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

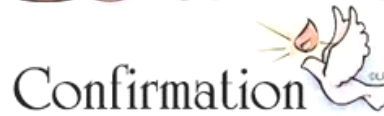
We will be having Stations of the Cross to prepare ourselves adequately for the celebration of Easter, which is the Feast of Jesus' Resurrection—the Feast of Salvation. We prepare for Easter by prayer, fasting, and penance. A traditional form of prayer is the communal celebration of the Way of the Cross. The Way of the Cross helps us to understand and relive, in our own way, the Passion of Christ.

Please come and join us every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 pm to celebrate the Way of the Cross.

## INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The remaining Income Tax receipts that were not picked up have been mailed. They have been issued for donations received between January 2024 and December 2024.

## 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 Him regularly.*

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

*"The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me."*

## 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – March 02, 2025

“In the Lord, your labour is not in vain.” Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God’s call. If 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE UPCOMING EVENTS

It's that time again! You are invited to join the CWL in our first 2 initiatives for 2025: our annual **Lenten Food Drive** and a “**Soups On**” fundraiser to sponsor a DeMazenod Door BBQ.

Our **annual Lenten almsgiving** begins the weekend of March 15/16 and continues until April 12/13, as we accept donations for Fare Share Food Bank. The following is a suggested list of items:

**Mar 15/16: Babies** – Baby Cereal, Powdered Formula, Diapers & Wipes  
**Self-Care** - Toiletries, Toothbrush, Tooth Paste, Soaps, Shampoo, Deodorant

**Mar 22/23: Breakfast** – Cereal, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Instant Coffee, Tea

**Mar 29/30: Lunch** – Chunky Soup, Crackers, Baked Beans, Fish (Salmon, Tuna)

**Apr 5/6: Supper:** Meat (Ham, Chicken, Corned Beef), Peas, Rice, Pasta/Sauce

**Apr 12/13:** Desserts - Packaged Cookies, Snack & Granola Bars, Canned Fruit, ...

We are grateful for whatever you are able to contribute. The Big Red Box in the Narthex will be ready for donations to be delivered to Fare Share each week. Located beside the Big Red Box, will be a small supply of grocery bags should you need one or two to use for your food donations. If you prefer to make a financial contribution, a collection box will be available. Tax receipts are available when contact information is provided with the donation.

On Sunday, March 23, at 12 noon, we will host a Soups On Luncheon featuring a selection of home-made soups and desserts, courtesy of CWL Members. Through this fundraiser, we hope to reach our goal of \$750 which is a half-sponsorship fee to host our 3<sup>rd</sup> DeMazenod Door BBQ. The “Door” is an outreach program attached to St. Patrick Parish in Hamilton’s inner city, serving breakfast and lunch every day of the year, feeding the homeless and those suffering food insecurity. Tickets are only \$10 each and will be on sale in the Narthex on the weekend of March 8/9 and March 15/16.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, March 03	Rev. Joseph Akanbi
Tuesday, March 04	Rev. Charles Jordan
Wednesday, March 05	Ash Wednesday
Thursday, March 06	Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I.
Friday, March 07	Parish Staff World Day of Prayer
Saturday, March 08	Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.

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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](http://hamiltondiocese.com/jubilee)

### SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Will be held on **Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** for the children of 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’.

*“Shine like stars in the world,  
holding fast to the word of life.”*

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