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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Deacon Terry Murphy

Jesus tells the parable of a persistent widow who repeatedly pleads with an unjust judge for justice. The judge, who neither feared God nor cared about people, eventually grants her request simply because she wore him down with her constant appeals. Jesus uses this story to illustrate the importance of persistent prayer and trusting that God, who is just and loving, will answer those who cry out to him day and night.

Jesus tells us this story to encourage us to continue in prayer and not to lose heart. What's the point? Is the unscrupulous judge a portrait of God? I don't think that's what Jesus has in mind, though certainly that is how some people look at the practice of prayer. They paint a picture of God as an unscrupulous judge or a petty bureaucrat or an arbitrary boss or an abusive parent. With such a picture before them, it's startling that they ever pray at all.

God is not like that. Instead, the Lord is the author of all justice and compassion. It may be that we are to imitate in our prayer the persistence shown by the widow, but if so, it is not because God is hard-hearted and uncaring.

Many people have trouble with prayer, or even give up the practice, because they think that praying is an exercise in telling God what he already knows, or persuading God to do what he wouldn't do otherwise, or somehow changing God in one way or another. Prayer, any prayer worthy of the name, is quite the opposite. The primary effect of prayer is not on God, but on us. God's love is already unconditional, his justice perfect, his compassion without limit. He recognizes our needs

even before we do. It's not God who needs to change, it is up to us to get in line with God's program, and prayer is a large part of how that comes about.

The story is told of a girl who watched a holy man praying at the riverbank. Once the man had finished his prayer, the girl approached him and asked, "Will you teach me to pray?" The holy man studied the girl's face and agreed to her request. He took her into the river. The holy man instructed her to lean over, so her face was close to the water. The girl did as she was told. Then the holy man pushed her whole head under the water. Soon the girl struggled to free herself in order to breathe. Once she got her breath back, she gasped, "What did you do that for?" The holy man said, "I gave you your first lesson." "What do you mean?" asked the astonished girl. He answered, "When you long to pray as much as you long to breathe, then I will be able to teach you how to pray."

In this gospel, Jesus used a parable to highlight that you can always be sure of God's help. A widow lady, a nobody, with nothing in her "corner" to convince an unjust judge to help her, went to him. An adversary was taking advantage of her. She could do nothing about it, so she went to the judge. He was unjust. He had no respect for God, nor cared for anyone under his charge. He did not even care for right and wrong. He cared only for HIMSELF! "Serving SELF" is a big temptation for every government official. There is power and access to money. It's been that way for years. In the Bible King Saul wanted what was good for King Saul! not what was right for serving the Lord or the Lord's people. He tried to kill David, the future king.

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

PARISH LITURGIES

—TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME—

**Tuesday October 21 - St. Cornelius and
St. Cyprian**
8:30 am + Mr. Lomangino

Wednesday October 22 - St. John Paul II
8:30 am **NO MASS**

Thursday October 23 - St. John of Capistrano
8:30 am + Maria Pietroiusti

Friday October 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret
8:30 am + Guido Bardaro
9:00 – 10:00 am Adoration

—THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday October 25 - St. Daria
4:00 Reconciliation
5:00 For: + Stan Brozny, + Pat & Leo Conlon, + Barbara Koufidis, + Juanita & Gaudencio Silva, + Maria & Juraj Varadzin, + Pete Petersen, + Eileen Raver, + Merrick Family, + Dr. Anthony Amaladoss, Int. Theresa Ogba & Family, Int. Fidelis & Mary Ogiamien, Int. Maria Leal

Sunday October 26
9:00 am For our
11:00 am Parishioners

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE

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World Mission Sunday – October 19, 2025

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Interested in exploring the Catholic Christian faith? The R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) at Saint Dominic Parish offers talks, prayer, and guidance to help adults understand and embrace the faith. If you or someone you know is considering this journey, please contact Fr. Ranjan D'Sa or Brian Thornton at the Parish Office.

