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## **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Danger! Worshipping Both  
God and Wealth*

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

Today's parable is addressed to the Pharisees, who 'loved money' (Lk 16:4).

The Pharisees demanded respect from people – higher places at banquets, being greeted as Rabbis in public, etc. Since, their focus was on creating an honourable public image by putting on appearances and amassing money, they were worshipping idols and not what they seemed to project – the love of God's law. Jesus warns them against the danger of worshipping both God and wealth (Lk. 13: 16).

To these Pharisees, Jesus tells the parable of Lazarus and the rich man to show them a new era has begun. Now, in this new era, everybody is invited to the Kingdom of God – rich, poor, tax collectors, publicans, sinners, prostitutes, the physically and mentally challenged, the lost and the found – provided they follow the path of the beatitudes. The Pharisees were condemning Jesus for breaking the 'law and their traditions' for He was partying with the sinners and the tax collector. But now Jesus is showing the pharisees that it is they who, because of their love for money and status, have broken the Divine Will.

The outcome of today's Parable is that the rich

man goes to hell, but the poor man is taken to heaven. The parable does not give us any reason for this treatment. What wrong had the rich man done to deserve hell? He had done no evil; he did not steal or mistreat his slaves. He partied with his own money. On the other hand, the poor man had not done anything good to deserve heaven. He just sat at the entrance of the rich man's house. So why this discrimination?

Most of the time we think that all our material and spiritual blessings are our own and we have full right over them. We think that our belongings are just ours and that nobody can touch them. We have all the right to deal with them according to our whims and fancies. In today's parable, Jesus condemns this very notion from all of us and from the pharisees for whom this parable is being addressed.

The fault of the rich man is that, for him, Lazarus did not exist at all. Though he was at his door, lying down all the time because of his sores, the rich man did not raise his head to say a word. His indifference to another human person who happened to be a poor Lazarus is the main reason for his condemnation.

When we feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, visit the prisoners and the sick, we do that for Jesus (Mt. 25:35 – 36).

***There are several Lazaruses living among us; they look for our attention, support and love.***

## PARISH LITURGIES

—TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME—

### **Tuesday September 30 - St. Jerome**

8:30 am + Joseph Paik

### **Wednesday October 01 - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus**

8:30 am + Tom Bailey

### **Thursday October 02 - The Holy Guardian Angels**

8:30 am + Darryl Ward

### **Friday October 03 - Sts. Ewald & Ewald**

8:30 am + Theresa Sheafe

9:00 – 10:00 am Adoration

—TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME—

### **Saturday October 04 - St. Francis of Assisi**

4:00 Reconciliation

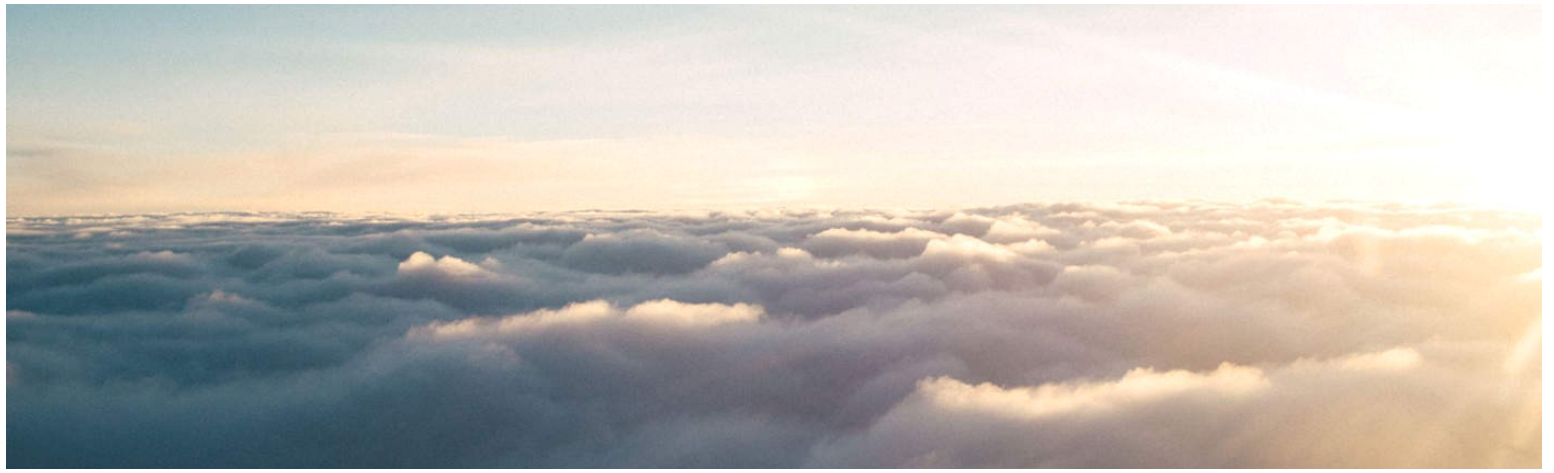
5:00 For:

