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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
*The Prayer of the Humble
Pierces the Clouds*
Fr. Ranjan D'Sa O.C.D.

*The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds,
and it will not rest until it reaches its goal
(Sir. 35: 21).*

Today's first reading is from the Book of Sirach. This book was very popular during the second temple period and was called many different names. Saint Jerome in Vulgate calls it 'The book of Jesus son of Sirach'. The book is full of short axioms on moral living. The early church used this book extensively in its catechism and moral instructions. Hence, this book was also named as 'Ecclesiasticus' which means 'the church's little book'.

In today's first reading, Sirach urges his readers to be considerate and be merciful toward poor and socially oppressed people. He tells them that God is merciful to them, for God hears their plea for help all the time. In a way, Sirach is telling us that God is a Just judge, but that He takes the side of the oppressed.

Since God is an impartial judge, we cannot and should not bribe God. Our human tendencies are to tempt the authority to like us and be favourable to our cause. These

tendencies are unconsciously transferred to God, and we believe we can influence God to be favourable toward us. Sirach, therefore, gives us some advice on how to please God. The best way to please God is never to oppress or harm any human being. God will bring justice to the oppressed for their cry for help does 'pierce through the clouds'.

In today's Gospel, Jesus presents a parable about a Pharisee and a tax collector. At the end of the parable the tax collector went home justified. In the parable, Jesus does not praise him or even approves his sins. He only points to those things that the tax collector is doing right in the presence of God, that is to acknowledge his sinfulness and his unworthiness to come into the presence of God.

At the time of Jesus, the Rabbis used to say that it is impossible for the tax collectors to get into the Kingdom of God for they would have to restore all they had usurped from others plus 20% more as a compensation. But for Jesus, the tax collector in the parable has taken a right first step in the process of his conversion. He had only one thing to give to God, and that was his numerous sins. His sins, though many, will be forgiven.

PARISH LITURGIES

—THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME—

Tuesday October 28 - St. Simon & St. Jude

8:30 am Int. Leanne Attong Gill

Wednesday October 29

8:30 am Int. Scaria Kurian

Thursday October 30

8:30 am + Alfredo Mancini

Friday October 31

8:30 am + Martina Clark
9:00 – 10:00 am Adoration

—COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED—

Saturday November 01 - All Saints

4:00 Reconciliation

5:00 For:

+ Jerry & Edith Bonett, + Ann Dupont,
+ Jose Pinheiro, + Alison Fernandez,
+ Geral McGraw, + Thomas Danko,
+ John Schembri, + Dr. Anthony Amaladoss,
+ Josie Suklje, Int. Kit & Eddie O'Hara

Sunday November 02 - All Souls Day

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
Feast day—October 28

NOTICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, October 28th.
Sorry for the inconvenience.

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 to attend.

MEMORIAL MASS AND BOOK OF LIFE

In remembrance of Saint Dominic’s deceased parishioners, a special **Memorial Mass** will be offered on **Wednesday, November 12th at 7:00 pm**. Refreshments will follow. All are welcome!

Prayers will be offered especially for those parishioners whose funerals were celebrated here between November 2024—October 2025. Their names will be displayed on ribbons which will hang from the Memorial Candle in front of the Ambo beginning the weekend of November 1st and 2nd.

Also, on the weekend of All Souls Day, November 1st & 2nd, we invite you to record names of your deceased family members or friends in our **Book of Life**. All of these people are remembered in each day’s Mass during the month of November.

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 for our final session of The Chosen on Thursday, October 30th in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm.

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



SANCTUARY LAMP

Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week in Memory of Martina Clark and for the Intentions of Fidelis & Mary Ogamien and for the Intentions of Leanne Attong Gill

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.

“The poor one called and the Lord heard.”

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET



Volunteers will be in the Narthex for the next two weekends (October 25 & November 1) to take orders for our CWL Pointsettia Sale. The order (and payment) deadline is November 5, with pickup at the Christmas Market on Saturday, November 15.

Please add our Christmas Market to your calendar and be sure to visit our returning crafters - Bethlehem Olivewood Crafts where you can shop handmade olive wood carvings, statues, nativity sets and more from the Holy Land and Homemade by Barbie, where charcuterie and cheese boards, magnets, Christmas ornaments and other gift items are on offer. You won’t want to miss our always amazing Bake Table, check out our Silent Auction items and check in to our Coffee Café. If you are in the market for a family photograph, check next week’s newsletter for information on booking an appointment with a photographer who will take professional Christmas-themed family photos. We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Market on November 15th.



ST. DOMINIC PARISH—ADVENT
EVENING OF LIGHT MONDAY DE-
CEMBER 8, 2025 AT 7:00PM

St. Dominic CWL and the Social Com-
mittee invite all friends and family to
celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate
Conception and the Hour of Grace on
Monday, December 8th, 2025 at
7:00pm, followed by a reception. All
are welcome to attend

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MONTH

For the young people of our diocese, that they may be inspired by their baptism into Christ, as beloved sons and daughters of the Father, to pray with humility and discern their vocations to Marriage, Priesthood, the Permanent Diaconate, the dedicated single life, or Consecrated Life, that is, as a Consecrated Virgin Living in the World, or as a Religious Priest, Sister or Brother.
www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION WORKSHOP



In this workshop, participants receive formation in Liturgy, Eucharist and Ministry, Spiritual Preparation, Diocesan Norms and Guidelines, and an opportunity to practice. It is ideal for those who are new to this ministry and a good refresher for experienced ministers. Participants receive a mandate from the Bishop of

Hamilton. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. The workshops runs from 9:30am to 3:00pm Saturday, November 22, 2025 at St. Raphael Parish, Burlington. Register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, October 27	Rev. John Ha
Tuesday, October 28	Rev. John Schnurr
Wednesday, October 29	Pallottine Fathers, S.A.C.
Thursday, October 30	Rev. Joseph Gregory Michel
Friday, October 31	Rev. Wilson Andrade, C.S.C.
Saturday, November 01	All Saints Day

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REMINDER

Daylight Saving Time Ends on November 2, 2025

15TH ANNUAL HCCCF 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

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH #172

As the weather turns colder and we spend more time indoors, it's a great season for quality family time. Instead of screens and online games, try a board game, puzzle, family book club, or movie night with discussion. Children talk to us and tell us things when they are ready, so the more time we spend together, the greater the chance we will hear about their concerns, joys, struggles and questions about the world. And don't forget, praying together daily and attending Mass as a family are beautiful ways to strengthen those connections.

"In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting the message of reconciliation."

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