



**Saint Dominic Parish Newsletter / Bulletin**  
**FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT – November 29, 2020**



**SAINT DOMINIC PARISH LITURGIES**

**FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT**  
**November 30 – December 6**

**Tuesday, December 1**

8:30 a.m. + Georgina Bourke  
 7 p.m. **Confirmation**

**Wednesday, December 2**

8:30 a.m. + Msgr. Victor McNamara

**Thursday, December 3**

8:30 a.m. + Palma & Dominic Ragno  
 7 p.m. **Confirmation**

**Friday, December 4**

8:30 a.m. + Sal & Elenor Peragine  
 9-10 a.m. **Adoration Hour**

**SECOND SUNDAY in ADVENT**

**Saturday, December 5**

**1 p.m.** Wedding – Peluso/Wickremasinghe

**4 – 4:30 p.m.** Reconciliation

**5 p.m.**  
 + Gabriele Biondo  
 + Georgina Bourke  
 + Roger Garbonton  
 + Margarite Mune  
 + Albert Seoeira  
 + Jenny Suklje

**Sunday, December 6**

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



***St. Dominic Angel Tree 2020***

In years past, St. Dominic parishioners have generously purchased & wrapped Christmas presents for individuals described on an “angel decoration” they chose from a tree in the Narthex. Like so many other traditions, this too, must be adapted to comply with pandemic protocols.

This year, we ask you to share your goodwill with a **gift certificate** which can be used by persons in need of Christmas cheer. If desired, enclose the gift card in an envelope with a personal but anonymous holiday message.

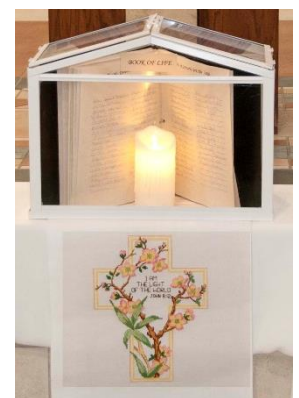
Place your gift in an “Angel Gift Basket” which will be found on the sanctuary steps in front of the Cantor’s Lectern. Following every Mass, our usher/greeters will collect the gifts so they can be delivered to shut-ins, seniors and other deserving individuals or families the week prior to Christmas.

***Book of Life***

This November, more than **180** names of parishioners’ relatives and friends were added to our Book of Life. These persons, as well as those listed in years past, were remembered in prayers at all Masses this month.

FYI – the eye-catching “Light of Christ” needlework

was designed and cross-stitched by one of St Dominic’s creative artisans – Lucy Nottager.



**Let us prepare our hearts  
 To receive God’s Son.**

**As we light the first candle, we pray:**

**“Lord thank you for the gift of hope in faith.  
 We give you all our struggles this day.  
 May we always find hope and help  
 in your son, Jesus. Amen”**

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

**Clare Dashney**, who is in hospital recovering from surgery.





## Baptisms

*Saint Dominic Parish  
November 22, 2020*



**Levi Victor Hornsby** with parents  
Aaron & Sonja Hornsby



**Andrew Sharpe-Aguileta**  
and  
**Sofia Sharpe-Aguileta**  
with parents  
Matthew Sharpe & Ines Aguileta



**James Murray Hawthorne**  
with brother Robert, and parents  
Jesse & Alison Hawthorne



## CONQUEST

This past week our St. Dominic's youth engaged in several fun activities including small games of bowling and basketball!

The Challenge girls had time to create advent wreaths to take home as we prepare to begin a new Liturgical year.



Meanwhile, the Conquest boys engaged in an interactive Advent Quiz to help begin our reflection as we enter this new season.

Our next meeting is December 8, at 6:30 p.m. We are looking forward to hosting special guests, Sisters from the Fraternity Poor of Jesus Christ who are situated in Hamilton. Please join us and the Sisters as they accompany us for activities and offer reflections on Advent preparations.



To learn more about St. Dominic's Youth Ministry, please visit our website: [www.saintdominic.ca/youth](http://www.saintdominic.ca/youth) and be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram!



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### Meetings Calendar



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|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Wednesday<br>Dec 2 | 6:30<br>p.m. | Wedding<br>Rehearsal     | Church                  |
| Wednesday<br>Dec 2 | 7:30<br>p.m. | Zumba                    | Auditorium              |
| Friday<br>Dec 4    | 9<br>a.m.    | Men's Spiritual<br>Group | Rectory Meeting<br>Room |
| Saturday<br>Dec 5  | 9:30<br>a.m. | Zumba                    | Auditorium              |
| Sunday<br>Dec 6    | 12<br>noon   | R.C.I.A.                 | Rectory Meeting<br>Room |
| Tuesday<br>Dec 8   | 6:15<br>p.m. | Conquest &<br>Challenge  | Auditorium              |

### FOOD DONATIONS BOX

Show your appreciation by sharing your bounty with those who are struggling to keep food on the table. 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/> 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.

