



## Saint Dominic Parish Newsletter / Bulletin TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME – Sept 6, 2020

### SAINT DOMINIC PARISH LITURGIES

September 7 – 13

#### Tuesday, September 8

8:30 a.m. + Rubin Pereira

#### Wednesday, September 9

8:30 a.m. + William Dale

#### Thursday, September 10

8:30 a.m. + Felica Aranha  
*(Fr. Ranjan D'Sa's day of prayer)*

#### Friday, September 11

8:30 a.m. + Roy Clunies

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#### Saturday, September 12

4 – 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

 **5 p.m.** + Jose & Maria Gomes  
*First Communion* + Barbara McGraw  
Int. Mary Remedios  
Int. Amy Sharma  
+ Manuel & Maria Silva

#### Sunday, September 13

9 a.m. Intentions

 **11 a.m.** of Parishioners  
*First Communion*

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, Sept 7	Rev. Maria Alphonse
Tuesday, Sept 8	Rev. Louis Lenssen
Wednesday, Sept 9	Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ
Thursday, Sept 10	Rev. Ranjan D'Sa OCD
Friday, Sept 11	Rev. Joseph Akanbi
Saturday, Sept 12	Rev. Allen Varlaki

#### VOCATIONS

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” The community that gathers needs leadership; consider the priesthood. Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at (905) 528-7988 email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

*In your prayers, remember those who are facing health challenges...*



**Maureen Crowley**, a registered St. Dominic parishioner since 1986; who was a member of the funeral choir and assisted in the ministry of the sick.

**Georgina Bourke**, recently admitted to hospital.



***Week-end Masses to include  
First Communion celebration  
for last Spring's students***

Beginning next week-end, First Communion for individual students enrolled in last year's 2019-2020 program will be celebrated during our regular week-end Masses. Specific Masses at which students will be receiving their First Communion will be indicated in the week's Liturgical Calendar with the wine/bread symbol as shown in the headline above.

The number of students receiving their First Eucharist at each Mass will vary. Parents can make reservations for their child's celebration online via the parish website [saintdominic.ca/firstcommunion/](http://saintdominic.ca/firstcommunion/). The available weekends include – Sept 12-13, Sept 19-20, Sept 26-27, Oct 3-4 and Oct 10-11.

**Confirmation** of students enrolled in the 2019-2020 program will take place during a series of Liturgy of the Word celebrations in November.



### Meetings Calendar

Sept 10	8 p.m.	Christology course (see pg 3)	Zoom - online
Sept 11	9 a.m.	Men's Spiritual Group	Rectory Meeting Room
Sept 11	7 p.m.	Conquest & Challenge Teen Leader Orientation	Parish Auditorium
Sept 22	6:30 p.m.	Conquest & Challenge Parent Orientation	Parish Auditorium

### *Catechetical Correspondence Course*

Programs are available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools are also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or our website [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com); click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online.



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## YOUTH MINISTRY

KEEP CALM AND SAY A HAIL MARY

### Vimla - a formidable force for youth at Saint Dominic



Someone whose life is rooted in Christ, who has a large heart, who can quickly mobilize a battalion of family and friends, and who won't take no for an answer, can be a formidable force to contend with.

In the first weeks of being assigned to the parish, Fr. Ranjan encountered such a force when he first met **Vimla Martinez de Hoz**, a parishioner since late 2004.

She constantly reminded Fr. Ranjan of the dearth of any specific programs for children and youth at St. Dominic's, and kept bugging him to start a youth ministry. That's because Vimla's upbringing, in her home country of India, had been filled with youth club programs that were considered the norm.

Fun Fact: according to reliable sources, *"Vimla went to all the dance parties organized by the church youth groups when she was a teenager."* Her parents are staunch Catholic role models, always involved in Church activities, and had nurtured Christian values and a spirit of service in Vimla from a young age. Vimla greatly desired that her own children and the young people of our parish grow up with the same character-forming, Christian values that surrounded her in her formative years.

Once Father suggested she take the lead and initiate a youth program, Vimla went all out to organize the youth ministry with the help of her family, children, and a wide network of friends. In Father's words, *"She never stops until she accomplishes her tasks, even if it means she must twist the hand of her husband, children, friends, and her parish priest."*



**Michael Aguiar, current Youth Minister, details Vimla's accomplishments after Mass last Saturday.**

Despite suffering the tragic loss of her eldest son at the time, her resolve strengthened even more. She submitted to God's will and immersed herself ever more deeply into the arduous task of planning and programming every minor detail of St. Dominic's first Conquest and Challenge Youth Program (CO&CH). The Legionaries guided and supported Vimla in her efforts every step of the way. Father Thomas Murphy and Brother Luke were thrilled to have a dependable and enthusiastic CO&CH program coordinator.

