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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT —Deacon Terry Murphy

Today on this second Sunday of Advent, we meet John the Baptist. And if you'll notice, we always meet John the Baptist this week; John is always the subject of the gospel in the second Sunday of Advent. John the Baptist is *"the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight.'"* (Mt. 3:3)

Isn't it interesting that the gospel tells us that the Lord needs a way, a path, prepared in order to come to us? Isn't it interesting that the Lord, God, needs something from us, God's creation, in order to come to us in the way in which God would like. This fits in with the nature of John the Baptist's mission—a mission of preparation. It is a beginning, not an ending.

While we are preparing to make room in our homes for more stuff, John is asking us to prepare room for God, to make room for God.

But maybe after listening to John it's tempting to look at the advent wreath, with its two lit candles, and see the season of Advent as merely the countdown to Christmas. Let's leave this wild man behind. We know Christmas came last year. It will come again this year just like it has for over 2000 years. It's only a few more weeks away. So maybe we can dismiss John's message as just another folktale. Maybe it's the rambling of a guy who's spent too much time by himself in the desert eating grasshopp-

pers. Or perhaps we hear the message and think about all those other people to whom it applies. You know, the Pharisees the Sadducees and the C&E Catholics; someone other than us. But we can't do that.

Every year in Advent, we remind ourselves, as John reminds us today, that Jesus is coming, and that means we need to repent, to change, to force ourselves into new ways of seeing the world and ourselves. Repentance isn't just regret, it's not just saying, "I'm sorry." Repentance means turning down a new road, finding a new path, it means change.

John reminds us that our hope carries with it obligation. If Jesus is coming, if God has – in fact – never left us alone in the first place and will someday become real, touchable, flesh again; there are a few things we had better think about. *"Repent!"* John cries, *"Change!"* But why? What does the arrival of God, the nearness of the kingdom of Heaven, have to do with us changing?

Because, if what we do here in this life is about more than making ourselves feel good; If God is real and Jesus is coming, then everything that common sense tells us about our world and our priorities is wrong... dead wrong; because Jesus sets an entirely different standard. Wealth? It's worthless before a savior who said, *"Blessed are the poor."* Power? According to Jesus the real power lies among the meek

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

## PARISH LITURGIES

—THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—

**Monday December 08** - *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00 pm 33 Days / Advent Light Service

**Tuesday December 09** - *St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*

8:30 am Int. Ezre Gill

**Wednesday December 10** - *Our Lady of Loreto*

8:30 am + Alexis Miller

**Thursday December 11** - *Pope St. Damasus I*

8:30 am + Alfredo Mancini

6:30 pm Parish Advent Reconciliation

**Friday December 12** - *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

8:30 am + Guido Bardaro

9:00 – 10:00 am **Adoration**

—THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—  
BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

**Saturday December 13** - *St. Lucy*

4:00 Reconciliation

**5:00** For:

+ Monica Lim, + Angela Chon,  
+ John Schembri, + Gerald McGraw, + John Duggan, + Angela & Antonio Paccione,  
Int. Senra Family, + Souls in Purgatory

**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!

### BAMBINELLI SUNDAY



For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families in Rome. The blessing generally takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent, and is known as *Bambinelli*

*Sunday*. The blessing of the ‘*Bambinelli*’ – as they are known – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Masses on the weekend of December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> to be blessed, as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing, you are encouraged to take your bambinelli home and place it in a gift box. Wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day, and as you lay Jesus in the manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

### 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!

*“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*

### SANCTUARY LAMP



*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week*

*In Memory of Mr. Laki de Silva,  
In Memory of Sybil O’Leary and  
For the Intentions of the Paikeday Family*

### SECOND WEDDING BANNIS

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.



### 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 Masses 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



### FLAME FINDERS YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS BONANZA!

All youth and families are invited to join us for a fun and festive evening as we celebrate the joy of the Advent and Christmas seasons! Come and enjoy food, games, crafts, music, and more as we build community and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

**Date:** Tuesday December 09  
**Time:** 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
**Location:** Saint Dominic School



This is a wonderful opportunity for young people to connect, have fun, and grow together in faith during this season of hope and generosity.

### 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 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.

*"In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound forever"*

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, December 08	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday, December 09	Rev. Ronald Voisin
Wednesday, December 10	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, C.Ss.R
Thursday, December 11	Young Adult Catholics
Friday, December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe National Day of Prayer Indigenous People
Saturday, December 13	Rev. Michale Mc Hugh

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### SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday offering envelopes for 2026 are available in the Narthex for all who are currently using envelopes. If you do not see your envelope box on the table, please leave your name on the paper provided or contact the parish office.

### DECORATING COMMITTEE

The Decorating Committee of Saint Dominic Parish is looking for new members to help with decorating our church for the Advent/Christmas Seasons, the Easter Season and for Special Occasions in between. If you have some extra time in your busy schedule and think you may like to be part of this group, please contact the parish office. No experience is necessary!

### 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.



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