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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Putting a Face on our Faith
Fr. Ranjan D'Sa O.C.D.

Today's gospel passage is a concrete example of faith on which we meditated last Sunday. Responding to the theme on faith, Jesus, in a way demonstrates that faith is totally based on the person of Christ, the Son of God. Now faith is not an abstract thing. We can put a face to our faith, and it is the face of Jesus Christ. Saint Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, tells the people of Ephesus that now, they have faith, because they have met true God in Christ (Ref – Eph: 2:12- 13).

Luke gives us a story about the 10 lepers who came to Jesus for His help. Lepers were like 'living dead' at the time of Jesus. They were kept away from all people and civilization because they were regarded as the 'contamination to the world'. The popular belief was that lepers were cursed by God for their many sins. Hence, they were being isolated by people and abandoned by God.

Luke refers to Leprosy in today's story, as a symbol for human sin. He mentions that there were 10 lepers. Ten is the number for totality (all humanity). Therefore, Luke is telling us that humanity sinned and has separated itself from God. Sin separates us from God and from each other. None of us is righteous and all of us have been infected by the leprosy of sin. In this situ-

ation, we can be helped only by God. In the parable, the 10 meet Jesus, who is the presence of God to our humanity. Jesus brings us healing and our salvation.

In the story, the lepers keep their distance from Jesus and shout to Him to 'have mercy on them'. We should recognize our sinfulness that creates distance and separation from God. The lepers did not ask for healing, but, rather, for His compassion and mercy. Sin isolates us from the love and compassion of Gods presence. By healing the lepers, Jesus is showing us that He has come to bring us back to God.

What should be our response to God's mercy of healing? The Samaritan gives us an example through his gesture of gratitude. The Samaritan praises God for sending His only Son into this world to bring salvation (healing) to this world. He recognizes that Jesus must become the focus of our faith in God. The Samaritan now has faith because he has met Jesus and experienced His salvation.

Luke presents this parable to us that we may recognize the need of Jesus in our lives. The lepers were healed on their journey back to the temple. They trusted the words that came from the mouth of Christ. It is when we frequent the word of Christ in the breaking of the word and through the breaking of the bread, we find the healing transformation of our lives. Let our faith bring us to the temple of God (Kingdom of God), while we contemplate on our pilgrimage, the Divine Word.

PARISH LITURGIES

—TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Monday October 13 - Thanksgiving day

10:00 am In Thanksgiving

Tuesday October 14 - St. Callistus I

8:30 am + Antoinette Zuchkan

Wednesday October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus

8:30 am + In Thanksgiving

Thursday October 16 - St. Marguerite D'Youville

8:30 am + Special Intention

Friday October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:30 am + Lauren & Jeff Scott

9:00 – 10:00 am Adoration

—TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday October 18 - St. Luke, Evangelist

4:00 Reconciliation

5:00 For:

+ Stephan Chon, + Horatio Figueiredo,
+ Merrick Family, + Gerald McGraw,
+ Gloria & Stephen Ingram, + John Schembri,
+ Richard White, Int. Charlene Gabriel

Sunday October 19

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



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CONFIRMATION 2024-25 INFORMATION

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

YOUNG VINCENTIANS STUDY GROUP

Last year the Young Vincentians' Study Group was very successful in helping high school students in their academic goals. The Study Group is an informal encounter with academic purposes, where university students offer tutoring to high school students. This group aims to foster community, friendship, and a safe and supporting environment. We are looking for university students who are willing to give their time, knowledge and experience to their fellow high school peers. Please contact the parish office if you would like to help. The study group takes place on Tuesdays from 5pm to 6:15pm in the Parish Hall. We hope to support many students this year.



SANCTUARY LAMP

***Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week
in Memory of Bridget D'Mello and Ernest Aubut***

We pray for the repose of the soul of our dearly departed, especially, **Sr. Hilda D'Sa (Aunt of Fr. Ranjan D'Sa), and Judith Wiklund.**

May they through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

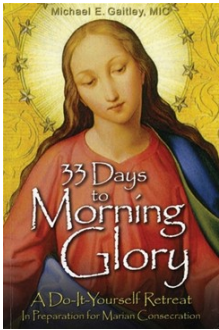
Christmas is fast approaching and we invite parishioners, their families and friends to support the CWL by attending our Annual Christmas Market on Saturday, November 15 from 9 am - 2 pm. Come and be tempted by yummy home-baked goodies and savory eats, get started on your Christmas shopping with wares being offered by Vendors and local artisans and bid on 20+ amazing items on our Silent Auction table! Our Tea Room has been converted into a Coffee Café where you can take a break and enjoy a muffin, croissant or a bit of a snack cake with your coffee/tea.

New this year will be a photographer who will take professional Christmas-themed photos for you and your family & friends. Once the photos are taken, you will receive a USB with your photos. Watch our parish newsletter for details on booking your photo shoot in advance, online.

Also on offer this year is a selection of pointsettias that you will be able to order in advance, for pick up at the Christmas Market. We will be in the Narthex on the weekend of October 18 & 25 and November 1 to take your orders and payments. Orders must be placed by November 5th.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 15! See you there!

***"Give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"***



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 16, 23, 30

To register, contact Michael at the parish office or email 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 2nd at 2:00 pm. The principal celebrant will be the Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, October 13	Rev. Tom Moisan Thanksgiving Day
Tuesday, October 14	Rev. Leszek Szczygiel
Wednesday, October 15	Congregation of the Holy Cross, C.S.C.
Thursday, October 16	St. Marguerite D'Youville, Religious World Food Day
Friday, October 17	Rev. Mark Sullivan
Saturday, October 18	Rev. David Wilhelm

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May your Thanksgiving be full of peace, love and joy

SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS

Join St. Francis Xavier Parish (304 Highway 8, Stoney Creek, ON) on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at 10:00am for a special All Saints Day Mass. After the Mass, explore a remarkable exhibit featuring 150 sacred relics of the saints. This is a unique opportunity to walk among the saints and spend time in prayer with relics of great spiritual significance, including the Passion Relics: The True Cross, the Crown of Thorns, the Holy Spear, and the Holy Nail of Jesus Christ. The exhibit will also feature a fragment of the Blessed Virgin Mary's veil and St. Joseph's cloak. Don't miss this powerful chance to draw closer to our faith through these holy treasures. The schedule is as follows:

- 10:00 am Mass
- 11:00am Talk on the Relics by Fr. Ross Campbell
- 11:20am - 4:00pm Exposition of the Relics
- 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass
- 6:30pm - 8:30pm Additional Veneration Time

“The Lord has revealed his victory in the sight of the nations.”

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