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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

—Father Ranjan D'Sa O.C.D.

We are just a few days away from Christmas. There is a lot of excitement and joy in the air. We are ready to celebrate the birth of our Messiah, the Son of God. This feast is about us and our salvation. We are celebrating the feast of the beginning of our own salvation. From the perspective of Easter, the celebration of Christmas is very meaningful as Jesus, our salvation, is coming to us.

Today's liturgies draw us into the mood of Christmas. We see a virgin pregnant and ready to give birth. By the revelation of God, Joseph is asked to accept Jesus as his son and take care of both mother and the child. In his second letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul tells us that 'every promise that God has made, has been fulfilled in Christ' (rf. 2Cor 1:20). Through Joseph, God fulfills the promise God made to David through the prophet Nathan, "Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever" (2 Sam 7: 16)

In today's second reading, Saint Paul gives us a complete identity of Christ in a few words. In fact, it is a short formula of our profession of faith. Speaking of Christ, Paul says that Jesus is "descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the Spirit" (Rom 1: 3-4). So, by flesh, Jesus is a son of David and heir to the throne of Israel and in the Spirit (conceived by the Holy Spirit), He is the Son of God. That is also true of the Eucharist – at consecration,

what is worldly – the bread of wheat – by the power of the Holy Spirit becomes the body of Christ. It is the coming of Christ into our daily life, in the liturgy of the Eucharist through the Holy Spirit.

Saint Matthew sees the virginal birth of Christ as a fulfillment of the Old Testament prophesy. The kings of Damascus and Samaria were planning a siege on Judah. King Ahaz felt threatened, so he made an alliance with Assyria, a superpower of that time. This plan did not go well with Prophet Isaiah who confronted the King Ahaz saying that any alliance with the superpower would end in disaster for Judah, because Jerusalem would become either colonized or destroyed. Prophet Isaiah urged the king to keep his trust in God and God's promise to David, made through Prophet Nathan. As a result, Prophet Isaiah gave him a sign: "The young woman (virgin) shall be with a child and shall be called Immanuel" (Is 7: 10).

Ahaz did not follow the request of the prophet and failed to trust God's message. Assyria colonized Jerusalem and though he was a good king, Hezekiah (son of Ahaz) did not fulfill all the prophecies. People waited for the messiah, the promised everlasting king, to come and fulfill all the prophecies of Isaiah. Matthew now sees that this promise of Isaiah is being fulfilled in Christ. Jesus is the Son of God and son of David, yet born of the Virgin. He will become Emanuel, God-with-us, through His death and Resurrection. –

PARISH LITURGIES

—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—

Tuesday December 23

8:30 am

+ Patrick Doyle

—CHRISTMAS – SOLEMNITY OF THE
NATIVITY OF THE LORD—

Wednesday December 24

5:00 pm

Carols begin 15 minutes

7:15 pm

before masses on

11:30 pm

Christmas Eve.

Thursday December 25

9:00 am

11:00 am – with Children's Nativity Pageant

Friday December 26

NO MASS

—THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH—

Saturday December 27

4:00

Reconciliation

5:00

For:

+ Pat Conlon, + McKenna Family,
+ John Schembri, + John Duggan,
+ Merrick Family, + Kathleen Corona

Sunday December 28

9:00 am

For our

11:00 am

Parishioners



On behalf of Father Ranjan and staff at Saint Dominic's,
Merry Christmas to you and your family!



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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable. As Pope Paul VI said, "the Mass is the perfect form of prayer!" One single Mass has more value than all the good words of men, because the Eucharistic Celebration is the work of God, Himself. If you would like to purchase a Mass Intention for someone (living or deceased), please contact the parish office. The cost is \$10.00 per intention.)

*"May the Lord come in;
he is king of glory."*

SANCTUARY LAMP



*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week
In Memory of Mr. Kingsley and Mrs. Claudia Wickremasinghe
In Memory of Wynes Riggs-Long
In Memory of Pat Conlon
In Memory of Stephanie & Nick Lakusta*

CLOSE OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE



All are welcome to join Bishop Crosby and Bishop Lobsinger for the close of the Jubilee Year at a Eucharistic Celebration on Sunday, December 28, 2025 at 3:00 pm in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. We will have an opportunity during this Mass to offer thanks for Bishop Crosby's ministry as Bishop of Hamilton at this celebration.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION & GAMES NIGHT

On Wednesday December 31st, 2025, we'll be ringing in the New year with a **family-friendly Games Night** right here at the parish! This year's theme is "New Year's Around the World." The event is FREE, and we warmly invite everyone to bring an appetizer or treat that represents your culture, heritage, or family tradition to share with the group. **Event Details:** Doors will open at 6:00 pm. We will have a special countdown and toast will take place around 8:00 pm (we'll roll the clocks ahead so everyone, especially kids—can celebrate!). Our Games Masters will be hosting fun, interactive games for all ages. It's a wonderful, local way to celebrate the New Year with our parish family. We hope you'll join us!

FIDDLESTIX DINNER AND DANCE

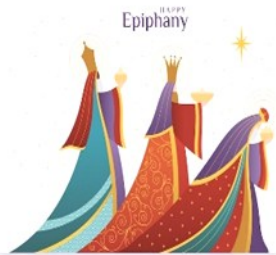
Back by popular demand for the third year in a row, we welcome back Bronte's favourite local band **FIDDLESTIX** with their crowd-pleasing favourites, as well as some brand-new tunes. Tickets will go on sale in January 3rd.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Parishioners are invited to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp that hangs above the tabernacle. This candle burns 24 hours a day, 7 days a week as a sign of honour to Our Lord. If you wish to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp for a special intention during a specific week, please contact the parish office. The cost is a \$10 donation per week. Your intention will be noted in our weekly bulletin.

SAINT DOMINIC PARISH

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING 2026



In the time-honoured tradition for many Catholics throughout the world, the Social Committee will again be distributing Epiphany Blessing Kits that will enable you to chalk the doors of your homes, to welcome Christ and ask God's blessing over your families and homes for the coming year. Kits

will be given away in the Narthex after each Mass on the weekend of January 3-4 and will include blessed chalk, blessed salt and holy water, along with instructions on how to perform the blessing of your home.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

"The virgin shall be with child and bear a son; and they shall name him Emmanuel: God is with us."

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, December 22	Rev. Richard Dorduni
Tuesday, December 23	Rev. Robert Kiffman
Wednesday, December 24	Consecrated Virgin Candidates
Thursday, December 25	The Nativity of the Lord
Friday, December 26	Rev. Jason Kuntz
Saturday, December 27	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk

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RESTART: MOVING FORWARD

Have you experienced a divorce or separation? Are you looking to learn ways to cope, for support from others and to gain a feeling of moving forward? Our 10 week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal or simply learn more. The sessions will run Tuesdays from Feb. 17 – April 21, 2026 from 7 – 9 pm and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King Street West, in person. The cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration online can be found by going to hamiltondiocese.com and looking for the date under Upcoming Events, or by contacting Sarah 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com

ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM

This program provided the opportunity to increase awareness of yourself and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem. It can help you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will run Tuesdays from February 17 – April 21, 2026 from 7 – 9 pm at the Chancery Office 700 King Street West, Hamilton. The cost is \$35 for materials. Registration online can be found by going to hamiltondiocese.com and looking for the date under Upcoming Events, or by contacting Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com

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