



Saint Dominic Parish Newsletter / Bulletin
FOURTH SUNDAY in ADVENT – December 20, 2020



SAINT DOMINIC PARISH LITURGIES

FOURTH WEEK IN ADVENT

December 21 - 27

Tuesday, December 22

8:30 a.m. Int. Ryan Rogers

Wednesday, December 23

8:30 a.m. + Felcia Aranha

Thursday, December 24

Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Eve

Seniors & those with compromised health	4 p. m.
Children's Mass	5:45 p.m.
Youth Mass	7:30 p.m.
Midnight Mass	11:30 p.m.



Friday, December 25

Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Day

8:30 a.m.
10:15 a.m.
12 noon

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 26

4 p.m.	Reconciliation
5 p.m.	Mass
	+ Emmett Berrigan
	+ Kay Black
	+ Ellen O'Riordan
	+ Vince Salvia
	+ Robert Clarke

Sunday, December 27

9 a.m.	Intention of
11 a.m.	Parishioners

Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

Thursday, December 31 –

New Year's Eve 5 p.m.

Friday, January 1

New Year's Day 10 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord

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

**Fourth Sunday
of Advent**

Let us prepare our hearts
To receive God's son.

As we light the fourth 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"



A happy event occurred in the RCIA group a week ago, something that hasn't happened in the group in the last eighteen years. One of the candidates gave birth and welcomed Jacob into the

world. We were all spontaneously happy for mother and child. It happened just as we are preparing to celebrate the birth of another child, a forceful reminder of the humanity and divinity of Jesus, and of the place of honour his mother occupies. We will take a break from our regular meetings for two weeks and we wish all parishioners a holy and joyful Christmas season.

**SUNDAY OFFERING
ENVELOPES**

Sunday offering envelopes for 2021 are available in the Parish Centre for all who are currently using envelopes. Please advise the ushers and they will assist you in obtaining your box.

As we approach a new fiscal in January we need to consider our individual and collective responsibility for the upkeep of our parish facilities, the support of our parish staff and the promotion of God's reign through the many education outreach activities of our parish. Parishioners who are not currently using envelopes but wish to do so, please contact the parish secretary during office hours.

NO MEETINGS THIS WEEK



Christmas Mass Details - See Page 3



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CONQUEST & CHALLENGE

Christmas Bonanza Introduces New 'Patron Saint' Annual Tradition

On Tuesday December 15, the boys and girls of St. Dominic Youth Ministry participated in our first Christmas Bonanza! Beginning with a prayer service and reflection, followed by songs, they also started a new tradition featuring Patron Saints!

In this activity, saint cards are distributed randomly to the boys and girls. Each saint card displays a saint's picture, name and virtue for the recipient to imitate for the rest of the year. The group learned that Church gives us saints to imitate and to pray to for specific intentions. The saints want each of us to grow in our image and likeness of Christ. That's why each saint helps with a specific virtue he lived during his life. A patron saint is a specific saint that you pray to for a cause or specific situation. These patron saint cards are to be the child's patron for the year – specifically for them. We believe God has a hand in helping pick someone who will help them this year.

Throughout the evening the boys and girls rotated across several different stations taking part in making crafts, playing games, rock painting and so much more! Before departing until the New Year, each of them went home with a special gift from the pastor on behalf of the parish and the youth ministry team. We look forward to connecting with everyone again in the New Year!

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

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HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, December 21	Rev. Jamsuz Roginski
Tuesday, December 22	Rev Robert Sims
Wednesday, December 24	Voluntas Dei Institute
Thursday, December 25	Rev, Michael Downey
Friday, December 25	Christmas Day (The Nativity of the Lord)
Saturday, December 26	Rev. Martin Valley



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Christmas Eve / Day Seating at Saint Dominic

St. Dominic Church is *fully booked to capacity* for **ALL** Christmas Eve / Day Masses. Thank you all for making advance online reservations for our Christmas Masses. To maintain safe, social distancing and ease of entrance & exits, all parishioners with reservations will be directed to assigned pews for these services.

Please remember that masks covering the nose and mouth are required for entrance to the church.

As you enter, give your last name to the Usher/Greeter who will provide your party with its **assigned Section and Row**. Other volunteers will assist you as you move to your assigned place.

If you are the first to be seated in your row, please move to the centre of the pew.

Throughout the Mass, ushers will direct traffic flow for Communion as well as exiting. At Communion time, we ask **all** persons to exit the pew and follow the que around the church. If desired, those who are not receiving Holy Communion may approach the minister for a special blessing.

A minister will bring Communion to the balcony.

If you wish to greet friends after Mass, please do so *outside in the parking lot*.

Note: A Saint Dominic Christmas Mass will be broadcast online via our website the morning of Christmas Day. On December 15, check <https://saintdominic.ca> for a link to this Mass.

St. Dominic Angel Tree 2020

Help Saint. Dominic Parish recognize the many who have no one with whom to celebrate or are financially disadvantaged.

This year, share your goodwill by enclosing a **gift certificate** in a Christmas card with an anonymous personal holiday message of good cheer. Place your gift in the “Angel Lantern” on the sanctuary steps near the Cantor’s Lectern.



VOCATIONS

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.” Could God be calling you to be a priest in order to help our world of today to truly “Prepare the ways of the Lord”? 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

Show your Christmas joy & 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.

*“May you and your families
Rejoice and be glad
In the birth of
Christ Our Saviour”*



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.

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.