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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

—Deacon Terry Murphy

Very few drivers come to a complete stop at the stop sign near our condo.

Maybe they think the sign is only a suggestion. Are God’s laws merely suggestions? The psalmist treats God’s law with the utmost seriousness. He declares in Psalm 119, “*My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.*”

Jesus taught his listeners how serious God’s law is. He explained that he did not come to abolish the law or any of God’s commands; he came to fulfill them. And he said that not even the smallest letter or the least stroke of a pen would be eliminated from the law. Moreover, Jesus says there will be great rewards for keeping God’s laws and great penalties for not keeping them.

The problem, though, is that none of us can keep God’s law perfectly because—at heart—we are all in rebellion against God and his Word. What can we do?

In Father Richard Rohr’s book, “The Naked Now” he writes about one of his favorite topics, dualism. Who is in, who is out? Who holds the real faith? Who are the pretenders? —which certainly fits with our readings today. But in the book, he tells a story of Mother Teresa, who began The Home for the Dying in Calcutta. It is a place where the people dying in the streets of Calcutta are given medical attention and allowed to die with dignity according to the ritual of their faith;

Muslims were read the Quran, Hindus received waters from the Ganges and the Catholics received the Last Rites. Mother Teresa, who lived her faith so passionately, would not allow her sisters to talk about Jesus or even promote Jesus to the sick and dying. She told them, rather, “to be Jesus.” What an example of bearing fruit!

On this St. Valentine’s weekend, we have an opportunity to also bear fruit. We can follow the example of Mother Teresa and love each other. Love each other – not with the love that depends on chemistry, mood, and feelings – nor even with the love that depends on the behaviour of others, but love each other with the kind of love that Christ refers to in today’s gospel.

The kind of love I mean is the love that goes beyond what seems right according to the letter of the law, and enters into the Spirit of what God wants for us – the love that enters into feeding others – into healing others – into showing grace to others – into giving peace to others: The love that values others, regardless of who they are or what they have or have not done.

Someone once caught WC Fields reading the Bible. “What are you doing?” asked the person. “Looking for loopholes.” growled Fields. With love there is no loophole, no escape hatch, no clauses that say the deal can be revoked if this or that condition is not met. Love is total – it is unconditional – or it is not love at all. Think of the words of Jesus we heard read a few minutes ago.

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

## PARISH LITURGIES

—SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

**Tuesday February 17 - *The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order***

8:30 am Int. Xavier Papazov

**Wednesday February 18 - *Ash Wednesday***

8:30 am Ash Wednesday

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday

**Thursday February 19 - *Bl. Álvarez of Cordova***

8:30 am Int. Isaiah Papazov

**Friday February 20 - *Ss. Francisco & Jacinta Marto***

8:30 am + Ralph Rafauli

9:00 am Adoration

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

—FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT—

**Saturday February 21 - *St. Peter Damian***

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm For: + John Duggan, Int. Maria Wojdyla, Int. Stanislaw Skicki, + Marilyn Bertrand, + Christopher Magnus, + Estrela dos Flores Ribeiro, + Joseph Lia, + Leanne & Jayden Staal, + Mina Escribano Rodrigues, Int. Charlene Ward

**Sunday February 22**

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



Our traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper returns on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 will be on sale this weekend after Mass. The cost is \$15 per person and \$10 per child.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday. There will be two Masses that day, one at 8:30 am, and another one at 7:00 pm.



### LENT

Lent is here. The main purpose of Lent is to prepare ourselves adequately for the celebrations of Easter which is the feast of Jesus' resurrection – the feast of our salvation. We prepare for Easter by prayer, fasting, and penance. A traditional form of prayer is the communal celebration of **The Way of the Cross**. The Way of the Cross helps us to understand and relive in our own ways the passion of Christ. Every Friday, beginning **February 20, at 7:00 pm** we will celebrate **The Way of the Cross**. Please join us with your family. Let us make this lent a special one.

### MADE FOR HEAVEN



Following the Stations of the Cross, each Friday during Lent, we invite you to watch a brief reflection from Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR.

This Lent, enter the wilderness with Jesus to experience grace, freedom, and transformation with our Lord.

### SANCTUARY LAMP



*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week  
In Memory of Ephraim Guytinco and  
In Memory of Benedicta Izehiuwa Ogiamien*

### BOOK OF REVELATION – SESSION UPDATE

There will be no "Unlocking the Secrets of the Book of Revelation" Session this Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> because it is Ash Wednesday. You are all welcome to join us for evening Mass at 7:00 pm.

Unlocking the Secrets of the Book of Revelation sessions will resume on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. This session will be held in the church at 7:00 pm.

### SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION



**Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
in the Church.**

*Parents are also invited to set a good example by going to Confession.*

### YOUTH MINISTRY

There will be no Youth Ministry at Saint Dominic School this Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Youth Ministry will resume on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

### PARISH PENANCE CELEBRATION

There will be a Parish Penance Celebration on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

*"Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom."*

## ST. DOMINIC PARISH GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY



We are looking for students in grade 7 to grade 12—who will perform the Gospel Passion on Friday April 3rd, at the 11:00 Good Friday Liturgy.

Rehearsals are from 4—6pm Friday, February 13, February 27, Friday, March 6, and Friday March 27 at St Dominic Parish. (Food will be provided)

Please contact Colleen & Claire Gamble at colleengamble123@gmail.com or the Parish Office if you are interested or a School Chaplain.

## THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday,

May 31, 2026 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance.) Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com), or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

## HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, February 16	Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I
Tuesday, February 17	Rev. Robert Love
Wednesday, February 18	Ash Wednesday
Thursday, February 19	Rev. Jeffery Oehring
Friday, February 20	Rev. Francesco Cucchi
Saturday, February 21	Rev. Mark Gatto

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## ST. GABRIEL'S FUNDRAISING GALA

Parishioners from our neighbouring parish community are warmly invited to join us for an evening of fellowship, fine dining and support of the St. Gabriel's Parish Hall Remodel Project. Your presence and generosity will help create a welcoming space for parish ministries, celebrations and community life. The Fundraising Gala will be on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Purchase your tickets by the early bird deadline to be entered for a chance to win a cottage weekend getaway – a special thank-you-prize for early support. Buy Tickets: [www.saintgabrielgala.com](http://www.saintgabrielgala.com) – and click "BUY YOUR TICKET" to reserve your seat. We look forward to worshipping, celebrating and strengthening our parish community together!

*"Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!"*

## PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

We are constantly teaching our kids by what we choose to make priority. We encourage schoolwork to be done well, engage in extra-curricular activities for fun and development, pray and attend Mass so faith stays at the forefront of our family values. We are however, also teaching our children when we are not trying to teach them. In those moments we are silently saying, you matter and I love being with you, that family time to relax is vital to good mental health and that undertaking chores together connects us as a family. So, enjoy the non-teaching times because they matter more than you might think!

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