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## FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

*Deacon Terry Murphy*

*“And Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the son of man be lifted up...”*

Many years ago, a friend of mine was preparing for the priesthood with the Sacred Heart Fathers. He spent a year at their retreat centre in Palm Springs California. That winter was very cold in Ontario, so I decided to visit him in sunny, warm California (for spiritual reasons of course). Now Palm Springs is in the desert, and it gets quite cool in the evenings. As I walked across the retreat center from the dining room to my room on the first night I saw a sign: “Watch for snakes.” It is a warning that there are dangerous things out there that can bite you, hurt you, and maybe even kill you. The snakes come into the compound and even try to get into the rooms for warmth. So, we are told to avoid the snakes and if you see one side-step it. That makes sense. It’s good advice. It is, I suspect, how most of us try to live our daily lives. And it’s not just about the snakes that crawl on the ground. We live that way with regard to the snakes of life. We avoid those things we fear, the things that hurt us, that bite us and cause pain – not just physical but also emotional and spiritual pain.

So, we avoid dealing with our addictions and attachments. We ignore broken relationships. We put off doing the hard work of life. We turn away from our difficulties. We repress painful

memories. We don’t acknowledge our fear, resentments, or anger. We refuse to think or talk about our own death. We deny the things we have done and left undone. After all, isn’t that what the sign says? If you see a snake, avoid it.

What if there was a different sign? What if the sign said, “If you see a snake look him straight in the eyes. Stare him down. See who blinks first.” It sounds kind of crazy but at some level that’s exactly what God told the Israelites to do.

Their impatience in the wilderness, their fear of dying, living with an uncertain future and an unknown destination, the emptiness, thirst and hunger, the difficulty of life – all manifested themselves as snakes in the wilderness; snakes that would bite, wound, and kill them. They would have to face the reality of their snakes.

It seems like a smart Israelite would turn and run. But when the Israelites tried that they died. We are not saved from our snakes by running away. God offers a different option. Instead of turning away, the salvation God offered the Israelites was that they were to stare at the very thing they feared. God’s ways are not our ways and God’s thoughts are not our thoughts. God’s logic often seems foolish.

Somehow, authentic life involves facing and looking at the reality of death – not only our own physical death but also the many ways we die each day.

*(... Read the rest on the parish website)*

## PARISH LITURGIES

—FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS—

**Tuesday September 16 - St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian**

8:30 am Special Intention

**Wednesday September 17 - St. Robert Bellarmine & St. Hildegard**

8:30 am + Charlie & Rita McAlinden

**Thursday September 18 - St. Joseph of Cupertino**

8:30 am + Galicano Casuga

**Friday September 19 - St. Januarius**

8:30 am + Henk Neuhaus  
9:00 – 10:00 am Adoration

—TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

**Saturday September 20 - St. Andrew Kim**

*Tae-gon and Companions*

4:00 Reconciliation

5:00 For:

+ Alfredo Mancini, + Gerald McGraw,  
+ Perry Melia, + Donald Melia, Int. Fr. Bill Trusz, + Finn Grubbe, + Aurora A. Guanco, + Guillermo Jancilan, + Kate Hopkins

**Sunday September 21**

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



## WELCOME, NEW PARISHIONERS!

A special welcome to all new parishioners! We pray that you will feel welcome in our community and that your spirits will be nourished each week at the Eucharist. Be sure to introduce yourself to Father Ranjan D'Sa and complete a registration form, which you will find at all the entrances of the church.

### ST DOMINIC YOUTH MINISTRY OPEN HOUSE



All young families with children from Grade 2-8 are warmly invited to our **Youth Ministry Open House** on **Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 6:30 pm at St. Dominic School**. Join us to learn more about our program, meet the team, and discover how we are building a vibrant and faith-filled community for our children and youth. There will be coffee, treats, and activities for the kids! This is a great opportunity to ask questions, explore upcoming activities, and see how your family can get involved.

**All parents are welcome – come and help us shape the future of youth ministry at St. Dominic!**

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY MEETING

There will be a meeting on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup> for all Leaders and Assistants for the Children's Liturgy program at 12:00 noon in the chapel.

### RCIA

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in exploring the Catholic Christian Faith through the journey of the R.C.I.A. process at Saint Dominic Parish? R.C.I.A. stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Through talks, instructions, prayer and guidance; adults are led through a journey of understanding and accepting the Catholic Christian Faith. If you are considering this or know someone who might be interested, please contact Father Ranjan D'Sa, or Brian Thronton at the Parish Office.

