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— 33 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— *Deacon Terry Murphy*

Luke’s Gospel reading is one that fundamentalist, Bible-thumping preachers would love because it speaks of the “hell, fire and brimstone” that will occur before Christ returns. That’s not the God that I know; the God who walks with me and forgives me when I stumble. Are we in the end times today? Maybe yes, maybe no. Although Christ mentions the signs of his return, and many of these signs are around us today, many of these signs also appeared in the past.

We often want to know what the future looks like. That’s why some people resort to seeing false prophets or teachers such as psychics and fortune-tellers. We have the only true psychic and fortune teller, and his name is Jesus. In our Gospel reading, Jesus tells us and the disciples what the future will be like, and he does not pull any punches. The future will not be easy for his followers as they do his work in our world. We must make our brothers and sisters in Christ (as well as the lost) feel the real need to be a part of the worshipping community.

In today’s Gospel Jesus foresees the opposition which we, His followers, will face. So, like a great general leading his troops into battle, He sets out to give us encouragement and strengthen our resolve to stand firm.

First, he foretells the kind of dangers that lie ahead. Christ’s followers would be persecuted, just as He was. They would be driven

from the synagogues for preaching in the name of Jesus. They would be arraigned in both pagan and Jewish courts. So great would be the opposition to the followers of Jesus that it would split families. In fact, all this has proved to be true throughout the history of the Church.

Since we could easily become discouraged after these dire warnings, Jesus then reassures. Opposition to our faith can provide us with the opportunity of explaining and defending it. That was certainly true when the apostles were brought before the courts. Less dramatically, that can be true for us whenever someone challenges our faith and Christian way of life, or simply wants to know more about what we believe.

But that in itself may be intimidating. We may well fear that we won’t be up to explaining our faith. We may fear that we don’t have sufficient understanding and eloquence. It’s a healthy attitude, which prevents us becoming conceited or complacent – providing it doesn’t become paralyzing.

So, Jesus reassures us for when we are called to witness to Him, instead of relying on our human powers of persuasion we should trust in the help He gives us in spreading the Good News.

In other words, God commits Himself to helping us when He calls us to do His work.

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

PARISH LITURGIES

—33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Tuesday November 18 - Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & Paul

8:30 am + Ann Marie Pegus

Wednesday November 19 - Bl. Salvatore Lilli

8:30 am + Georgina Bourke

Thursday November 20 - St. Proclus

8:30 am Int. Angela Camardo

Friday November 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am + Sten Brozny

9:00 – 10:00 am Adoration

—FEAST OF CHRIST, THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE—

Saturday November 22 - St. Cecilia

4:00 Reconciliation

5:00 For:

+ Santa Luigia Pestrin, + Joan Beaudette, + Mario Angeloni, Judith Wiklund, + John Duggan, + Mary Miller, + Donato & Guiseppina Ciaccia, + Artur & Zofia Kostrzewa, + Joseph Tessy, + Evelyn Conningo, + Carol Cassim

Sunday November 23

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



BOOK OF LIFE

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.

SPIRIT OF HOPE COLLECTION

As part of the Jubilee of Hope, the Church calls upon us to care for the poor and has designated the 33rd Sunday and week in Ordinary Time, "Week of the Poor." In response to this call, the Diocese of Hamilton has graciously forgiven the debts of many poor parishes, enabling them to continue their ministry with greater freedom and joy. Within our parish community, we have many people who need additional help for a decent living. We invite you to place your offering in an envelope marked, "Spirit of Hope Collection," so that we may bring a renewed spirit of hope to our brothers and sisters who are struggling. The "Spirit of Hope Collection" will be on the weekend of November 29th/30th, 2025.

SAVE THE DATE – WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10TH, ALTAR SERVER TRAINING AND PIZZA PARTY

All youth altar servers – current and new – are requested to attend a Workshop and Pizza Party on Wednesday, December 10th at 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm in the Church. The session will include training and updates on procedures applicable to all Masses and will be followed with a Pizza Party. This is an excellent opportunity for recent First Communicants and /or Confirmadi to join this important ministry.

