



Saint Dominic Parish Newsletter / Bulletin

THIRTIETH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME – October 25, 2020

SAINT DOMINIC PARISH LITURGIES

THIRTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

October 26 – November 1

Tuesday, October 27

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

Wednesday, October 28

8:30 a.m. + Elaine McCourt

Thursday, October 29

8:30 a.m. + Georgina Bourke

Friday,

8:30 a.m. + Guido Bardaro

9-10 a.m. **Adoration Hour**

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Saturday, October 31

4 – 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5 p.m.

+ Roy Clunies
+ Celedonia Ginete
+ The Parrott family
+ Lori Sanelli
+ Chuck & Darryl Ward



Sunday, November 1 – All Saints' Day

9 a.m. Intentions
11 a.m. of Parishioners

Monday, November 2

7 p.m. **All Souls' Day**

WELCOME BACK TO OUR PARISH

Enter in stillness ... know that God is here
Listen with reverence... it is God who speaks to us
Sing with delight ... it is God who hears us
Speak with conviction ... there is no other God
Depart in peace ... it is God's gift to you
Serve with joy ... it is your gift to God



Meetings Calendar

Tuesday Oct 27	6:30 p.m.	Conquest & Challenge	Parish Auditorium
Wednesday Oct 28	7 p.m.	St. Nicholas & other schools Parents Mtg Confirmation 2020- 2021	Church
Oct 28	7 p.m.	Zumba	Auditorium
Thursday Oct 29	7 p.m.	St. Dominic Parents Mtg Confirmation 2020-2021	Church
Friday Oct 30	9 a.m.	Men's Scripture Group	Rectory Meeting Room
Sat. Oct 31	9:30a.m.	Zumba	Auditorium
Sunday. Nov 1	12 noon	R.C.I.A.	Rectory Meeting Room

2020-2021 Confirmation Program Begins

Important meetings for parents of seventh grade students preparing for Confirmation next spring will take place this coming Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. in the church. Attendance is required for the candidates' participation in the Confirmation program. Registration forms are available online via our parish website. The completed forms must be printed and brought to the Parish Office along with a copy of the candidate's Baptismal Certificate.

Note – St. Dominic and St. James Parish hold the same dates, however, please be advised that you are to follow the program in the parish in which you are registered.

Next spring's Confirmation celebration is scheduled for St. Nicholas students & Catechumens/Other Schools – March 24, 2021; for St. Dominic students – March 25/26, 2021.

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

Andy Livingstone, who is in hospital.



Don't Forget!



Clocks

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BACK ONE HOUR
November 1 at 2 a.m.



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Three Baptisms - October 18

Shown here with their parents and sponsors, are St. Dominic's newly baptized youngersters - **John Silvo DiNino**, upper left, **Caleb William Burkett**, right, and **Logan Eva Iafrate**.



UPDATE

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been very active during this time of the Covid-19 pandemic. The mission of this group is to live the gospel by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, and joy.

During the months of July, August, and September, 45 families asked for assistance and October may surpass the previous three months. Although home visits have been curtailed, society members continue to do telephone interviews. Food vouchers are dropped off at front doors or apartment lobbies.

The Society's 2020 Back to School Program provided school supplies to 45 children from 26 families. They also received hand sanitizer and face masks.

On the weekend of **October 31st /November 1st** the second of two annual St. Vincent de Paul collections will take place. *Especially this year WE NEED YOUR HELP.* The group is planning their Christmas Program and is heading into the winter months - the busiest time period. The Society is anticipating it will be called upon to provide help for more needy families



this Christmas than we have in previous years. ***WE ARE RELYING ON YOU.*** Please support the Society's works of charity by making a donation. Use the St. Vincent de Paul envelope found in your offering packet, or simply place your donation in an envelope marked with the Society's name.

VOCATIONS

"The greatest among you will be your servant." Have you ever considered a life of service as a priest? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at (905) 528-7988 email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, October 26	Rev. Frank Freitas
Tuesday, October 27	Rev. Sutherland MacDonald
Wednesday, October 28	Felician Franciscan Sisters
Thursday, October 29	Rev. Chester Chmurzynski
Friday, October 30	Rev. Pat Aiello
Saturday, October 31	Rev. Patrick McKelvie



Why Should I Go To Church?

“You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”

St. Augustine, Confessions

“Why should I go to church?” This is a question that many parents have trouble answering for their children. You may know that it is good and beneficial to attend Mass at church but it can be hard to find the words to express it, especially when caught off guard and put on the spot. The fact that it is a precept of the Catholic Church for a healthy and able person to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, may not be reason enough; it usually is not a good place to start anyway.

So, why *should* we go to church? There are many reasons, some of which will be discussed below, but what does the question really imply? Is there an expected outcome? A feeling? “What do I get in return?” “Does God need me to attend?” “Is this stuff even true?” ... “I’m bored.”

Would it be a good thing to take your child out of math class because he or she doesn’t see the point of it or because they don’t understand or need it right now? And yet, how much more important is a spiritual education? -- It goes even beyond this life.