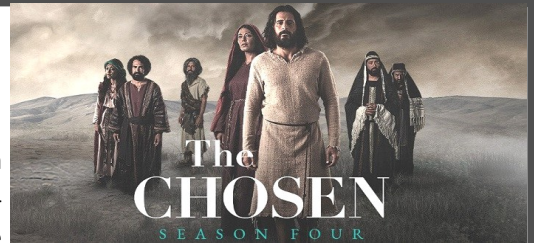
*"Do not forget the works of the Lord!"*

### SANCTUARY LAMP



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

### THE CHOSEN SEASON FOUR



St. Dominic Parish invites you to a unique faith experience inspired by the

hit series, *The Chosen*. This powerful series brings the Gospels to life, showing us Christ through the eyes of those who walked with Him.

Join us in the Parish Hall on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Each session includes:

- A screening of an episode from Season 4,
- Guided group discussions and activities led by our pastoral minister, Michael Aguiar,
- All materials provided

#### Session Dates:

**September 18, 25 and October 9, 16, 23, 30**

Come deepen your faith, build community, and experience the Gospel in a fresh way. To register, contact Michael at the parish office or email [michael@saintdominic.ca](mailto:michael@saintdominic.ca)

### BISHOP CROSBY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION



His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the Eucharist on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5:00 pm in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Refreshments and an opportunity to greet the Bishop in McNally Hall will follow the Mass. All are welcome!

## CWL NEWS



An appeal from the Catholic Women's league and all of the ladies working on this year's Christmas Market.

Our Annual Christmas Market is the major fundraiser for our CWL. It enables us to offer events and to support multiple worthy cause throughout the year.

We need your help! Our team is looking for items for our Silent Auction and for artisans, crafters, and anyone with wares to market who would be interested in being one of our Vendors. If you are able to help with items such as gift cards, themed baskets, home décor items, sports memorabilia or monetary donations that can be converted to gift baskets, we would love to hear from you.

And, lastly, we would welcome volunteers to help with the Market, particularly with all details or our Sweet/Treats/Eats sale. If you have time and energy to spare, please let us know.

To assist us in this fundraising venture, please contact Wendy Rutherford through [cwl@saintdominic.ca](mailto:cwl@saintdominic.ca) or 905-464-2413. If Sweet/Treats/Eats is your thing, please contact Gail Fleet at [gfleet6@cogeco.ca](mailto:gfleet6@cogeco.ca) or 905-815-5427 or Jennine Ehlers at [jenehlers8@gmail.com](mailto:jenehlers8@gmail.com) or 905-399-7826. Much appreciated!

## BRONTE COAT DRIVE



Are you wondering what to do with your winter coats, boots, hats, scarves and gloves that you don't need or want or that no longer fit? Why not donate them to our Annual Bronte Winter Coat Drive? Coat drive volunteers will be on duty at the St. Dominic parking lot every Saturday morning in September from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm to receive your donations. We would be happy to see you and recycle your coats, hats, boots, etc. Much appreciated!

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HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, September 15	Rev. Phillip Cook
Tuesday, September 16	Rev. Laszlo Amaszka
Wednesday, September 17	Missionary Sisters of Christ the King, M.ChR
Thursday, September 18	Rev. Kevin D'Souza
Friday, September 19	Rev. Piotr Golinski
Saturday, September 20	Rev. Rafal Tomon

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## CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS CONFERENCE—2025 JUBILEE OF PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Young Adult Ministry groups from various parishes in the Hamilton Diocese are collaborating together to host a Catholic Young Adults Conference on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at St. Raphael's Parish in Burlington. This full-day gathering is all about creating a space for young adults to journey and navigate life together, connect deeper with their faith, with one another, and most importantly with God. Throughout the day, participants will hear from inspiring speakers – priest, a religious sister, and Catholic industry leaders from various career fields. There will also be a vibrant art vendor space, praise & worship bands, Adoration, Confessions, and the Thanksgiving Mass with His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lob-singer, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton. All the Young Adults are invited to join the conference and get-together for faith and fellowship. Tickets are \$10.00. For more information, please visit the website: [CYAconference.ca](http://CYAconference.ca)

## EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

God is the Father with open arms. Who will preach this Good News of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morely, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

*"We adore you, O Christ,  
and we praise you, because by your Cross  
you have redeemed the world."*

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Parish Hours: Tuesday to Friday – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (*Closed from noon to 1:00 pm*).

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