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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Deacon Terry Murphy

How do you think you would feel if you were hungry, had no money and went up to someone on the street asking for a couple of dollars to buy some food? But, instead of helping you, the person walks right past you, ignoring your plea for help. How embarrassing would that be first to beg for help and then be totally ignored. What would you do? Would you keep on looking elsewhere?

Many things on this earth can motivate people. Peer pressure can motivate people. Guilt, greed, materialism, revenge, pride, envy, or jealousy are also strong motivators. But as you noticed in the Gospel lesson, God blesses goals that are motivated by love.

I hear the Samaritan women's voice often when I am standing next to a deep well with no bucket, when I am facing a situation that exceeds my human abilities alone to address. Maybe you have just been given more responsibility at work (and no pay increase) and wonder how you are possibly going to be able to fulfill these obligations. The well is deep and you have no bucket. Maybe a loved one is struggling with an addiction and you feel helpless in the face of its power over them. The well is deep and you have no bucket. We may feel this way in the face of the suffering of people in our own communities, children undergoing abuse, people without healthcare, the homeless who live a hidden existence even in affluent communities.

The well is deep and we have no bucket.

The woman at the well knows the value of a bucket. When she says, "You have no bucket and the well is deep," she is making an accurate assessment of the situation on the basis of appearances. She is saying, in effect, "The task is monumental and you do not have the means to accomplish it."

You've probably heard the old adage about perseverance. "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." Humans are endowed with varying degrees of toughness – the gamut runs from insults to risk of life. I know of some people who risked incarceration to protect the unborn. Yes, there are no tougher people in this world than those who are devoted to a cause that is morally right, just, or loving.

A cartoon pictures a medieval Crusader, standing in full armor and holding his shield. He also held his long sharp spear at the throat of a prisoner on the ground. The prisoner on the ground struggles to say, "Tell me more about your Christianity. I'm terribly interested!"

That's the picture many in this country and around the world have of evangelism. In view of Jesus' teaching that we should love our enemies, and pray for those who use and abuse us, one can't help but wonder why the picture of the Christian as a Crusader in armor, with sword, spear and dagger became such a popular image of a stereotypical Christian. Why is that?

We Catholics don't want to impose our beliefs on other people.

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

PARISH LITURGIES

—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—

Tuesday March 10

8:30 am + Alfredo Mancini

Wednesday March 11

8:30 am Int. Liz Khosla

Thursday March 12

8:30 am + Moira Coffey

Friday March 13

8:30 am + Gerald McGraw

9:00 – 10:00 am Adoration

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—

Saturday March 14

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm For:

+ John Duggan, + Merrick Family, Int. Maria Gomes & Manuel Pereira, + Zofia Lechwar, + Jan Lechwar, + Hanna Wladyslaw, + Natale De Luca, + George Hutter, + Charles Ward

Sunday March 15

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

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.

HOPE AFTER AN ABORTION

Are you struggling with an abortion decision - either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is a ministry of healing for any person suffering pain or problems from an abortion experience. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free 1-800-385-3850.

SANCTUARY LAMP



Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week for Francisco De Brito

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

FATHER RANJAN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION TRIBUTE

Last Sunday, March 1st, we celebrated Fr. Ranjan's Birthday after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses. In honour of his birthday we prepared a short video to celebrate his birthday and all the wonderful things he has done for our parish over the past 10 years as pastor of St. Dominic's. To watch the video, please [click on this link](#) or you can access it through this QR code.



YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20's and 30's) of our diocese to attend an evening of fellowship and music as you discern your vocation and as we celebrate the Easter Season. The Young Adults Night included a social with food (7:00 pm – 8:00 pm) followed by a vocations testimony and praise music ending with Compline (9:00 pm) on Saturday, April 11th (note Second Saturday, not First Saturday) at Mount Mary Retreat Centre (437 Wilson Street, Ancaster, ON) Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

"Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never be thirsty."

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).

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

“But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.” Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES: THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

The Synod on Synodality is not over! The Universal Church has entered the “implementation Phase” (2025-2028), inviting a careful reading of the final document of the Synodal journey to help shape a more listening, participatory church. You are encouraged to read the final document of the Synod on Synodality, described by Pope Francis as a ‘Gift to the people of God.’ Learn how we can better walk together in communion, participation, and mission. Access it at www.synod.va

“O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!”

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, March 09	Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O’Mahony
Tuesday, March 10	Rev. Patras Samuel Masih
Wednesday, March 11	Franciscan Fathers, O.F.M.
Thursday, March 12	Rev. Tony O’Dell, O.M.I.
Friday, March 13	Parish & Chancery Staff
Saturday, March 14	Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.

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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE

How Your Donations Helped our Neighbours in Need September - December 2025

Home Visits – Number of home visits: 151 – Number of neighbours in need supported: 114 adults and 91 children – food vouchers and gift cards – \$26,635

Back to School Program – Providing Walmart gift cards to support children going back to school – Number of families supported: 20 Gift Cards: \$4,500

Fresh Food Box (Fruit & Veg) Program – Number of Fresh Food Boxes that families received: 132 – Fresh Food Boxes: \$3,130

Additional Support – Renewed Laptops and Computers given to students and families in need: \$850. Dental not covered by government assistance: \$650

Christmas Program – Number of families that received grocery gift cards and Walmart gift cards to help at Christmas: 45 – Number of neighbours in need we supported: 56 adults and 85 children – Total \$15,500

Twining Program – St. Catharine, Jamaica – Our prayers and resources assist a less fortunate SSVP community. Donations given to SSVP St. Joseph’s Conference in St. Catharine, Jamaica: \$1400 (we gave an extra \$1000 to assist the community after the devastating hurricane they experienced in November).

Join Us – New members are always welcome. For more information please contact us at office@saintdominic.ca

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Parish Hours: Tuesday to Friday – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (*Closed from noon to 1:00 pm*).

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