



When Jesus had been baptized,
 He saw the Spirit of God
 coming upon him!



The Lord anointed him
 with the Holy Spirit

The Baptism of Jesus inaugurates His ministry as the anointed one – the Messiah of God. **For whom did the Messiah of God come?** For those who society discarded. He came for the people who were broken and suffering, for those who were blind, for those who were imprisoned. He came for people who are so easily pushed to the margins, beyond our view, where the circumstances of their lives will not trouble us – the homeless, the unemployed, the abandoned children, the helpless elderly, the mentally and chronically ill. He also came to people who do not belong to our inner circles; people who, for any number of reasons, threaten us, people we might despise. He came for the strangers among us, those who have different cultural customs, those who worship in different ways. He came for people we have pushed out as well as those we have refused to let in. The Messiah of God came for all people without distinction.



Continues Meetings
 via Zoom

While the R.C.I.A. group cannot meet in person we can meet virtually. So, we continued our weekly meetings by Zoom on the Feast of the Epiphany. And there we met the newborn Jacob for the first time. Everyone was settling into the virtual format when we were faced with a 40 minute time limit. This was a surprise because some of us remembered an announcement that the time limit was suspended during the pandemic. So we have researched the matter and think we have a solution. We will continue our Zoom meetings with optimism looking forward to the celebration of the sacraments at Easter.

Happy 34th Anniversary

SAINT DOMINIC PARISH LITURGIES

During the current Ontario Lockdown, there are no public Masses celebrated at Saint Dominic Church.

However, Fr. Ranjan celebrates **private daily Masses**.
 Intentions for these Masses include:

Sunday, January 10

The Baptism of the Lord

10 a.m. online <http://saintdominic.ca>

Intentions of Parishioners

- Tuesday, January 12** Int. John Alexander
- Wednesday, January 13** Int. Paloka family
- Thursday, January 14** + Leonardo Agro
- Friday, January 15** Int. Taze & Angel Paloka
- Saturday, January 16** + Bob Shortt,
 + Samir Rafauli
 + Jack & Michael Szczygielski

Sunday, January 17

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 a.m. online <http://saintdominic.ca>

Intentions of Parishioners

FARE SHARE

FOOD BANK OAKVILLE INC.

On behalf of the volunteers and clients of Fare Share Food Bank we wish to thank you very much for your donation of a car full of food! 2020 has been challenging for us as we find the price of groceries skyrocketing while the community need for our support has risen. Therefore, donations such as yours are very much appreciated.

Fare Share is operated entirely by approximately 600 volunteers, and we have been serving those in need for more than 30 years. This past year we provided, on average, for more than 500 families per month, a total of more than 1600 people; many of whom were children

On behalf of our volunteers, thank you so much for caring about the less fortunate families in our community
Jennifer Russell, Director



The “Baptism of the Lord” is an especially memorable feast for Hugh Evans, retired deacon of St Dominic Parish. Thirty-four years ago on January 11, 1987 in Kenora, Hugh was ordained a permanent deacon by Bishop John O’Mara in the diocese of Thunder Bay. Kenora is 500



kms from Thunder Bay so rather than have the people drive to Thunder Bay, the bishop came to Kenora. All of Hugh’s deacon training sessions were in Thunder Bay, so he and his wife, Helen, drove 1000 kms each time to attend these classes. Currently, Bishop O’Mara is now retired, living in St. Catharines.

After high school, Hugh worked in London for the Department of Highways. He was transferred to Thunder Bay and eventually to Kenora where he met and married Helen. His entire family came from Port Dover to Kenora for the wedding.

Hugh and Helen have one daughter and one granddaughter. Helen’s mother lived with the Evans family in Kenora for 35 years and died at age 105. After she died, Hugh and Helen moved to Oakville to be near their daughter and granddaughter. Here, Hugh was active as a deacon for St. Dominic Parish until health issues forced his retirement. During his tenure at St. Dominic, Deacon Hugh spent countless hours visiting parishioners who were ill or shut-ins. On weekdays when no morning Mass was scheduled, Deacon Hugh also initiated and led parishioners in Morning Prayer, one of five parts of the Liturgy of the Hours.

Now that he is in his eightieth decade, he enjoys being in the “pew”, and we at St. Dominic are always very happy to see him in our congregation.

Contributions 2021

Sunday offering envelopes for 2021 are available at the Parish Office. for all who are currently using envelopes. Call the office to arrange pickup.

Please consider your 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.

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) is an alternate to envelopes. It is used by many parishioners to contribute to our parish. You can join them. The system has been in operation in our parish for the last 10 years. For more information see our website or call the office.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income tax receipts will be issued to all parishioners who were envelope users or participated in our PAD program during 2020. Receipts will be mailed at the end of February 2021 and will be issued for donations received between January 2, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, January 11	Rev. Henryk Krajewski
Tuesday, January 12	Rev. Lajos Angyal
Wednesday, January 13	Sisters of St. John the Baptist
Thursday, January 14	Rev. Joseph Durkacz
Friday, January 15	Rev. Emmanuel Azike
Saturday, January 16	Rev. Thomas Manninezhath

Church Currently Closed

Saint Dominic Church, along with all parishes in the Hamilton Diocese, will remain closed for the duration of the current Ontario lockdown.

- The Parish Office is closed but will be open for emergencies. Queries? Leave a telephone message.
- Conquest and Challenge and other regular meetings are cancelled until further notice.
- **No public Masses will be celebrated at St. Dominic Church during the lockdown.**

However, a St. Dominic Mass will be broadcast live at 10 a.m. each Sunday. To participate online at this Mass, go to our website <https://saintdominic.ca/>

You may also view previous St. Dominic Masses which have been broadcast online. List and links:

<https://www.youtube.com/saintdominicparishoakville>

VOCATIONS

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus, a voice from heaven said, “You are my Son the Beloved, with you I am well pleased.” Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious consecrated man or woman. If you think god is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at (905) 528-7988 email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



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

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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.