



Saint Dominic Parish Newsletter / Bulletin
NINETEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME – Aug 9, 2020

SAINT DOMINIC PARISH LITURGIES

August 9 – August 16

Tuesday, August 11

8:30 a.m. + Felica Aranha

Wednesday, August 12

8:30 a.m. + Philomena & Cajetan
Pereira

Thursday, August 13

8:30 a.m. + MaryLou Branagan

Friday, August 14

8:30 a.m. + Mouzina Dourado

TWENTIETH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, Aug 15

Feast of Saint Dominic

4 – 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5 p.m. Int. Patricia DiCiommo
+ Sean Doyle
+ Massimo Pestrin

Sunday, Aug 16

9 a.m. Intentions

11 a.m. of Parishioners

12:30 p.m. Baptisms



Congratulations to the newlyweds. Shaina Mariatta Mendes and Emanuel Lobo were united in holy matrimony August 2 during a nuptial Mass celebrated in Saint Dominic church. Shaina is the daughter of Maxim and Nancy Mendes, members of our parish. During the past year, prior to pandemic lockdown, Shaina had been assisting with our Children’s Liturgy program.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, August 10	Rev. Ronald Voisin
Tuesday, August 11	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
Wednesday, August 12	Pallottine Fathers
Thursday, August 13	Rev. Vivek Trindade
Friday, August 14	Very Rev. John Van Hees
Saturday, August 15	Rev. James Petrie

VOCATIONS

“Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” We can sometimes be afraid of God’s call to priesthood. Get hold of yourselves! If God is calling you, to the priesthood, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at (905) 528-7988 email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

FOOD DONATIONS BOX

The Oakville Food Bank needs food donations to assist those effected by the pandemic. Items most needed are posted on Food Share’s website at <https://oakvillefoodbank.com/needed-items/>
 These include dry cereals, chunky soup/stew, canned meat, fish & fruit, nutritious kids snacks, baby formula, foods & cereals, laundry detergent.
 Donations of non-perishable foods may be left in the Food Box in the Parish Centre. These items are delivered weekly to the Food Bank by Danny McBride.



St Dominic Labourer in the Lord's Harvest

This week-end we celebrate the feast day of our parish patron – Saint Dominic.

At the peak of the middle ages, the Church was in the process of renewing its spiritual life; however, there was also great ignorance and division that threatened to worsen. This is the time when our parish patron, St. Dominic, was born.

Dominic de Guzmán was born on August 8, 1170 in Calarogo (now Caleruega), Spain. His parents were Saint Juana of Aza (feast day: August 2) and Felix de Guzmán. They had four sons and a daughter. As a young boy, Dominic was sent to receive instruction from his uncle, a parish priest in Gumiel d'Izan. At age 14, Dominic went to university in Palencia during a time of harsh famine. He would sell his possessions to give alms to the poor. He loved to sing, especially the *Ave Maris Stella* and the *Veni Creator Spiritus*.

In 1190, Saint Dominic was appointed to the canonry at Osma and was ordained a priest around 1195. In 1203, Dominic accompanied his bishop to the region of Languedoc on a diplomatic mission. There he was stunned by the spread of false ideologies. People were adopting the heresies called Albigensianism and Catharism, which was a dualist Gnosticism that considered the soul good and all material things to be evil. They even promoted suicide to separate soul and body. Dominic and his bishop began a program to travel – preaching and converting heretics. Dominic regularly denied himself food, wore an abrasive hairshirt and slept on the floor in order to do penances and make sacrifices for the salvation of souls.

In 1206, Dominic established a monastery of nuns at Prouille with nine young women he converted. Blessed Cecilia Caesarini, who was received in her old age by Dominic into his new order, described him as "...thin and of middle height. His face was handsome and somewhat fair. He had reddish hair and beard and beautiful eyes ... His hands were long and fine and his voice pleasingly resonant.



He never got bald, though he wore the full tonsure, which was mingled with a few grey hairs."

In 1215, Dominic accompanied Bishop Foulques to Rome for the Fourth Lateran Council. While in Rome, Bishop Foulques and Saint Dominic petitioned Pope Innocent III for the right to establish a new Order of Preachers. Until that time, preaching was the proper function of bishops. It was a bold prospect to have an order of priests who cross diocesan boundaries to preach as needed. The pope was in agreement and told Dominic to return to his brethren and choose an existing rule together. The foundation of Dominic's Order was completed the next year by Pope Honorius III.

In 1217, Dominic dispersed the entire Order. However, instead of dissipating, the order grew rapidly and produced much fruit. Dominic emphasized study and sent most of the friars to universities at Bologna and Paris. Many professors even joined the Order.

The spread of "praying of the rosary" is attributed to the preaching of Saint Dominic. For centuries, Dominicans have been strong proponents of spreading the rosary devotion and knowledge of how powerful a prayer it really is.

Saint Dominic's most evident characteristic was that he always spoke to God in prayer, or about God to others. Dominic is a saint because of his great charity, not because of his miracles, yet the



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greatness of his miracles is a sign of his love. God performed many great miracles through Saint Dominic and some of his contemporaries were already calling him a saint.

Saint Dominic died August 6, 1221 – having lived 51 years. He was declared a saint in 1234. His remains are buried in the Basilica of San Domenico in Bologna, Italy.



Background on our parish logo

When her two eldest sons were grown, Saint Juana of Aza, St Dominic's mother, went to the Abbey church at Silos to pray for another child. She is said to have had a dream in which St. Dominic of Silos told her that she would have a son who would be a shining light to the church. She then dreamt that a dog came forth from her womb with a burning torch in its mouth and set the world ablaze. She named the child Dominic after the saint who had spoken to her in the dream and her son did set the world on fire with love for Christ.

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. to noon; 1 to 4 p.m.

Mass schedule: Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 5 p.m.

Sunday 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4-4:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism The sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated once monthly after the 11 a.m. Mass. Preparation is provided. Kindly contact the Parish Office at least two months before the desired date.

Sacrament of Marriage Please contact the parish office **one year** before the desired date.

St. Dominic - Nine Ways of Prayer



Saint Dominic prayed constantly, especially when he was uncomfortable. He travelled great distances on foot, often without shoes and in the rain. He often recited scripture and prayed

with his whole body. His brothers would watch him pray and recorded what is known as Dominic's nine ways of prayer - nine postures or gestures that aided him in prayer. Dominic is sometimes called "athlete of Christ." He prayed in ways that were physically demanding and disciplined.



The great Dominican philosopher St. Thomas Aquinas taught that certain attitudes and gestures of the body can dispose us for prayer and, conversely, that intense prayer can burst forth in a bodily expression. Wherever Saint Dominic went, he prayed and spread the joy of knowing and loving God.



Dominic's ways of prayer included: bowing (especially to humble himself before the Blessed Trinity or a crucifix); prostrating; genuflecting; sitting to read scripture; standing with arms spread out, as if on the cross; stretching his arms and pointing his joined hands



upward (as an arrow shot toward heaven); and praying while travelling (often meditating in solitude). Illustrated examples of Saint Dominic's ways of prayer are shown within this article.



For more information see:

St. Dominic's Nine Ways of Prayer

<https://www.racinedominicans.org/about-us/prayer.cfm> by S. Chris Broslavick