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## —11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

*Fr. Kevin Fernandes O.C.D.*

On this Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Scriptures invite us to reflect on courage, trust, and the quiet strength that comes from knowing we are held in the hands of a loving God. These readings speak to the fears we carry, the challenges we face, and the deep assurance that God walks with us. On this Father’s Day weekend, they also shine a light on the quiet sacrifices of fathers and all who guide, protect, and nurture others with love.

In the first reading, we meet the prophet Jeremiah at a moment of deep vulnerability. He has been faithful to God’s mission, yet he finds himself surrounded by opposition, mocked by those who should have supported him. His honesty is striking—he does not hide his pain or frustration.

And yet, during this struggle, Jeremiah proclaims a powerful truth: **“The Lord is with me like a mighty warrior.”** He teaches us that faith does not mean the absence of hardship. Rather, faith gives us the strength to stand firm when life becomes heavy. God may not remove every storm, but He never abandons us in the storm.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks directly to the human heart. Three times He says, **“Do not be afraid.”** He knows that fear can paralyze us—fear of rejection, fear of failure, fear of being misunderstood, fear of not being enough. Jesus reminds His disciples that their lives are precious to the Father. **“You are worth more than many sparrows.”** These words are simple, but they carry a profound message: **God sees you. God knows you. God values you.**

This reassurance is not meant to make us passive. Instead, it gives us the courage to live our faith with authenticity. Jesus calls us to speak truth, to stand for what is right, and to trust that God’s love is stronger than any fear that tries to hold us back. When we root our identity in God, we discover a freedom that no human opinion can take away.

Today, as we celebrate **Father’s Day**, we pause to honor the men who reflect something of God’s protective and guiding love. Fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, stepfathers, spiritual fathers, and mentors—all play a vital role in shaping lives. Many carry burdens quietly, much like Jeremiah. Many face fears they never express, much like the disciples. Yet through their presence, their sacrifices, and their love, they reveal the strength and tenderness of God the Father.

We pray for all fathers today: May God bless them with wisdom, patience, and courage. May He strengthen them when they feel tired, comfort them when they feel discouraged, and reward them for the love they give so generously. And for those whose fathers have passed on, may today be a moment of gratitude, healing, and gentle remembrance.

As we move into the week ahead, let us carry the heart of today’s message: **Do not be afraid. God is with you. God sees your struggles.** God knows your heart. May this truth give us the courage to live our faith with sincerity, to speak with integrity, and to trust that the Lord—who knows every hair on our head—will never abandon us. Amen.

## PARISH LITURGIES

### —12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

**Tuesday June 23** - *St. Joseph Cafasso*

8:30 am + Anthony Pereira

**Wednesday June 24** - *Solemnity of The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

8:30 am Int. Fr. Ranjan D’Sa O.C.D.

**Thursday June 25** - *St. William of Vercelli*

8:30 am Int. Gowrie Family

**Friday June 26** - *St. Josemaria Escriva*

8:30 am + Guido Bardaro  
Adoration 9:00 – 12:00 am

### —13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

**Saturday June 27** - *St. Cyril of Alexandria*

4:00 pm Reconciliation

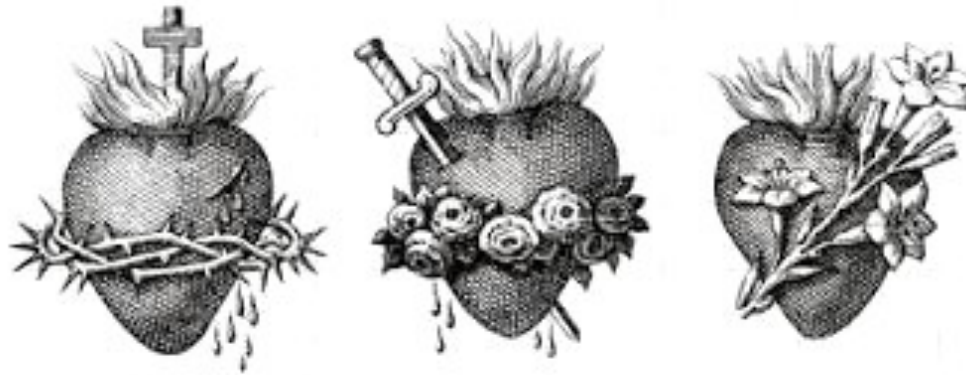
5:00 pm For:

+ Angela & Guido Parise, + John Meyerstein,  
+ Bernice Duggan, + Robert Maggio, +Ari  
Rahardja & Juli Joseppe Roney

**Sunday June 28**

9:00 am For our  
11:00 am Parishioners

*June 29 – Solemnity of Apostles Peter & Paul*



**WELCOME, OUR NEW PASTOR,  
FR. ROHAN MIRANDA O.C.D.**

We are pleased to welcome Fr. Rohan Miranda OCD, who will begin his ministry as Pastor of our parish on June 24. Fr. Rohan comes to us from Edmonton, Alberta, and is a member of the Order of Discalced Carmelites. We look forward to his leadership, pastoral care, and spiritual guidance, and we pray that God will bless him as he begins this new chapter with our parish community. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Fr. Rohan Miranda!

