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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

—Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

***"We must obey God  
rather than human beings."***

The Jewish authorities did not know how to handle the 'problem of Jesus'. They had suppressed Jesus and his movement by crucifying Him, but now, His apostles proclaimed that He is alive. Jesus was a rebel in their society and at this juncture His disciples are the 'troublemakers'. They have created a 'sect' – 'a freedom moment', which is proving to be extremely dangerous, for they dare to challenge the leaders, who never had any opposition so far.

Of course, it is expected of every Christian to disturb the conscience of the people. Jesus was a troublemaker, so every one of His disciples must become troublemakers. Every Christian must oppose injustice, oppression, hatred, and every form of social, religious, and political evils. If in the present age the church is not seen as a disturber of "the world's conscience", then we need to seriously rethink our role in the world as disciples of Christ. What stops us? Is it a fear of losing our comfortable life, or a fear of losing life itself? Do we obey God or people?

The early church knew well its role in the world. In the Gospel, John beautifully narrates the story of recommissioning the disciples for their mission. The disciples went back to the profession of fishing, which they knew well. There were seven people (number of perfection) on the boat. This small boat, floating on the fleeting waters is the beautiful imagery of the Church. The Jews were scared of the waters – for them, it symbolized chaos and hostility. The work of the Church is to be in this fleeting hostile world and lead people to God by becoming 'fishers of men'.

This mission will be successful if the Church relies totally on the Lord. The Risen Lord is always present to help and guide the Church. Sometimes, we may not be able to feel Him or recognize Him, but He will guard His Church. In today's scripture, Jesus showed His concern for His Church by preparing a breakfast for His people. It was a unique breakfast – a business breakfast to launch a mission. Peter was asked to 'feed the flock', which means to love everyone like the master had loved Him.

The mission is simple, yet hard to achieve: it is to *"obey God rather than human beings."* –

## PARISH LITURGIES

—THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER—

**Tuesday May 06 - St. Dominic Savio**

8:30 am + Bonifacia Casuga

**Wednesday May 07 - St. Rose Venerini**

8:30 am + Orha Family

**Thursday May 08 - Bl. Miriam Teresa  
Demjanovich**

8:30 pm + Paul Waters

**Friday May 09 - St. Beatus of Lungern**

8:30 am + Mracica Family

9:00 am Adoration

—FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—

**Saturday May 10 - St. Damien of Molokai**

4:00 Reconciliation

**5:00** For:

+ Rita Merrick, + Maria & Manuel Silva,  
+ Maria & Jose Gomes, + Eugenia & Stefan  
Stoica, Int. Katie Moulden, Int. Nancie Bell,  
Int. Madalena Pinheiro, + Pat Conlon, + Mary  
McKenna

**Sunday, May 11**

**9:00 am** For our

**11:00 am** Parishioners

**Easter Season: April 28 – June 08**



### NEW DOORS THANKS TO THE EX CORDE FOUNDATION

As you may have noticed, Saint Dominic Parish has recently received beautiful new doors featuring our parish logo (pictured above). These elegant, European-made glass doors, designed and installed by [House Tune Up](#), replace the original metal doors that faithfully served us for many years. We are especially grateful to the Ex Corde Foundation, a charitable organization of the Diocese of Hamilton, for their generous grant of \$30,000 towards this project.

### NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE MAY 8TH, 2025

The Knights of Columbus, Marian Council #3881 is organizing a bus service for our Knights, family and parishioners who are interested in going to the National March for Life to be held at Parliament Hill, Ottawa on May 8, 2025. To register, please send an email to our Deputy Grand Knight Charles Thomas at : [grandknightkofc3881@gmail.com](mailto:grandknightkofc3881@gmail.com) or call him at 416-997-2786. Commitment fee of \$10 per person.

**Please note: it will be on a first-come-first-serve basis.**

### ROSES FOR MOTHER'S DAY



It is that time again! As we will be honouring the Mothers in our lives on Mother's Day (next weekend, Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>), the ladies of the CWL will be at each of our Church entrances selling roses. Please remember to bring your loonies and toonies to buy a rose or 2 or 3, to give to your favourite Mother! All proceeds will be donated to pro-life charities Shifra Homes and Halton Alive.

*"I will extol you, Lord,  
for you have raised me up."*



### SANCTUARY LAMP

***Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week:  
for the Intentions of the Paikeday Family***

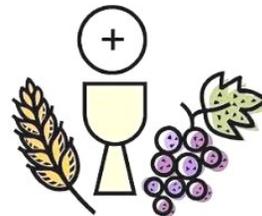
### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – May 4, 2025

How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person? 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
[hamiltondiocese.com/vocations](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations)

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION

The dates for First Communion will be during regular



**Sunday Masses**

**beginning**

**April 26<sup>th</sup> – May 11<sup>th</sup>.**

*We pray that communicants will open their hearts to receive Jesus with joy and continue to receive Jesus regularly.*

### ORDER OF HOLY GARDENERS

We hope you are enjoying the spring flowers! Next year there will be more!

Our first gardening meeting this year will be on Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Everyone is invited to come and help. We will be planting and weeding. If you would like to sign up and be a volunteer please come and meet us, or email Peter at [ohg@saintdominic.ca](mailto:ohg@saintdominic.ca) Volunteer hours will be given to students. Hope to see you there!



**The next CWL Meeting will be on Monday May 05 at 7:00 pm**

### AN INVITATION FROM THE CWL TO THE LADIES OF THE PARISH

Please join us on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon, as the CWL and the Young Vincentians co-host our annual Baby Shower for the young Moms and babies of Shifra House. A complimentary luncheon will be provided and the “price” of admission is an unwrapped baby gift. Our get-together with Shifra Homes Director Nancy Romic, and the Moms and their babies has become an annual event and we look forward to your continued support.



In order to track numbers and prepare the luncheon, complimentary tickets may be picked up in the Narthex and at the other two entrances after each Mass on the weekends of May 10/11 and 17/18. If you are unable to attend and still wish to help with a gift or donation, you may leave these items at the display table that will be in the Narthex starting next weekend. A list of needed items can be found on the posters at the doors of the church.



Catholic Education Week 2025 begins on Sunday,

May 4, 2025. The Catholic Schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly-funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children’s school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly-funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as the previous generations.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, May 05	Rev. Michael King
Tuesday, May 06	Rev. Veselko Kvesic, O.F.M.
Wednesday, May 07	Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb, S.O.C.
Thursday, May 08	Rev. Bradley Markus
Friday, May 09	Rev. Khalid Karomi
Saturday, May 09	Rev. David Reitzel

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### THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

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? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only—those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration can be found under Upcoming Events on the home page at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com), or by calling Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext.

### PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH #169

Loving guidance and care for our children is a foundational principle of our Catholic teachings on parenting. Teaching our children how to live as disciples of Jesus provide them with a firm faith foundation, but also the tools for success in life. So don’t be afraid to set boundaries, have solid expectations and provide correction when necessary. God has trusted us with his precious children to raise, and the hard work of childhood will become a loving adult relationship when we parent with firm love and respect of our children. (Teresa Hartness Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250).

*“Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;  
he has shown pity on all people”*

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