Once CO&CH launched successfully, Vimla's stock of new ideas kept flowing, not just for the youth ministry, but for the parish as a whole. A constant flow of ideas is understandably natural for someone who makes prayer and daily Mass the biggest part of their life. To name a few, Vimla successfully orchestrated the very popular International Night – Kids Helping Kids program, Bishop's Bowl – an inter-parish fun-filled bowling competition, and the CO&CH Christmas carols/play – complete with life-size props courtesy of Vimla's husband Diego who pitched in with his woodworking expertise.

Vimla made it look easy, but finding and planning the activities, ensuring all materials needed were available, and coordinating not just the youth volunteers, but adults and priests too, was truly a massive undertaking. Diego recollects, *"Of course, every time I saw her running around like a headless chicken trying to get all the things she needed for the Challenge meeting she was going to be late for, I would tell her to give it up. Vimla, being Vimla, would stop her running, look at me, and say, 'Why? I love it.'"* Case closed Diego.

Vimla's humility, simplicity, readiness to do anything for her faith, curiosity to know more about her faith, deep concern for children's spiritual well-being, and immense generosity with her time and resources – made for the perfect combination. All aligned in God's perfect will and time, His gift of our St. Dominic's Youth Ministry is now in its third year running.

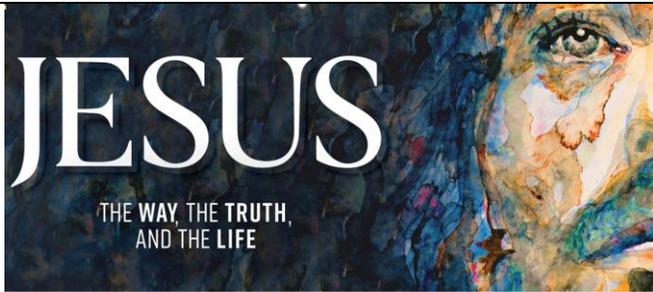
We are forever grateful to Vimla for her tireless efforts for the youth of our parish. As she moves on to focus on Theology studies, Vimla remains a great support and resource for her colleagues in the youth ministry. God bless you Vimla, Diego, and family with many more adventures at St. Dominic's.

*Vimla was guest of honour at a party following last Saturday's Mass. The event drew many youth and parishioners.*





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Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know him as we should? Who is Jesus for you? Is he a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be? We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*. This 10-week video study program is anchored in the life of Christ as presented in the Gospels. We'll explore the entirety of Jesus' life—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, what he did for our salvation, and what all of this means for us as Catholics today.

The study is presented by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri and was filmed in the Holy Land so you can experience the extraordinary world in which Jesus lived and taught—the historical context, the politics, the clashing cultures, the history, and the ancient land—and see where the most significant events of his life took place, from his infancy to his ascension.

We will learn how Jesus is God Incarnate, fully divine and fully human. We'll experience his intimacy with the Father, his revelation of the Father's love, and his gift of the Holy Spirit to each of us. Most importantly, our encounter with Christ will empower us to know and love him in a new and life-changing way.

Michael Aguiar, St. Dominic Youth Minister, will begin this Christology study on Thursday, September 10 at 8 p.m. online via Zoom. Participants will meet every Thursday for 10 weeks to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship. No cost necessary for participation, however donations are graciously accepted to continue offering future online studies. Upon registration you will receive a course outline and details for Zoom meetings.

For more information or to register, contact: Michael Aguiar (905) 827-2373, ext. 303 or [michael@saintdominic.ca](mailto:michael@saintdominic.ca)

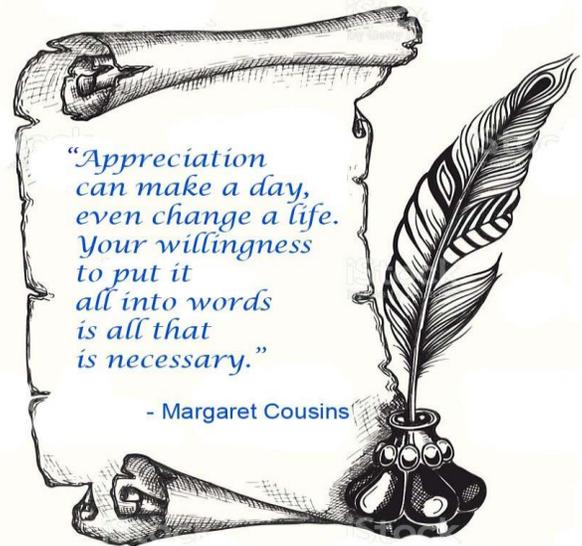
We hope you can join us!

### 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

[oakvillefoodbank.com/needed-items/](http://oakvillefoodbank.com/needed-items/)

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.



The newsletter is posted weekly on our website. Please email submissions, requests and/or suggestions to: [office@saintdominic.ca](mailto:office@saintdominic.ca)

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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.