**THANK YOU FR. KEVIN FERNANDES, O.C.D.**

As Fr. Kevin Fernandes concludes his ministry on June 25<sup>th</sup>, as Associate Administrator of our parish, a role he has faithfully served since March 30, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for his love, support, dedication, and commitment to our parish community. His kindness, pastoral care, and presence among us have been a true blessing.

Fr. Kevin, you will be greatly missed. We thank you for all you have done and pray that God continues to bless and guide you in your ministry. Please know that you will remain in our prayers, and we hope you will come back to visit us often.

**CANADA DAY PARKING EVENT**



On July 1<sup>st</sup>, Canada Day, St. Dominic Parish will offer \$10.00 parking, beginning at 5:00 pm for the Bronte Harbour Canada Day Celebrations. We are seeking volunteers who can expect to collect cash and guide cars to appropriate parking spaces at the Parish. Volunteers are welcome to work for as many hours as they like. With the guidance of the Knights of Columbus, we will be working the St. Dominic Parish & School parking lots from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. All proceeds go to support St. Dominic's Youth Ministry Programs. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact our Pastoral Minister, Michael Agular at [michael@saintdominic.ca](mailto:michael@saintdominic.ca)

**SANCTUARY LAMP**



*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week  
In Memory of Antonio & Maria Pereira, and  
for the Intentions of Fr. Ranjan D'Sa O.C.D.*

**DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART: A WAY OF LIFE**

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is more than a set of prayers; it is a way of life. It teaches us patience, generosity, forgiveness, and compassion in a world often marked by division and indifference. This month, consider simple practices such as praying as a family, performing acts of charity, or spending time in Eucharistic adoration or quiet prayer.

We invite you to say at the beginning of each day this prayer;

*O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in thanksgiving for your favours, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my family and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen.*

Additional prayers and resources for the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are available on the diocesan website:

[hamiltondiocese.com/sacredheart](http://hamiltondiocese.com/sacredheart)

**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**

Congratulations to the students of the elementary schools within our parish who graduated this week, and to our secondary students at St. Thomas Aquinas School who are graduating. Let us pray for all of our young people that they may have the courage to bear witness to the Catholic Christian values in which they have been instructed.

*"The Spirit of truth will testify on my behalf,  
says the Lord, and you also are to testify"*

## SUMMER ATTIRE

As we enter the summer months and vacation time, we are grateful for a time of rest and relaxation. The coming months might best be characterized as “casual.” However, we respectfully ask that all parishioners make an effort to dress appropriately for the Eucharist. Beach and gym attire is inappropriate for the Eucharist. Our respect for the Lord and the other members of Christ’s body demands that we dress appropriately.

### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St Vincent de Paul’s mission is to live the gospel by serving Christ in the poor with love.

On the weekend of June 20/21, the first of our annual collections will take place. We are relying on you. Please support our works of charity by making a donation. Use the envelope in your offering box or place your donation in an envelope marked with the Society’s name.

Thank you in advance.

### BRONTE COAT DRIVE



Do you have coats or jackets that no longer fit or are no longer needed? Our annual Bronte Coat Drive is now collecting gently used winter out-

erwear for toddlers through adults, including coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and boots.

Please bring donations with you to weekend Mass and place them in the large red collection box in the Narthex.

Your generosity helps individuals and families shop for warm winter clothing at our October Coat Drive. Thank you for helping keep our community warm this winter!

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, June 22	Rev. Hyunjik (John) Yang
Tuesday, June 23	Rev. Stefano Lee
Wednesday, June 24	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Thursday, June 25	Disabled Persons
Friday, June 26	Rev. Brendan McGrath
Saturday, June 27	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.

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*“Lord, in your steadfast love, answer me.”*

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### YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

We are currently accepting enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program, which begins in September 2026. Join us as we explore the practical strategies for youth ministry and the accompaniment of young people in our diocesan community. To review a full course list and for more information, please visit:

[hamiltondiocesearns.com](http://hamiltondiocesearns.com)



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