



Saint Dominic Parish Newsletter / Bulletin  
**FIFTH SUNDAY in LENT – March 21, 2021**



**SAINT DOMINIC PARISH LITURGIES**

***FIFTH WEEK of LENT – March 22 – 28***

**Tuesday, March 23**

8:30 a.m. + Benedict D'Sa

**Wednesday, March 24**

8:30 a.m. + Antonia Giulioni

**Thursday, March 25**

8:30 a.m. + Samir Rafauli

**Friday, March 26**

8:30 a.m. Int. Mila Thomas

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



7 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**

**PASSION OF THE LORD – PALM SUNDAY**

**Saturday, March 27**

4 – 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

**5 p.m.**

- + Domenic & Mary Ciaccia
- Int Howard Dale
- Int Linda Morse
- + Antonio & Angela Piccione
- + Jadranko Terzie
- + Antonio Vigliotta
- + Darryl & Chuck Ward

**Sunday, March 28**

9 a.m. Intentions

11 a.m. of Parishioners

**Baptism**



*Baptized March 13, Riley Ann MacCharles shown here with her parents Gregory & Jennifer MacCharles and Godparents Jose Mabilang and Michelle Stapleton.*



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

**Patrick Doyle**, husband of Pauline Doyle for 68 years. His funeral - Tuesday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.

***Holy Week Registration Reminder***

Have you submitted your registrations for Holy Week liturgies? Schedule shown on left. Due to limited capacity pandemic regulations, **pre-registration** is required for **Good Friday**, Saturday **Easter Vigil** liturgies and **Easter Sunday Masses**. *Registration is NOT required for Holy Thursday.* **Online registration** via our parish website <http://saintdominic.ca> is available now on a first come/first served basis.

***Three Good Friday Liturgies***

The 11 a.m. liturgy is geared to children. *The 3 and 5 p.m. services are identical!* This liturgy is offered twice to allow adequate, socially distanced seating for a larger number of parishioners. Because it is at a less traditional time, this later service is a good choice for those seeking a liturgy with fewer people. Seating will not be assigned. However, all parishioners will be greeted by our usher/greeters, asked for their registration and then be directed to specific pews by the hospitality crew. When being seated you are asked to kindly **move to the centre** of the pew, to allow adequate spacing for additional parishioners at pew ends.

***Holy Week***

March **Palm Sunday** 5 p.m. Saturday  
 27 - 28 9 a.m.  
 11 a.m.

***Sacred Paschal Triduum***

April 1 **Holy Thursday** 7:30 p.m.  
 April 2 **Good Friday** 11 a.m.  
 3 p.m.  
 5 p.m.  
 April 3 **Holy Saturday** 8 p.m. Solemn Vigil  
 April 4 **Easter Sunday** 8:30 a.m.  
 10:15 a.m.  
 12 noon



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for a communal celebration of the **Way of the Cross** every **Friday** during Lent at **7 p.m.** The Way of the Cross helps us understand and relive in our own way the passion of Christ. This devotion is an excellent way to prepare adequately for the celebration of Easter – the feast of Jesus’ resurrection and our salvation.



## Sacraments Update



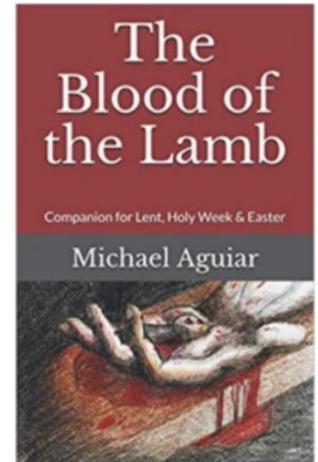
**First Communion** – All available slots for First Communion have been filled. Due to technical difficulties with the Parish website, questions and any new sign-ups for First Communion will be handled directly by our Youth Minister – contact Michael Aguiar at: 905 827 2373, ext. 303 or [michael@saintdominic.ca](mailto:michael@saintdominic.ca)

**Confirmation** – Confirmandi are reminded that 20 Community Service hours are strongly encouraged to be completed. Submit service forms to the student’s teacher or Parish Office with a signed letter from the appropriate contact indicating the number of hours served and date(s).