YOUNG VINCENTIANS STUDY GROUP

Last year, the Young Vincentians' Study Group successfully supported high school students in their academic goals. This informal tutoring program pairs university students with high schoolers to foster learning, community, and friendship in a safe, supportive space. We're seeking university students willing to share their time, knowledge, and experience. The group meets Tuesdays from 5:00–6:15pm in the Parish Hall. To volunteer, please contact the parish office. Let's support even more students this year!

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MONTH

October is Diocesan Vocations Month. Please pray for those discerning vocations to marriage, priesthood, permanent diaconate, dedicated single life, and consecrated life—as consecrated virgins or religious priests, brothers, or sisters. As it's also the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, consider praying the Rosary, especially the Luminous Mysteries, for vocations. Learn more at: www.hamiltondiocese.com/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 2:00pm. The principal celebrant will be the Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!

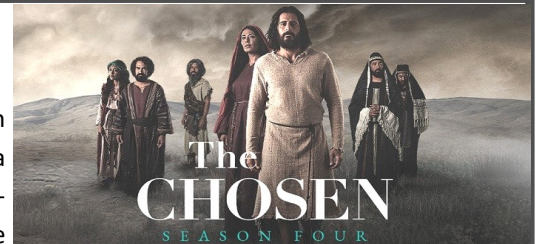
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THE CHOSEN SEASON FOUR



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:
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

Celebration of Life

**Celebration of Life - Mass on Wednesday,
November 12 @ 7:00 pm. Reception to follow.**

NOVENA TO SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

Join the Office of Youth Ministry and young people around the Diocese in praying the Novena to Saint Carlo Acutis towards his first feast day as a canonized saint. The Novena is available to download by visiting: <https://bit.ly/3WaUTQx>

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 on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 7:00pm, followed by a reception. To prepare, you're encouraged to read *33 Days to Morning Glory* by Fr. Michael Gaitley, starting November 5. Books can be picked up at the parish the weekend of November 1 for \$25. To order, contact colleengamble123@gmail.com or call 905-330-9537. This book can be used annually, making it a valuable resource.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET



Support the CWL Poinsettia Sale and decorate your home for Christmas while helping fund bursaries for St. Thomas Aquinas students and support charities like Shifra Homes and the Good Shepherd Centre. CWL members will be in the Narthex on weekends of Oct 18 & 25 and Nov 1 to collect orders and payments. Order deadline: Nov 5. Pickup: Christmas Market, Saturday, Nov 15.

Looking for rosary beads or need a repair? A vendor at this year's Christmas Market offers handmade rosaries and on-site repairs while you shop.

Ladies of the parish—consider joining the CWL! Volunteers will be in the Narthex on Oct 25/26 for new memberships, renewals, and questions. We'd love to welcome you!

LECTORS WORKSHOP

In this workshop, participants receive formation in Liturgy and Ministry. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. The workshop runs from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm Saturday, November 1, 2025, St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Burlington. Register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, October 20	Rev. Paul Niesiobedzki
Tuesday, October 21	Rev. Paul Patrick
Wednesday, October 22	Consecrated Virgins
Thursday, October 23	Rev. Msgr Pierre-Philippe Jean Pierre
Friday, October 24	Rev Archange Kebe
Saturday, October 25	Rev. Godwin Pinto O.C.D.

15th ANNUAL HCCF EVENING WITH BISHOP CROSBY

The Evening with the Bishop of Hamilton is always such a wonderful gathering of the Halton Catholic Community.

Join us in person on November 13, 2025, for an evening of entertainment, stories that will warm your heart, a keynote address by the Bishop of Hamilton, and a few special surprises...and you will be helping to raise much needed funds to help students in need.

For more information about the Evening with the Bishop, please contact Victoria Craig, Executive Director of HCCF-ed@hccf.ca or 905-802-0918.

VOCATIONS DANCE—NOVEMBER 7, 2025

Father Mark Morley invites the young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend a Regency period dance for dating couples and singles who are discerning the vocation of sacramental marriage on Friday, November 7, 2025, at Mount Mary Retreat Centre (437 Wilson Street West, Ancaster) starting at 7:00pm. The cost is \$20 per person. Online registration is required by Monday, November 3rd. Space is limited. For more information, contact the Vocations Office: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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