



Saint Dominic Parish Newsletter / Bulletin
PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD - March 28, 2021



Holy Week

The first week of April is **Holy Week**. For Christians it is the most important week of the year. During this Holy Week, we contemplate on the mystery of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. We start the week with Palm Sunday also known as Passion Sunday. Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. People of Jerusalem, in a way, recognize Jesus as a Prophet promised in the Old Testament. They give Him a king's welcome. In fact, they wanted to make him a king, but God had other plans for Him. God's plans will be revealed during the coming 'holy' week.

The next significant event is the Passover Meal that Jesus will eat with his Disciples. It was Jesus' last supper on this earth. During the supper, Jesus took the bread, broke it and said, "this is my body which will be broken for the salvation of all." Then He took the cup of wine in His hands and said, "this is my blood, shed for the forgiveness of the people." What Jesus did symbolically at the last supper, He would fulfill the next day on the cross. He would sacrifice Himself for the salvation of humanity.

In John's Gospel, the breaking of the bread and breaking of his body (dying on the Cross) is signified in a symbolic action by the washing of the disciples' feet. John brings out beautifully the meaning of Jesus' lifelong preaching on love of neighbour and dying for one another with this simple act of washing the feet.

Good Friday is the greatest moment of our Christian history. Jesus dies on the cross that we may live in the presence of God. Jesus at this moment becomes the Paschal Lamb who would take away our sins. The cross of Christ is the hope of every human person's eternal life. Jesus crucified is our gate to heaven. Here at the cross God has become the Father of all believers.

Easter Sunday is about the triumph of love over death. Love is greater than death. The love of God conquers everything, even death. Easter Sunday is all about God's infinite love for all humanity. On Sunday we will be proclaiming – *Alleluia Jesus is risen, He is alive and is with us*. In the Risen Christ, we will be fully alive in the presence of God.

I wish you all a spirit filled Holy Week where we all can be transformed by the love of God. Then during the Easter season, we will live our transformation, proclaiming through our lives Christ's risen presence among us.

– Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

SAINT DOMINIC PARISH LITURGIES
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Holy Week



Tuesday, March 30
 8:30 a.m. + **Guido Bardaro**

Wednesday, March 31
 8:30 a.m. + **Samir Rafauli**

SACRED PASCAL TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 1
 7:30 p.m. **Mass of Lord's Supper**
(incense)

Good Friday, April 2
11 a.m. Children's Celebration
3 p.m. Passion of the Lord
5 p.m. Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday,
8 p.m. Easter Vigil (incense)
First Mass of Easter

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



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*Congratulations **Dylan Jack Murphy**, center in white, who was baptized March 21. He is shown with his parents David and Alanna Murphy and siblings Jordan and Ella Murphy.*

Conquest Youth Create Website – Peter’s Net

God is at work in the hearts of our youth! Two boys from the Conquest Club in Milton have come together to begin an initiative of their own. *Peter’s Net* is a website to engage Catholic youth to grow in their relationship with Christ and understanding of their faith through videos, podcasts, TikToks, lives of the saints and more. Visit their website at: <https://catholicsgettingco.wixsite.com/website-1> or sign up to receive Saint of the Day reflections.



Holy Thursday Food Donations

Traditionally, the feast of the Lord’s Last Supper has been one on which parishioners bring food gifts for the needy in our



community. Although this year’s liturgy will not include a “presentation of these food gifts”, these donations are still welcome and encouraged. Please deposit your donations of food or funds to purchase it in the bins in the Narthex. All donations will be taken to the Oakville Food Bank where there is always a need, especially during festive seasons. *Thank you for your generosity!*



This week, four catechumens are in their days of preparation to be received into the church during the Easter Vigil at Saint Dominic Parish. Over the past months, through talks, prayer and the guidance of committed adults on St. Dominic’s R.C.I.A. team, these individuals have journeyed to a new understanding of the Catholic faith. Please remember these four catechumens and their sponsors in your prayers. Watch for more information on them and the parish RCIA team in an April Newsletter.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, March 29	Rev. Ranjan D’Sa OCD
Tuesday, March 30	Maria Joseph Ahilan Alphonse
Wednesday, March 31	Sisters of St. Joseph Canada
Thursday, April 1	Holy Thursday
Friday, April 2	Good Friday
Saturday, April 3	Holy Saturday



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2021 Diocesan Chrism Mass

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the Mass of Chrism on Monday, March 29th, 2021 in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. This year, due to COVID capacity limitations and social distancing requirements, **attendance at the Chrism Mass will be limited to Priests only.** Each year at the Mass of Chrism, the Bishop blesses the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Catechumens, and consecrates Sacred Chrism. The blessed and consecrated Oils are taken to the Parishes of the Diocese to be used in the celebration of the Sacraments for the coming year. The Priests serving in the Diocese, together with the Bishop, renew the promises of their Ordination in which they committed themselves to serve this local Church in imitation of Christ the Priest, Prophet and Shepherd.



VOCATIONS

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or deacon, contact Very Reverend Wayne Lobsinger, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at (905) 528-7988 email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

For all who are sick or suffering, especially Johnny Tovar, Brian Flynn, Sheila Monery, Nick D'Lonzo and Gemma Webb that the Lord will bring healing to the sick and comfort to the dying and light to those experiencing darkness.



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.