Throughout the lockdown or stay at home orders, there are plenty of opportunities to be creative and find ways to be of service, especially within St. Dominic Parish. For those who are not comfortable providing further outreach due to the pandemic, hours may be completed at home through various ways. Please see the Confirmation Information Booklet on our website <https://saintdominic.ca/> for more details and ideas. Questions or concerns – contact: Michael Aguiar - 905 827 2373, ext. 303 or [michael@saintdominic.ca](mailto:michael@saintdominic.ca)

## Youth Minister Publishes Lenten Reflections Book

Congratulations to our Youth Minister and Lay Pastoral Associate, Michael Aguiar, on the publication of his book **The Blood of the Lamb**. Michael is humbled to be able to share this prayer and reflection companion to



accompany you during the Lenten season and your journey toward Holy Week. It is his hope that this companion serves as your reminder that “*you are dust and unto dust you shall return*”. May the Holy Spirit at work within all of us, deepen our understanding of the love of Jesus Christ and through this gift, come to know the depths of His love.

Paperback and Kindle versions of this companion are available for purchase on Amazon or you may contact Michael directly at:

[michael@saintdominic.ca](mailto:michael@saintdominic.ca) or 905-827-2373, ext. 303. If you wish to continue to follow his work and reflections you may visit his blog at: [www.michaelaguiarblog.wordpress.com](http://www.michaelaguiarblog.wordpress.com)

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, March 22	Rev. Nishil Varghese
Tuesday, March 23	Very Rev. Cornelius O’Mahony
Wednesday, March 24	Franciscan Fathers O.F.M.
Thursday, March 25	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
Friday, March 26	Rev. Faliz Nwatu
Saturday, March 27	Rec. Piotr Machnacki

## VOCATIONS

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will “lay down their lives for their friends”. If you think God might be calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, contact Very Reverend Wayne Lobsinger, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at (905) 528-7988 email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



- **R.C.I.A. - 12 noon following 11 a.m. Sunday Mass**
- **Friday, 9 a.m. Men’s Scripture Group. Rectory Meeting Room**



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This past week, Conquest and Challenge resumed their meetings by going online via Zoom! With the help of Alejandra Briones, Challenge Club president, the teen leaders came together to organize an outstanding meeting based entirely at their own initiative! From leading a gospel reflection, sharing in discussion, and organizing a craft it was a joy to see the boys and girls share their excitement. By coming together and learning from one another, they grow in their relationship with Christ. Together, everyone participated in creating a prayer chain writing their intentions and linking the pieces together to build a chain with their intentions and prayers offered for each of them. The following poem written by Mia Ziman, a Challenge Club Leader, was shared with the group.



We look forward to our next online meeting on March 30 at 7:00pm. Please contact our Youth Minister, Michael Aguiar or Ale Briones at [oakvillejuniorclub@gmail.com](mailto:oakvillejuniorclub@gmail.com) if you wish to join us next time!



*14 boys and 8 girls getting ready for a new journey  
What could be more fun?  
Coming back as one,  
A group Called Conquest & Challenge  
All have different futures but all together at once  
Getting ready for Jesus' plans  
A life by Christ*

- Mia Ziman



## FOOD BANK

**There is always a need!**

**Please drop donations off at the rectory.**

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.

*For all who are sick or suffering,  
especially Johnny Tovar that the Lord  
will bring healing to the sick and  
comfort to the dying and light to  
those experiencing darkness.*





**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH**

The amount of time spent together as a family during COVID might be considered by some to be too much, but it may also be filling a real need. Past research has shown that children consistently identify a desire to spend more time with their parents and family. Time for them means direct, active engagement. The long-term benefits to family relationships are proven; children grow up healthier in mind, body and spirit. Enjoying quality time with their family means children are more likely to turn to their family for love and support, keeping them healthy. So play with your kids, watch a movie together and discuss its message(s), pray together, be active together, cook together and/or clean together; the possibilities are endless. So remember, time with family is powerful when it is interactive – shared by all and fun!



Do you use weekly envelopes to make contributions to St. Dominic parish? **Have you picked up your box of envelopes?** Many have not!

Boxes of Offering Envelopes have been moved to the Narthex so they're easy to locate and pick up before the Easter celebrations. Please remember to pick up your envelopes soon.



**Anniversary Mass  
2021 Registration**

Are you celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage in? Due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19, the annual diocesan Anniversary Mass originally scheduled for June has been cancelled. However, you are still invited to register your special anniversary on the Diocesan website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com). Registration will allow the diocese to mail you a certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.

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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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.