+ Angela Chon, + Joseph Paik, + Stephan Chon, + Monica Lim, + Jose Pinheiro, + Maria De Vita, + Bob Nixon, +Jim McKee

### **Sunday October 05**

9:00 am For our

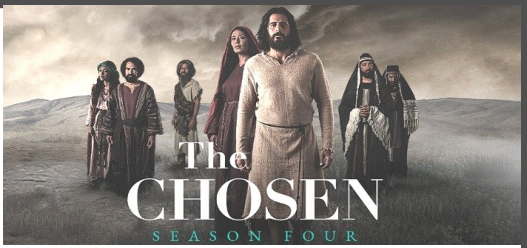
11:00 am Parishioners



**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? 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.

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**Session Dates: 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)

**ALL SOULS DAY MASS AT**  
**HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY**

The Annual All Souls Day Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington will take place on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm. The principal celebrant will be the Most Reverend Wayne Lobinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!

*“Though Jesus Christ was rich,  
he became poor,  
so that by his poverty you might become rich.”*

**SANCTUARY LAMP**



*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week  
for the Intentions of the Milikovich Family and  
for the Intentions of the Travas Family*

We pray for the repose of the soul of our dearly departed,  
especially, **Alfred Shllaku**.  
May they through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



**FIRST COMMUNION 2024-25 INFORMATION**



Registration for the Sacrament of Holy Communion is now available on our website for those entering grade 2 and up. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Aguiar, our Pastoral Minister at (905) 827-2373 or email: [michael@saintdominic.ca](mailto:michael@saintdominic.ca)

**There will be a First Communion Parent Meeting on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Church. This is a mandatory meeting for all parents whose children will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in April/May 2026.**

**CONFIRMATION 2024-25 INFORMATION**

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now available for those entering grade 7 and up. The Service Project Record sheet can also be found on our parish website. You are expected to acquire 20 hours of community service prior to receiving the Sacrament as part of the registration process. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Aguiar, our Pastoral Minister at (905) 827-2373, or email him at: [michael@saintdominic.ca](mailto:michael@saintdominic.ca)

**There will be a Confirmation Parent Meeting on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Church. This is a mandatory meeting for all parents whose children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2026**

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Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program! If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com)

*“By this we came to know the love of God:  
that Christ laid down his life for us;  
so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.”*

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, September 29	Rev. Ignatius Saiki O.P.
Tuesday, September 30	Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P.
Wednesday, October 01	Felician Franciscan Sisters, C.S.S.F.
Thursday, October 02	Rev. Romelito Guillen
Friday, October 03	Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I.
Saturday, October 04	Rev. Grayson Hope

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### JUBILEE MULTICULTURAL MASS

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown (715 Centre Rd) is hosting the Diocesan Jubilee Multicultural Mass on Sunday, October 05, 2025 at 3:00 pm. This vibrant celebration embraces the rich cultural diversity that enriches our diocesan community. The Mass will feature prayers, readings, and hymns proclaimed in multiple languages, including Spanish, Polish, Italian, Vietnamese, Korean, and others, reflecting the many cultures united in faith. Following the Mass, join us for a reception featuring cultural foods and entertainment from various communities. This event is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer, fellowship, and joyful celebration of our shared faith.

### RESPECT FOR LIFE SUNDAY – OCTOBER 05, 2025

Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, silent pro-life witness for the unborn in our community. Join thousands of pro-lifers across North America as we make a one hour visual statement of solidarity to end abortion and honour the lives of over 54 million children lost to abortion. Stand for those without a voice. Oakville Location: Trafalgar Rd at Hwy 5 (Dundas St. E.) 2:30–3:30 pm.

### DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MONTH—OCTOBER 2025

Bishop Crosby has designated October as Diocesan Vocations Month. Each Sunday your parish will pray for vocations during Mass. You are also asked to pray for vocations throughout the month. If you know someone you think should consider a particular vocation, be sure to tell that person. For more information, visit: [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations)

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