



Saint Dominic Parish Newsletter / Bulletin SECOND SUNDAY in ADVENT – December 6, 2020



SAINT DOMINIC PARISH LITURGIES

**SECOND WEEK IN ADVENT
December 7 – December 13**

Tuesday, December 8 *Feast of Immaculate Conception*

8:30 a.m. + Sybil O’Leary

Wednesday, December 9

8:30 a.m. Int. Patricia Brandi

Thursday, December 10

8:30 a.m. Int. Fernandes family

Friday, December 11

8:30 a.m. + John & Marta Pacione

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

THIRD SUNDAY in ADVENT

Saturday, December 12

4 – 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5 p.m.

Int. Fr. Roshan D’Souza
+ Jose & Maria Gomes
+ Monica Lim
+ Andy Livingstone
+ Manuel & Maria Silva

Sunday, December 13

9 a.m. Intentions

11 a.m. of Parishioners

Bring Your Baby Jesus to Church next Week-end!

*The Third Sunday of Advent marks
John Paul II’s beloved tradition of
‘Bambinelli Sunday.’*



St. John Paul II began a tradition early on in his papacy – he invited the children of Rome to assemble in St. Peter’s Square on the Third Sunday of Advent. He asked them to bring their little statue of the baby Jesus from their home Nativity set for a special blessing on Gaudete Sunday. Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis continued the tradition – one that we celebrate each year at Saint Dominic parish.

All are invited to bring your baby Jesus figurines to any of the three Masses next weekend, December 12/13. They will be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your ‘Bambinelli’ home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day – as you lay Jesus in the Manager, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

It is a beautiful Advent tradition, one that sanctifies the home with the baby Jesus and makes his arrival in the manger scene an even more joyous event.

Five Individuals Welcomed To Explore the Catholic Faith

Last week on the first Sunday of Advent, five adults participated in a Rite of Christian Welcome at the 11 a.m. Mass. The rite officially welcomes them as



catechumens to explore the Catholic Christian Faith. Led by five committed St. Dominic R.C.I.A. team members, these five catechumens have embarked on a journey of talks, instructions, prayer and guidance to understand Catholicism. 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 but all are welcome. The group meets weekly at 12 noon in the Rectory Meeting Room.

St. Dominic Angel Tree 2020



While we look forward to the festive season, the St. Dominic Angel Tree program helps us recognize the many who have no one with whom to celebrate or are financially disadvantaged. In years

past, we left wrapped ‘angel gifts’ for many. Like so many traditions, pandemic protocol required adaptations.

This year share your goodwill with a **gift certificate** enclosed in a Christmas card with an anonymous personal holiday message of good cheer. Gift certificates that utilize local retailers – grocery, drug stores, restaurants & coffee shops and other nearby shops – will allow recipients can walk to redeem their special gifts.

Place your gift in the “Angel Lantern” on the sanctuary steps near the Cantor’s Lectern.



The **Knights of Columbus Council 3881** once again has lawn signs available for purchase. They are the same design 15”x24” **Keep Christ in Christmas** signs that have been distributed in past years. If you are interested in purchasing one, contact Brian O’Connor occonnor.brian.boc@gmail.com and we will arrange to deliver a sign to you in a safe manner. Thank you for your support.

2020 Creche Accessories

WISE MEN WEAR MASKS! So do good shepherds! This year's Christmas Crib at the Hamilton Diocese Chancery has a COVID-19 PANDEMIC addition. The Magi and the shepherds, who are not part of the Holy Family "bubble" are wearing masks! Since they cannot follow the social distancing protocol, the masks are mandatory! Thanks to the Christmas decorators for reminding us of our responsibility to care for one another especially during these dangerous times!

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, December 7	Rev. Adam Wroblewicz
Tuesday, December 8	Rev. Kevin D’Souza
Wednesday, December 9	Order of Preachers (Dominican)
Thursday, December 10	Rev. Peter Ciallella
Friday, December 11	Rev. John Schnurr
Saturday, December 12	Rev. Francis Salasiar

VOCATIONS

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at (905) 528-7988 email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Christmas Mass Registration

@ www.saintdominic.ca

Have you made a registration for your family to attend one of the Christmas Masses at Saint Dominic? **If not, do it now!** Available spaces are filling quickly. *In some cases, you may need to select a different Mass than the one you usually attend.*

Due to capacity restrictions for gatherings in Ontario, **registration for all Christmas Masses at Saint Dominic is required.** (Liturgies shown in red in the chart below require a “registration ticket” for admittance to the church.) Registration is designed to ensure safety to all parishioners so everyone can enjoy Christmas in good health. Make Christmas Mass reservations @ www.saintdominic.ca

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.

Advent / Christmas Liturgies

Advent Reconciliation

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

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8 8:30 a.m.

Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24

**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.

Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Day

**Friday, December 25 8:30 a.m.
 10:15 a.m.
 12 noon**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

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.



Saint Dominic School Confirmation – December 1, 2020



Carter Manuel Branco, Damian Byrne, Andres Caro-Jauregui, Addison Kennedy Clark, Remy Ficzero, Jordan Gabriel, Kayden Hepburn (*no photo*), Joshua Ivey, Luis Alejandro Russian Lecuna, Peter MacKenzie, Paige McDermott, Jack McNeilage, Michael Modopoulos, William Moore, Maxwell Newton, Alexander Pauls, Adriana Serafini, Vanessa Trisi, Ryan Vukojevic, Evangeline Yamine.



Saint Dominic School Confirmation – December 3, 2020



Jocelyn Nicole Andermarchi, Gavin Anderson, Sarah Betts, Lilly Beverly, Natasha Cacic, David Jose Canizalez, Meghan Da Ponte, Nicole Da Ponte, Marcus Anthony Ferrari, Skylar Fleet, Madeline Kaczmarczyk, Abigail Susan Kingry, Alexander Kurina, Madison Mackie-Matos, Killian Joseph Mullan, Stephen Joseph Novak, Brendan Poshni, Daniel Purbat, Rocco Santos.



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FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

The Oakville Food Bank is especially in need of food donations to assist clients effected by recent lockdowns. Items most needed are posted on Food Share’s website at: <https://oakvillefoodbank.com/needed-items>”

These included dry cereals, chunky soup;/stew, canned meat, fish and fruit, nutritious kids snacks, baby formula, beans, pasta, pasta sauce, soups and baby 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.



**Let us prepare our hearts
To receive God’s son.
As we light the second 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”**



Meetings Calendar



Tuesday Dec 8	6:15 p.m.	Conquest & Challenge	Auditorium
Wednesday Dec. 9	7:30 pm.	Zumba	Auditorium
Friday Dec 11	9 a.m.	Men’s Spiritual Group	Rectory Meeting Room
Saturday Dec 12	9:30 a.m.	Zumba	Auditorium
Sunday	12 noon	R.C.I.A.	Rectory Meeting Room

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.

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