

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER The New Jerusalem

-Fr. Ranjan D'Sa O.C.D.

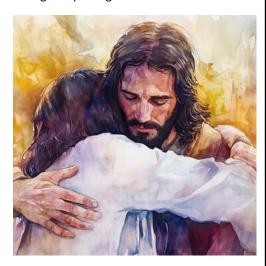
Today's second reading speaks about St. Apostles, through the promptings of the Ho-John's vision of the New Jerusalem. In the ly Spirit, toiled to bring about unity in the vision, he hears the voice; "Here, God lives Church. The division between the Jewish with men... and His name will be God-with- Christians and the Pagan Christians threatthem". What makes it possible for men to ened the unity of the early Church. The live with God in His presence? The descrip- Apostles came up with a workable solution tion of the new or heavenly Jerusalem an- to bring Christ back into the Church. swers this question.

John mentions that the city had no temple - living and putting aside all our differences. available. No one other than the Jews could enter the holy temple of Jerusalem. It means the new heavenly city of John's vision was free from all divisions and discriminations. There was absolute unity, love, and peace. Where there is wholeness, there is God and there, God makes His dwelling among men.

The 12 gates have another symbolic meaning. In John's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that He is 'the Gate' to eternal life. Later, Jesus deposited the truths of this Kingdom in the teaching ministry of His disciples and invited them to preach it to all. They in turn become the 'gates' to enter Gods Kingdom. Anybody is welcome to the New Jerusalem, the city of God, provided they enter through the 'gates' proclaimed by His Apostles.

Christian living should become an example for unity. In the first reading of today, the

What kind of division takes God away from The city had as many as 12 gates. Anybody our church, family, or individual life? Let us could use these gates to enter this city, yet enter the New Jerusalem of our day - today



"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him."

#### PARISH LITURGIES

-SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER -

Tuesday, May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury

+ Tony Halliday

8:30 am Int. Ornat Family

Wednesday, May 28 - Bl. Margaret Pole

8:30 am + Theresa Clunies Thursday, May 29 - St. Paul VI

8:30 pm

Friday May, 30 - St. Joan of Arc

8:30 am + Guido Bardaro

9:00 am Adoration

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, May 31 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 Reconciliation

5:00 For:

+ Royston & Theresa Clunies, Int Aurelia & Family, Int Rodica & Family, Int Stefania, Int. Elena, Int. Cristian, Int. Luka, Int. Marius, Int. Maria, + Margaret Ormsby, + Jason Richardson,

Sunday, June 01

9:00 am For our

11:00 am **Parishioners** 

Easter Season: April 28 - June 08



#### LAUDATO SI' AWARENESS SUNDAY



June 01 - Following the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses

#### Location:

#### St. Dominic Church

come hear special guest speakers who will reflect on the spirituality of Laudato Si' and explore pressing ecological and social justice issues, including:

- Water Rites & Corporate Buyouts
- \* Deforestation & Reforestation
- \* Fast Fashion
- \* Laudato Si' Spirituality

These conversations are designed to inspire, inform, and equip us to take meaningful, faith-rooted action.

### YOUNG ADULT NIGHT—JUNE 7TH



Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to celebrate Pentecost by attending an evening

of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adult Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30 pm–7:30 pm) social with food (7:30 pm–8:00 pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00 pm–9:00 pm), and Compline (9:00 pm) on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (934 Highway #8, Stoney Creek, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations



#### SANCTUARY LAMP

Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week: In Memory of Tony Halliday For the Intentions of the Riggs-Long Family



# Maint. Calo.

Come to St. Dominic Church, buy a plant or two, and help us raise funds for our "la mesa"

Community Table. Plant donations are also greatly appreciated. After all the Masses, drop off plants at St. Dominic's Staff Parking lot from May 24<sup>th</sup> to June 1st



## 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 01, 2025 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. Registration can be made by calling Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com

#### SAINT DOMINIC PARISH ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY



Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and fresh air at our Annual Summer Garden Party on Saturday, June 21st (the first day of summer) at 6:30 pm in the Prayer Gardens (west of the parish front entrance). In case of rain, we'll move indoors to the parish hall. This is a free event for all parish members! We ask each

family or participant to bring an appetizer to share. A communal appetizer table will be set up for all to enjoy. Enjoy our Summer Fruit Punch & Fresh Scooped Ice Cream (provided by our Social Committee). There will also be Music, Dancing & Lawn Games. Limited garden seating provided - please bring folding lawn chairs if you can. Come spend a beautiful summer evening under the stars in our lovely prayer gardens!

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—MAY 25, 2025

Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we will come to Him. How will I respond to that love? Am I being called to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

#### ACT II (SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP) WA-**TERLOO**

Our ACT II monthly informal support group will continue to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. With the support of others you can begin to heal the emotional, social and spiritual devastation of divorce. Join us when you can. Visit the website (www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-anddivorced), or contact our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca for more information.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, May 26	Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.
Tuesday, May 27	Rev. George Nowak, C.R.
Wednesday, May 21	Seminarians
Thursday, May 22	Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.
Friday, May 23	Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
Saturday, May 24	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### 2025 JUBILEE OF HOPE - FEAST OF VISITATION



Honouring the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of the Cape. From Saturday, May 31, until Sunday, June 01, the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of the Cape will visit St. Raphael's Parish, Burlington, for the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The visit will begin with a 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil – Thanksgiving Mass offered by Fr. Wedner Berard -Pilgrimage Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of the Cape. After the Mass, we will have recitation of the Holy Rosary along!

with a Candlelight Procession, and Veneration. St. Raphael Parish invites everyone to celebrate this grace-filled moment during the Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope.

#### ST BENEDICT PARISH, MILTON PARISH FEAST—JULY 06

We are excited to announce that our parish will be celebrating our Annual Parish Feast on Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. The event promises to be a grand celebration with craft vendors, food trucks, live bands, and much more fun activities for all ages. Please join us for a fun filled day with family and friends. For more information, please visit: stbenedictparish.ca/events

> "Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you."

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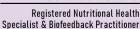
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