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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

"O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?" (Habakkuk 1:2)

This prayer of Habakkuk is a simple plea to God about the state of life in Israel at that time. Though there is no concrete evidence of the timeline of Habakkuk's prophetic work, many scholars think that he lived during the time of King Jehoiakim. During this time, Israel was prosperous; but due to King Jehoiakim's poor leadership qualities, the rich and the military officials took control of the land. The King utterly failed to give justice to the people or to protect the weak and the poor. Even Prophet Jeremiah denounces the rule of this king, uttering harsh punishment on him, *"They will not mourn for him: Alas, my master! Alas, his splendor! He will have the burial of a donkey, dragged away and thrown outside the gates of Jerusalem"* (Jeremiah 22: 18 – 19).

As a prophet, Habakkuk takes all the people's complaints before God in prayer saying; *"destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise"* (Habakkuk 1:3). He confronts God and says that God is giving blind eyes to all these abuses. How can God be tolerant to such extreme wickedness?

Later that evening Habakkuk receives a revelation from God, who asks him to write down everything that God has revealed. God asks

Habakkuk to learn to wait in hope. For some time, the people will not see any change, but God will bring justice to his people, and God will intervene to bring His salvation. Meanwhile, God wants his people not to lose hope and abandon justice. Hope is the source and the sure sign of faith.

The last sentence of today's reading sets the tone for our Christian living in God, *"The righteous person lives by their faith"* (Habakkuk 2:4). The Hebrew word used here for faith, *'emunah'*, means integrity, fidelity, and/or faithfulness. The word *'amen'* that we use as a conclusion of our prayers comes from the same root which affirms what we have prayed as, *'it is true'*. Habakkuk is asking the people to remain true to God during their earthly trials and tribulations as they also await the promised future fulfillment.

In the Gospel passage of today, Jesus tells us that even a little faith that we have in God can have the power to uproot the sycamore tree. These trees live up to 600 years having a complex root system going very deep into the ground. Jesus creates a contrast between the mustard seed which is tiny and the deep-rooted sycamore. A little faith, like the mustard seed, is more than enough to face the difficulties as strongly rooted as sycamore tree.

Like the disciples, we can request Jesus to strengthen our weak faith, so that we can face the challenges of present-day, anti-god culture.

PARISH LITURGIES

—TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME—

Tuesday October 07 - *Our Lady of the Rosary*

8:30 am + Fernandez Family

Wednesday October 08 - *Sts. Palatias & Laurentia*

8:30 am + Pinto Family

Thursday October 09 - *St. Denis and Companions*

8:30 am Int. Special Intention

Friday October 10 - *Bl. Mary Angela Truszkowska*

8:30 am + Earnest Aubut
9:00 – 10:00 am Adoration

—TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME—

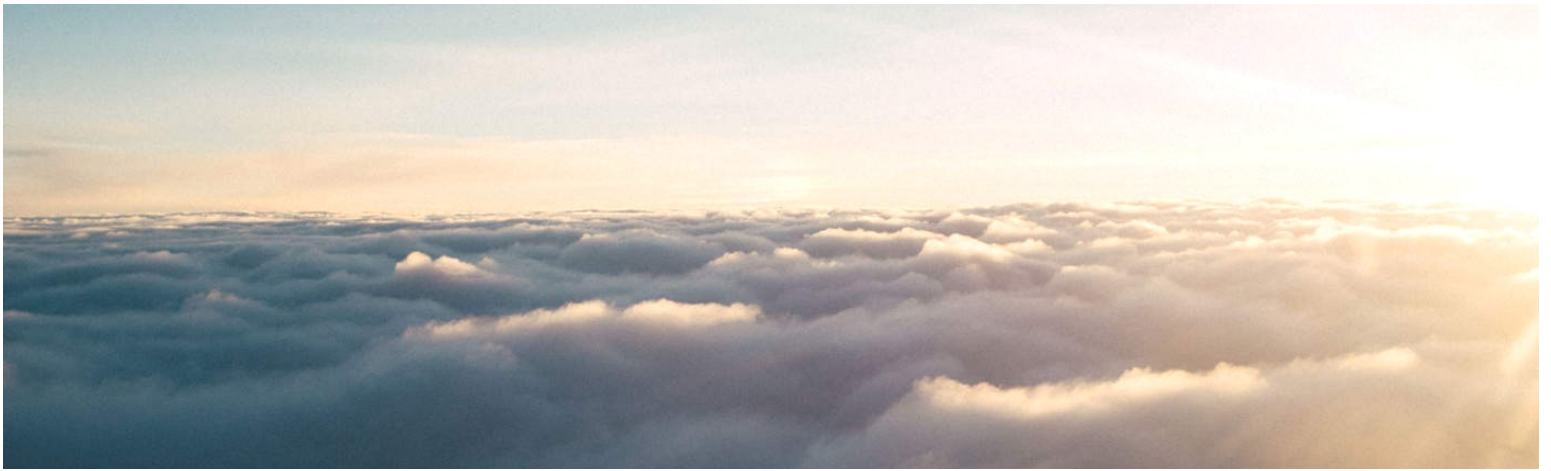
Saturday October 11 - *Pope St. John XXIII*

