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## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

—Deacon Terry Murphy.

Last Sunday we celebrated Jesus' baptism. At every Baptism celebration the rite opens with the same question: What name have you given to your child? It's an important question. Why were you given the name you have? Why did we choose the names of our children? Maybe the name is to develop a relationship with a special saint or to honour a significant person in a child's life. If you could give yourself a new name, what would it be?

Today's text from John's gospel continues the story of Jesus' baptism. Here the focus is on John the Baptist and his prophetic role in announcing Jesus as the Promised Messiah. On this occasion the description John uses of Jesus as the "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

As we grow into our baptism we grow in the knowledge of who we are, not just as individuals but as a people. We are God's beloved, and the Lamb of God comes to wash away our sin. Are we broken? Yes. Are we sinful? Yes. Are we God's beloved? Yes.

Fr. Richard Rohr says: "We are not loved because we're good; we become good because we're loved." There was a book from back in 1967, "I'm Okay, You're Okay"? Today's Gospel says, "I'm not okay, you're not okay." But I am beloved and you are beloved. This journey that we make together as a holy family of faith is a journey into believing the truth of our baptism. The Sacrament of Baptism is received once in our life, and this Sacrament launches us on a journey to grow into believing that you and I are God's beloved, despite our brokenness, despite that fact that we're not okay, despite

the fact that we do terrible things to one another and to ourselves. God never, ever, turns his back on us. Jesus shed his blood not to appease some angry God. Jesus' death changes nothing in the heart of God because God's promise is eternal love.

But that blood shed for us is the eternal promise that we might believe and never forget how much God loves us ---- Despite our faults and our failings ----- Despite our inconsistencies as individuals, ----as a church, ----as a nation and as a world. We are a broken people. And still Jesus comes to say, "I love you, I forgive you, let me wash you clean. Let me renew the power of your baptism every day."

I have spent a lot of time visiting some of the inmates in prison. Most of the inmate/friends that I have met inside there are very aware of their sins and seek healing and forgiveness. They appreciate that God is just and expects change, but we live in a world where the notion that we are sinners needing a Savior from God's judgment is really out of sync.

If we aren't sinners, then we don't need a Savior. If God isn't absolutely holy and just, then we don't need a Savior who died to satisfy God's wrath against our sin. If He has already saved us by our Baptism and is only "loving," then we don't need to fear His judgment. All we need is a "friend" who can urge us all to be more loving to each other.

John the Baptist did not preach that kind of message. His message was, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

## PARISH LITURGIES

### THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Tuesday January 20 - St. Fabian**

8:30 am + Eardley Riggs-Long

**Wednesday December 21 - St. Agnes**

8:30 am + Stan Brozny

**Thursday December 22**

8:30 am + Gerald McGraw

**Friday December 23**

8:30 am + Guido Bardaro

9:00 am Adoration

### THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday December 24 - St. Anthony**

4:00 Reconciliation

5:00 For:

+ John Duggan, + Alphonsus & Elsie Whiffen, + Maria dos Anjos Pereira, + George Hutter, + Rogelio Avenido, + Tomasz Skicki, Int Eric Skicki

**Sunday December 25**

9:00 am For our

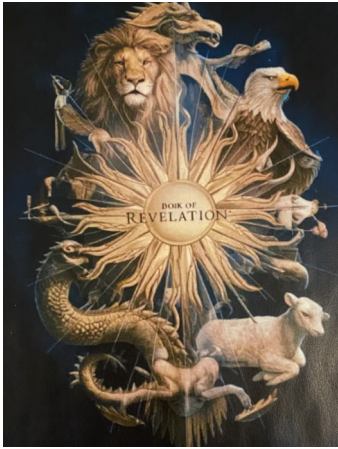
11:00 am Parishioners



### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself to our pastor, Fr. Ranjan after the weekend Masses and fill out one of our registration forms found at the church entrances.

### UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION



You are invited to join Fr. Ranjan D'Sa and Dr. Peter Swirzon on a journey into the timeless and mysterious mystical realm of the Book of Revelation where the secrets of God's plan of salvation are revealed in symbols and imagery, in mysterious prophesies and allegorical figures. It promises to be a journey filled with intrigue, puzzling paradoxes and enigmas. For 10 Weeks starting

Wednesday, January 14th from 7:00pm - 8:30pm in St. Dominic Parish Centre.

### PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Are you looking for a convenient, secure and easier way to make your Sunday donation to your Parish? Pre-Authorized Giving offers many benefits. It is convenient, secure and confidential. It is a method of direct withdrawal from your bank account. It is a system that eliminated the need to have cash on hand each Sunday, write cheques each Sunday, and remember to bring the Sunday offering envelope to church. A means of generating a tax receipt which lowers your income tax.

For more information, please contact Saint Dominic Parish Office at (905)827-2373

*"The Word became flesh and lived among us. To all who received him, he gave the power to become children of God."*

### SANCTUARY LAMP



*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week  
In Thanksgiving  
and for the Intentions of the Riggs-Long Family*

### 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

We pray for the repose of the soul of our dearly departed, especially, **Moira Coffey**.

May they through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



### FIDDLESTIX DINNER & DANCE

Back by popular demand, we welcome back Bronte's favourite local band Fiddlestix. Tickets are available after Mass in the Narthex. The cost is \$35 per person.

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Our traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper returns on Tuesday, February 17th, 2026! This year's event will once again feature:

- A "Toppings Bar" with fresh fruit and a variety of delicious toppings.
- The return of our Chocolate Fountain—a crowd favourite.

Tickets fo on sale the weekend of February 24th. The cost is \$15 per person and \$10 per child.

Bring your families and join us for this wonderful tradition as we prepare to enter Lent together.

Thank you for your continued support!

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is calculable. 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.)

### SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

**“The word of God dwell among you.” (Col 3:16)**

The Third Sunday of Ordinary time marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to review its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. This is the seventh annual celebration of this special day in the life of the Catholic Church. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for your celebration of Bible Sunday 2026. For more information, visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>

### YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults night will be on Saturday, February 7th at St. Michael’s Church, Waterloo, Ontario. This event is sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

*“Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.”*

#### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, January 19	Rev. Donald Wilhelm
Tuesday, January 20	Rev. Arpee Nicolas Urquico
Wednesday, January 21	Hospitaller Order of St. John of God, O. H.
Thursday, January 22	Rev. Guillermo Diaz
Friday, January 23	Rev. Paul Edmondstone
Saturday, January 24	Rev. Grzegorz Ogorzalek

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 18, 2026

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: [vocations@hamiltondioces.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondioces.com)

### PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY, SICILY, GREECE & TURKEY

Father Wilson Andrade from Raphael’s Church in Burlington would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join their 12-day pilgrimage from May 20-May 31, 2026, from Rome to Athens, featuring a 7-night cruise onboard the Sun Princess. Stops include Naples, Capri, Crete, Ephesus, the house of Mary, Mykonos and Athens. The cost is \$5,340 per person. Limited seats available, please register before January 25th, 2026. For more information, please contact **Lin T. at International Tours 416-837-9306**

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

The Diocese of Hamilton provided formation for Ministers of the Word to exercise a very important ministry at Mass. It is ideal for both parishioners new to this ministry or considering it, as well as a good refresher for experienced Ministers of the Word. There is always good participant sharing. Participation is limited to 75 people. The cost is \$35 and included lunch. Saturday, January 24, 2026, St Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON, from 9:30am to 3:00pm. Participants register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

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