What do we do at Mass?

Eucharist -- from εὐχαριστία (*eucharistia*) in Greek - means giving thanks, specifically to God. Mass -- from *missa* in Latin - means mission. At the Mass, we give God our thanks and we receive our mission (“Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life”). As Christians, we are invited to become partakers in the divine life (2 *Peter* 1:3-4) and to share that love to which we are called. We need to know God, love Him and serve Him.

In the first half of Mass, we hear God’s words and try to apply them to our own lives. The lectionary (book of daily readings) is broken into three, year-long cycles that cover most of the bible. Just by attending Mass, we receive an overview of the entire bible every three years. It’s good not only to learn something new, but to review it from time to time in order to reinforce it.

Later in the Mass, we give our intentions to God and pray for others. This also reminds us of our priorities, which should be: God first, then others and lastly, self.

In the second half of Mass we unite ourselves to Christ by giving offerings – most importantly - making ourselves a living sacrifice. The Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus, is “the source and

summit of the Christian Life” (*Lumen gentium*, no. 11). There is surely no greater phenomenon on this planet than being united so intimately with God Himself.

How do you know if someone loves you? A mother who loves her child will prove it by many, many examples of care, affection and sacrifice. We can prove to God and ourselves that we love Him by sacrificing our time and attention to be with Him.

The Eucharist is a sacrament - an outward sign of an inward grace. It is a physical participation in Jesus’ act of salvation and a small act that says we love God. We respond to the sacrifice of Jesus with sacrifice ourselves. We ‘repay’ love with love. A benefit of receiving the Eucharist in a state of grace is that we get more grace and even salvation (John 6:51).

All this is definitely true. God is real. He came to earth to show us the way to live. He established a Church and gave it His authority. What’s more, we can know Him. The more we learn about Christ and the history and teachings of the Church, the stronger our faith can be. Invite your child to ask questions. Seek the answers you have to. Truth always will stand up to interrogation. If you don’t have the answer, tell your child you don’t know but will get the answer. Then, ask Father Ranjan or call in to Catholic Answers Live or another Catholic radio program.

If one feels bored during Mass, maybe he or she doesn’t know what is going on and how to participate actively. Learn this. There is such a multitude of excellent resources online. Here in the St. Dominic Parish Library, we have a featured book on the Mass – borrow it! You could also learn about the saints so that when Father mentions their names, you know exactly who he’s referring to. Learn scripture so that when you hear extra context and background on a passage in the homily, you can be edified. For more resources, go to <https://saintdominic.ca/links/>

As pilgrims on this earthly journey, our job is to get to heaven and bring as many souls with us as we can.

The Eucharist nourishes us on that journey. God gives Himself to us so that we can have life - He shares His Life with us. If our goal is to be more like Christ; we have to know Him first. And how do you get to know someone? You spend time with them.



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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Dedicated parishioner for many years, **Maria Rocco**, whose funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday, October 22.



RCIA Are you or someone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Christian Faith? A new journey of the R.C.I.A. process is beginning now at Saint Dominic Parish. Through talks, instructions, prayer and guidance

committed adults are led through a journey of understanding and accepting the Catholic Christian Faith. If you are considering this or know someone who might be interested, please contact Father Ranjan D'Sa or Brian Thornton at the Parish Office. Classes began on Sunday October 18 and all are welcome. Please meet in the Rectory Meeting Room at 12:00 noon after the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday.



40 Days for Life prayer is of utmost importance – prayer intentions for the week:

October 26 -May we come to know that divine life, in relationship, creates human life.

October 27 – Pray for post-abortive women who cannot forgive themselves; may they understand that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

October 28 - We pray for the gift of openness to children.

October 29 – Pray that we will each submit ourselves this day as a living sacrifice to God, giving all that we have in us for those being sacrificed on the altar of convenience.

October 30 - Pray that those standing in peaceful vigil will extend mercy and grace to others as they remember that Christ did not treat us as our sins deserve.



OF **CONQUEST**



Our year is off to a great start! Conquest and Challenge has been flourishing this year with plenty of games, activities, and faith formation for the youth of St. Dominic Parish. This past month the boys and girls have been learning about the virtue of Honesty. Each week the focus shifts between honesty with God, honesty at home with parents and honesty with teachers and friends.

Join us at our next meeting, **October 27 at 6:30pm** in the Parish Hall. Skits will be presented by the Conquest boys as a demonstration of the virtue of honesty. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!



November 10 will be a *Movie Night*. Feel free to bring blankets, pillows, snacks or whatever you need to get comfy! We look forward to seeing you there!

Registration to join our Conquest and Challenge Clubs can be found on our parish website:

www.saintdominic.ca/youth

Food Donations Box – During this time of pandemic, you are invited to bring non-perishable food for the needy. Items required: baby foods, baby formula, canned fish, canned meats, pasta, sauces, soups, cereal. Thank you on behalf of those who will benefit. Donations 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

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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.