4:00 Reconciliation
5:00 For:

+ Maria & Manuel Silva, + Maria & Jose Gomes, + John Vincent Holland, + Juanita & Gaudencio Silva, + Monique Duval, + Mary Kelly, Int. Charlene Gabriel, Int. Rowat Family, Int. Jason Huber

Sunday October 12

9:00 am For our
11:00 am Parishioners



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.

There will be a First Communion Parent Meeting on Wednesday, October 8th, 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.

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.

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

There will be a Confirmation Parent Meeting on Thursday, October 16th 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



SANCTUARY LAMP

Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week in Memory of Thomas Paikeday & for the Intentions of the Riggs-Long Family

CWL NEWS

There is a CWL Meeting this Monday, October 6th at 7:00 pm in the parish centre. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

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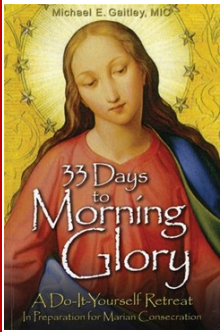
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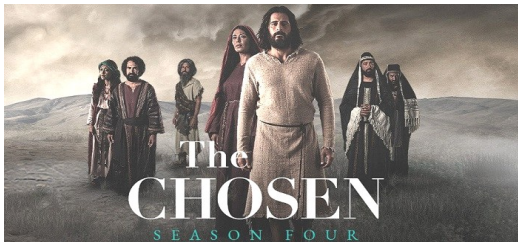
**ST DOMINIC PARISH—ADVENT EVENING OF LIGHT
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025 AT 7:00PM**



St. Dominic CWL and the Social Committee invite all friends and family to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the Hour of Grace followed by a reception. Starting November 5th, we can prepare for this feast day at home by reading a daily reflection from the book “33 Days to Morning Glory” by Fr. Michael Gaitley. We are placing orders for this book and you can pick it up at the parish on the weekend of November 1st. Payments of \$25 for each can be paid at pick up. You will use this book annually so it is worth purchasing. Please contact colleen.gamble123@gmail.com or call 905-330-9537 in order to place your book order.

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.

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

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, October 06	Rev. Luc Payette
Tuesday, October 07	Rev. Francis Chibuzor Ahuekwe
Wednesday, October 08	Chaplains
Thursday, October 09	Apostolate of the Laity
Friday, October 10	Very Rev. Paul Mathew Vellimoozhayil
Saturday, October 11	Rev. Francisco Sordo

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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 is Diocesan Vocations Month. Please pray for the men and women of our diocese who are discerning their vocations to marriage, priesthood, the permanent diaconate, the dedicated single life, and consecrated life, that is, as a consecrated virgin living in the world, or as a religious priest, brother or sister. Since it is also the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, you are encouraged to offer the Rosary, in particular, the Luminous Mysteries, for vocations. For more information about praying for vocations, visit:

hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations

**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 2nd at 2:00 pm. The principal celebrant will be the Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!

*“The word of the Lord endures forever;
that word is the good news announced to you.”*

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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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