Youth who currently are not enrolled in this ministry – please complete a yellow registration form available from the Mass sacristan or in the Gathering Centre at the Rebecca Street entrance. Please submit a completed form prior to December 10th and leave it in the basket provided.

*"Stand up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near."*



SANCTUARY LAMP

*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week
in Memory of D'Mello, Desa, Dagama,
Maciel and D'Lima Families*

SAINT DOMINIC CHRISTMAS DAY NATIVITY PLAY



Children in Grade 4 and up are invited to participate in our parish Christmas Family Mass as actors or readers! With Christmas fast-approaching we have limited time so your child must attend the following rehearsals if they wish to participate. **(High school helpers can get volunteer hours)**

St. Dominic Parish Youth Ministry will provide a nut-free snack at these rehearsals and the children are asked to bring a water bottle to each rehearsal. Please confirm your commitment to participating in the pageant by emailing Mrs. Colleen Gamble at 905-330-9537 or colleengamble123@gmail.com

Friday, November 28 th	4:00 pm—6:00 pm
Friday, December 5 th	4:00 pm—6:00 pm
Friday, December 12 th	4:00 pm—6:00 pm
Friday, December 19 th	4:00 pm—6:00 pm
Thursday, December 25 th we meet at the church meeting room to get prepared for the 11:00 am Christmas Day Mass	10:00 am sharp

Thank you Claire & Colleen Gamble.

RECONCILIATION IN ADVENT

Thursday, December 11th

6:30 pm—8:00 pm

with 3 confessors available to celebrate
this beautiful gift of forgiveness and
spiritual healing with our parishioners.

Please mark your calendars!



ST. DOMINIC PARISH
-ADVENT EVENING OF LIGHT-
MONDAY DECEMBER 08 AT 7:00 PM

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 8th, 2025 at 7:00 pm, followed by a reception. All are welcome to attend.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Sunday, November 16th marks the 9th World Day of the Poor, established in 2017 by Pope Francis and declared this year by Pope Leo with the theme, "You are my hope."

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul asks you to give hope to our less fortunate sisters and brother by donating to the special collection this weekend. There is an envelope in your box of Sunday envelopes, or you may donate directly on-line.

**A WALK WITH JESUS RETREAT DAY
 FOR GRIEVING PARENTS**

The loss of a child is the most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging and never truly leaves us. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us as we welcome Deacon Henry DeMena from North Carolina to join us in facilitating a retreat day for parents who have lost a child. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we invite you to join us for this day of healing and support. The retreat will be offered at the Church of Our Lady Basilica in Guelph from 9:00am to 4:00pm on November 22nd (lunch is included). Registration at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

"The Lord is coming to judge the peoples with equity."

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, November 17	Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.
Tuesday, November 18	Rev. Stipe Rotim, O.F.M.
Wednesday, November 19	Deceased Members of Our Parish Community
Thursday, November 20	Rev. Ljubo Branimir Lebo, O.F.M
Friday, November 21	Rev. Ilija Petkovic
Saturday, November	Rev. Vinko Nenadic

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Sunday November 30th, 2025 | 2 – 6 pm

The Knights of Columbus – Marian Council #3881 invites you to enjoy uplifting performances by choirs from local Catholic parishes in Oakville as we come together in song and spirit.

Location: St. Joseph's Portuguese Parish, 2451 Old Bronte Rd., Oakville

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 OF COMMUNION WORKSHOP**

In this workshop, participants receive formation in Liturgy, Eucharistic 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 workshop runs from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm Saturday, November 22, 2025, St. Raphael Parish, Burlington. Register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under [Upcoming Events/Workshops](#)

OAKVILLE PRAYER BREAKFAST

Join us for the 42nd Annual Oakville Prayer Breakfast 2025 on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 6:30 am at the Oakville Conference Centre, 2515 Wycroft Road, Oakville, L6L 6P8. Our guest speaker is Jeff Neven, CEO of Indwell. The cost is \$40.00. To purchase tickets or for more information, go to oakvilleprayerbreakfast.com

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