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## **THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.

*"Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." (Mt. 24: 40).*

Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ into this world. The word Advent is a pagan word meaning the "coming" of their deity. This word was also used for a "visit" of a king to a particular city or town. The early church applied this same word to celebrate the coming of Jesus, the Son of God at His birth at Bethlehem.

Advent, therefore, is a time to prepare and celebrate for the visit/coming of Christ into our world. We do this preparation in two distinct ways. Firstly, we go back into history and learn about His actual coming into this world. We try to learn the prophecies from the Old Testament which foretell the coming of a messiah. We also learn about the need of Christ's coming for the salvation of all humanity – past, present, and future.

In today's gospel, Jesus invites us to remain awake and vigilant so that we may not miss the visit of our God. Jesus is come to this world to bring the glory of God to us. We cannot afford to slumber and miss

the opportunity of seeing His marvelous works. When Jacob woke up from the dream in the Old Testament, he realized that God had come to Visit him, Jacob exclaimed *"Surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it!"* (Genesis 28:16)

Secondly, we prepare for His second coming or "Parousia". God comes to us every day of our lives. He is present when we do something godly – spread love, work for peace and reconciliation, and stand for justice. Definitely, He comes to us on the last day of our history – individual and of the world – to take us to Himself. Preparing for Christ's second coming entails preparing for His coming every day of our lives.

In the first reading, Isaiah invites his fellow Jews to follow the path of God. *"O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!"* (Isaiah 2: 5). Saint Paul, in the second reading, exhorts us saying *"Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light"* (Rom 13: 13).

During this advent season, let us long for the presence of Christ, who alone can dispel every form of darkness and struggle from us.

Come! Lord Jesus Come!

## PARISH LITURGIES

### —THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—

#### **Tuesday December 02 - St. Bibiana**

8:30 am + Angela & Stephan Chon

#### **Wednesday December 03 - St. Francis Xavier**

8:30 am + Bill Wojnia

#### **Thursday December 04 - St. John Damascene**

8:30 am + Sundeep Khosla

#### **Friday December 05 - Bl. Margaret of Citta-di-Castello**

8:30 am + Marcello

9:00 – 10:00 am **Adoration**

### —THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—

#### **Saturday December 06 - St. Nicholas**

4:00 Reconciliation

5:00 For:

Int. CWL of Hamilton Diocese, + Sybil O'Leary, Int. William Paik, + John Duggan, + Eleanor & Ven Diana Salcedo, + Leo De Meyo

#### **Sunday December 07**

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



### RECONCILIATION IN ADVENT

Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm—8:00 pm

Three confessors will be available to celebrate this beautiful gift of forgiveness and spiritual healing with our parishioners. Please mark your calendars!

### FIRST WEDDING BANNES

The following couple has given notice of their intention to enter into the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony:

**Brian Gomes, son of Thomas and Mabel Flavia Gomes**, residing at 396 Salisbury Drive, Oakville, Ontario, L6L 3W3, Canada and **Carol Aranha, daughter of Clarence and Helen Aranha**, residing at Andheri East, Mumbai, 400093, India.

If anyone knows of any reason why this couple should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony according to the law of Christ and His Church, you are bound to declare it to the parish priest without delay. Let us keep Brian and Carol in our prayers as they prepare to enter into this sacred covenant.

### SAVE THE DATE – WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Confirmandi 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 10<sup>th</sup> and leave it in the basket provided.

*“Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.”*

### SANCTUARY LAMP



*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week  
for Alicia Desa & Mike Suta  
Mr. Gerry De Silva  
Mrs. Dorothy De Silva*

We pray for the repose of the soul of our dearly departed, especially, **Mrs. Natalie Crosby, mother of His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, O.M.I.** and for **Mr. Lawrence Lobsinger, father of His Excellency, Bishop Lobsinger.**  
*May they through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



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

The St. Dominic CWL and Social Committee invite all friends and family to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the Hour of Grace on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 pm, followed by a reception. All are welcome to attend!



### Christmas – The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, December 24 – 5:00 pm

7:15 pm

11:30 pm

*Note: Carols begin 15 minutes before Mass on Christmas Eve.*

Thursday, December 25 – 9:00 am

11:00 am (Children’s Nativity Play)

### The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31 – 5:00 pm

Thursday, January 01 – 10:00 am

## 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, December 5 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm—6:00 pm
Friday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm—6:00 pm
Friday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm—6:00 pm
Thursday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> we meet at the Bodner (narthex) meeting room	10:00 am sharp

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - MARIAN COUNCIL 3881 CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE 2025



The Knights of Columbus Marian Council 3881 will be having a Christmas Dinner & Dance on Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> at Saint Dominic Parish Centre. Doors open at 6:15 pm and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$35. Children 12 and under are

\$15. There will be a 50/50 Draw, Cash Bar, Live Band and DJ. This event is catered by Big Bones BBQ. Festive attire is encouraged. To purchase your tickets, please use this QR code. For more information, please contact Rod at 905-691-4700.



HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, December 01	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Tuesday, December 02	Very Rev. Msgr Cornelius O'Mahoney
Wednesday, December 03	Order of Preachers, (Dominican), O.P.
Thursday, December 04	Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
Friday, December 05	Rev. Bill Foote
Saturday, December 06	Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, MARIAN COUNCIL #3881, OAKVILLE

Presents

### ADVENT CHORALS

Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>, 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**

### OAKVILLE PRAYER BREAKFAST

Join us for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oakville Prayer Breakfast 2025 on Wednesday, December 03, 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. For more information, go to [oakvilleprayerbreakfast.com](http://oakvilleprayerbreakfast.com)

### ST. GABRIEL'S CHRISTMAS MARKET

St. Gabriel's Christmas Market Saturday & Sunday December 6 & 7 from 11:00 AM—4:00 PM, 2261 Parkway Drive, Burlington, ON Join us for festive fun! Enjoy a Christmas Photo Booth, handmade crafts, unique gifts, and delicious food and drinks. All profits support the remodel of their beloved parish hall. Learn more: [saintgabrielmarket.ca](http://saintgabrielmarket.ca)

*"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."*

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