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

|                       |                             |
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| Monday, November 30   | Rev. Andrew Czarny          |
| Tuesday, December 1   | Rev. Florian Stansinski     |
| Wednesday, December 2 | Discalced Carmelite Fathers |
| Thursday, December 3  | Rev. John Redmond           |
| Friday, December 4    | Rev. Philip Cook            |
| Saturday, December 5  | Very Rev Lukasz Kopaniak    |



Are you interested in exploring the Catholic Christian the journey of the R.C.I.A. process at

Saint Dominic Parish? R.C.I.A. stands for Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults and 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

## Christmas Mass Registration

Opens Dec 1 @ [www.saintdominic.ca](http://www.saintdominic.ca)

Due to capacity restrictions for gatherings in Ontario, **registration for all Christmas Masses at Saint Dominic will be required.** (These liturgies are shown in red in the chart below.) The reservation protocol is designed to ensure safety to all parishioners so everyone can enjoy Christmas in good health.

Registration for the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass is restricted to seniors and those with compromised health. These individuals may come with their families but must indicate the number of persons when making their reservation *by telephone only* to the Parish Office.

Reservations for all other Christmas Masses can be made on our website [www.saintdominic.ca](http://www.saintdominic.ca) beginning this week on December 1.

## Advent / Christmas Liturgies

### Advent Reconciliation

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| Saturday, December 12 | 3 - 4 p.m. |
| Friday, December 18   | 6 - 7 p.m. |

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

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| Tuesday, December 8 | 8:30 a.m. |
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### Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24

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| <b>Seniors &amp; those with<br/>compromised health</b> | <b>4 p.m.</b>     |
| <b>Children's Mass</b>                                 | <b>5:45 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>Youth Mass</b>                                      | <b>7:30 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>Midnight Mass</b>                                   | <b>11:30 p.m.</b> |

### Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Day

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| <b>Friday, December 25</b> | <b>8:30 a.m.</b>  |
|                            | <b>10:15 a.m.</b> |
|                            | <b>12 noon</b>    |

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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| Saturday, December 26 | 5 p.m.  |
| Sunday, December 27   | 9 a.m.  |
|                       | 11 a.m. |

### Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

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| Thursday, December 31 – New Year's Eve | 5 p.m.  |
| Friday, January 1 – New Year's Day     | 10 a.m. |

### Epiphany of the Lord

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| Saturday, January 2 | 5 p.m.  |
| Sunday, January 3   | 9 a.m.  |
|                     | 11 a.m. |



## Pickup Offering Envelopes In Parish Centre

Those who use envelopes for their offerings to support Saint Dominic parish, are requested to pick up their box in the Choir Room of the Parish Centre. Information gathered from the envelopes is used to provide parishioners with a charitable giving receipt for tax purposes.



### Easy Giving

Many parishioners use an easy method of contributing to our parish. You can join them. The system is known as Pre-Authorised Giving (PAG) and has been in operation in our parish for the last 10 years. The forms are available in the Parish Office and on the parish web site (click “New Parishioners”, then go to “Forms”). You choose how much you want to give each week or each month and sign the authorization form. You can also choose how much you want to give to the special collections during the year. That’s it! The parish then deals with its bank to withdraw the amounts from your bank account. You can change the amounts at any time by emailing [accountant@saintdominic.ca](mailto:accountant@saintdominic.ca).

### VOCATIONS

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master’s return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God’s “particular task” for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at (905) 528-7988 email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

## Cantors Needed for Christmas!

Cantors (song leaders) are needed to lead music at a few of the 5 p.m. Saturday or 11 a.m. Sunday Masses during the Christmas Season at St. Dominic's. Training and rehearsal provided. Please contact Pat Hood at [pat.hood4music@gmail.com](mailto:pat.hood4music@gmail.com) or the Parish Office by December 8.



## Usher/Greeters Needed for Christmas Masses

We are in great need of more usher/greeters to volunteer over the Christmas and New Year period. These Ministers of Hospitality provide a wonderful service to their parish community by welcoming parishioners and guests at each of the doors. They also record names in the hopefully unlikely event they might be needed for contact tracing. Furthermore, they ensure safety measures and proper protocols are properly followed during the pandemic.

If you would like to volunteer as an usher/greeter, please tell one of the current Lead Ushers: 5 p.m. David McCleary; 9 a.m. Theresa O’Connor; 11 a.m. Rod Rafauli.

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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[michael@saintdominic.ca](mailto:michael@saintdominic.ca)

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Terry Murphy

Parish Accountant: Mr. Brian Thornton

Secretary: Mrs. Donna O'Donnell

Custodian: Mr. Peter Coffey

Sacristan: Mrs. Judi Kingry

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.

**Planned Giving** Continue to help your Parish and the mission of your Church. For more details go to [www.saintdominic.ca/support-us](http://www.saintdominic.ca/support-us)