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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Accepting Faith

Fr. Ranjan D'Sa O.C.D.

Lent is a time to help catechumens make their final decision in accepting faith on Easter Sunday. Catechumens have the privilege of knowing and understanding faith through catechists, the community, their own sponsors, and daily prayers. Now in Lent, they receive their final set of instructions. In the early church, it was their own bishop who imparted those lessons.

The first reading is about the beginning of faith in one true God. It is about the call of Abraham to trust and live a life of faith in Yahweh. There is one condition for the new life in faith – Abraham had to give up everything that was his own and familiar to him. Abraham was asked to leave his hometown, his relatives, his business, his property, his comfortable life in the most prosperous kingdom of Babylon that gave him security. And he was asked to leave behind his former faith, which also was very familiar to him.

We cannot and should not embrace faith for our convenience. Faith demands radical change. Catechumens will have to change their entire life and embrace new realities. In one of his homilies, Bishop Douglas Crosby narrated a story of a woman who was in the

process of becoming a catholic. At the 'rite of the election', the Catechumens gather with the bishop to show their intent in embracing faith. This woman carried her little child to the table and placed the child on it, beside the book that she would sign. The Bishop observed that the child was looking intently at everything as it happened. This little child did not know that this whole process would impact her life forever.

Now in the Gospel, the catechumens were given some idea of how to model their lives in faith. After embracing this new life, they were asked to listen to the voice of Christ alone. The vignette of the transfiguration takes place on the mountain peak, where Jesus is transformed into beyond this earthly Avatar. Then the disciples hear a voice affirming to them that it is Jesus, the beloved Son of God, and they were asked to listen to Him. Life-giving words come only from the mouth of Jesus. The catechumens now should learn to listen daily to Christ. Jesus' words will transform their life for eternity.

What about us who are cradle Christians? It is a time to reflect on how much our lives are transformed by the words of Christ. Unless we let go of our attachments, there is no room for a new life of faith. Let us take a journey with Abraham to a new 'Promised Land flowing with milk and honey'! –

PARISH LITURGIES

—SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT—

Tuesday March 03 - St. Katharine Drexel

8:30 am + Geraldine St Aubin

Wednesday March 04 - St. Casimir

8:30 am + Lauraine Leblanc

Thursday March 05 - St. John Joseph of the Cross

8:30 am + George Hutter

Friday March 06 - St. Collette

8:30 am + Ralph Rafauli

9:00 – 10:00 am Adoration

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—

Saturday March 07 - Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm For:

+ Theresa Clunies, + Denise Snowdon, + John Duggan, + Mona Wilush, + Franciszek Jachym, + Edward Krystyna, + Int. Todd Ward, + Don Prince, + Monica Singh

Sunday March 08

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners

For some Lenten Resources, visit saintdominic.ca/lent



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will be having Stations of the Cross to prepare ourselves adequately for the celebration of Easter. Please come and join us every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 pm to celebrate the Way of the Cross.

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.

PARISH PENANCE CELEBRATION

There will be a Parish Penance Celebration on March 19th, 2026 beginning at 6:30 pm.

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER

If you would like to advertise your business in our parish newsletter, we have a few spaces available. For more information, please contact the parish office at 905-827-2373 or email: office@saintdominic.ca

PARENTING TIP

Parenting is a profound vocation, one that requires great stamina and loads of love. Fortunately, God has provided parents with both! Character is at the forefront of all parenting because our kids are watching more than listening! The task of parents, once they bring life into this world, is to centre themselves on guiding their children to maturity. It is a job that requires ongoing learning, teaching, and always witnessing to our faith. No one has a greater influence on a child than their parents. Embrace your vocation with dedication and perseverance. Ask God for guidance and support and be confident that your children, by observing you, will learn to be wonderful, faith-filled adults whose lives will find joy and success!

*“From the bright cloud the Father’s voice is heard:
This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him.”*

SANCTUARY LAMP



*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week
in Memory of Theresa Clunies*

LISTENING AND FASTING POPE LEO XIV'S MESSAGE FOR LENT 2026

Pope Leo XIV's message for Lent 2026, entitled "Listening and Fasting – Lent as a Time of Conversion," was published on Friday, February 13, by the Holy See Press Office. To read Pope Leo's message and download a helpful infographic, visit the Dicastery for Integral Human Development here: humandevlopment.va

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION MEETING

There is a First Communion Preparation Meeting in the church this Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 pm. We strongly recommend and encourage all parents and children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion to attend this meeting.

UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

You are invited to join Fr. Ranjan D'Sa and Dr. Peter Swirzon in 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. Please join us on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in Parish centre.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

We pray that the children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will open their hearts to receive Jesus with joy, and continue to receive Him regularly. And that those candidates preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation may open their hearts and minds to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, who is always with us.

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, 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 are a School Chaplain.

Volunteer Hours are awarded.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morely, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988

SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN – “ON TRACK FOR JUSTICE”

On Sunday, March 22, 2026, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, our parishes will invite support for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada – through the Solidarity Sunday Collection. This year's Share Lent campaign, On Track for Justice, is an important expression of solidarity with Catholics across Canada and with our brothers and sisters throughout the world, who rely on these vital humanitarian initiatives. We are deeply grateful for your generous support in past years and for the many ways you continue to advance works of justice and compassion.

As we journey through Lent, let us recall the words of the prophet Micah and embrace anew what the Lord asks of us: **“to act justly, to love tenderly, and walk humbly with your God.”** (Micah 6:8).

*“Let your love be upon us, Lord,
even as we hope in you.”*

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

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| Monday, March 02 | Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba |
| Tuesday, March 03 | Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk |
| Wednesday, March 04 | Society of African Missions, S.M.A. |
| Thursday, March 05 | Very Rev. Msgr Murray Kroetsch |
| Friday, March 06 | World Day of Prayer |
| Saturday, March 07 | Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis |

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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON MARCH 8TH,
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FORWARD ONE HOUR**

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 11th, 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 – and click “BUY YOUR TICKET” to reserve your seat. We look forward to worshipping, celebrating and strengthening our parish community together!

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 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, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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