



SAINT DOMINIC PARISH LITURGIES

April 6 – 11, 2021

Tuesday, April 6

8:30 a.m. + Gabriele Biondo

Wednesday, April 7

8:30 a.m. + Frank Flynn

Thursday, April 8

8:30 a.m. + Edmond Kubesheskie

Friday, April 9

8:30 a.m. Int Ryan, Tora & baby
Chapmen

9-10 a.m. Adoration

SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER

Saturday, April 10

4 – 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5 p.m.

+ Andrade & Gomes family
+ Teresa Araujo
Int. Edna Dale
+ Walter Delija
+ Katherine Marushchak

Sunday, April 11

9 a.m. Intentions

11 a.m. of Parishioners

Why This Night?

“Mah nishtanah, ha-laylah ha-zeh, mi-kol ha-leylot”.
Which is translated from Hebrew as “**Why is this night different from all the other nights?**”

On the eve of the Passover feast, the youngest in the family would ask this question. In fact, there are a series of four questions commonly known as ‘Mah Nishtanah’; practically asking why everything is different on this special night. As a response to those questions, the paterfamilias would narrate the story of the exodus in its entirety.

For Christians and Jews, the basic answer to the above question is the same. It is all about Pascha (Pesach). It is about freedom. It is about passing over from death to life. The Feast of the Passover is the feast of renewing the covenant with God.

Jews renewed the covenant with Yahweh by sacrificing the lamb. The blood of the lamb saved them from the angel of death and destruction. This sacrifice commemorated their renewal of the covenant with God who, as promised, would save them. The terms of the covenant were simple “I am your God and you are my people – if you keep my commandments, I will protect you.” It is also a sacrifice of thanksgiving in advance for the victory that would be won by God. It takes almost 40 long years to complete the victory.

For Christians, Jesus becomes the new lamb of the sacrifice who is slaughtered once and for all for the salvation of all humanity. The Blood of Jesus would now protect all humanity from every form of evil. As Christians, we renew the covenant through the blood of Christ. Here in Christ, we become the children of God. Hence, as God’s children, we have the right to our inheritance - the resurrection and eternal life with God.

Why is this day different from all other days? It is on this day that Jesus completed His mission on this earth and became our way to heaven. It is on this day that we realized God’s steadfast love for all humanity. This day is different because Jesus is risen from the dead and He will live with us forever.

Easter, therefore, is the feast of our salvation. It is the feast of the triumph of light over darkness, life over death, goodness over evil....

– Fr. Ranjan D’Sa OCD



Easter Liturgy Changes

On Holy Thursday, the government of Ontario declared a province-wide lockdown starting on Saturday April 3. These measures included a new reduced capacity for churches. **We are now limited to 15% capacity**, down from 30%. Good Friday liturgies were not effected.

To accommodate this change, all Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday attendance reservations were cancelled. A separate online site opened Friday evening, for parishioners to obtain new tickets for the April 3 and 4 liturgies. Although confusing for many, this protocol was done to allow as much fairness as possible.

To accommodate the reduced numbers, an extra Easter Sunday Mass at 5 p.m was added. so you can celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and then have your Easter dinner. **These new reservations will open online on Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.** Links will be posted on our website saintdominic.ca.



Thank you to all parishioners who participated in prayer and song during Lent our liturgical celebration of the Easter Triduum. The witness of everyone’s faith is a powerful sign that we are indeed united in the risen Lord and alive with His Spirit.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Friday Lenten Stations of the Cross



*Thank you to all those who joined us Friday evenings during Lent for the **Way of the Cross**. To accommodate social distancing protocols, these services incorporated the use of video.*

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, April 5	Rev. Louis Lenssen
Tuesday, April 6	Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto
Wednesday, April 7	Oblates of Mary Immaculate
Thursday, April 8	Rev Allen Varlaki
Friday, April 9	Rev. Paul Edmondstone
Saturday, April 10	Rev. Jerzy Tomon



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.



St. Dominic’s youth ministry is continuing to live and learn more of the mysteries of Christ’s life. On Tuesday March 30, the Conquest and Challenge boys and girls gathered on Zoom once again continuing to prepare for the Holy Triduum and Easter Sunday. The work our teen leaders brought together was a success with Brady Zielinski leading the children in a gospel reflection and Susana Junco organizing a butterfly craft. The meeting ended with much fun concluding with a game of Kahoot organized by Mia Ziman and Emily Duzek. We continue to thank our teen leaders for their committed efforts and zeal in being true Christian leaders for our children! Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 13 at 7:00pm via Zoom. If you wish to participate please contact oakvillejuniorclub@gmail.com or the parish office.



VOCATIONS

“We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day.” Are you being called to a life as a priest? Contact Very Reverend Wayne Lobsinger, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at (905) 528-7988 email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



YOU TOOK MY PARKING SPACE AT CHURCH

This should wake us up. One day, a man went to visit a church, He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the church and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still he said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet.

Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place."

When you read this, say a prayer that's all....**This Easter Season let's remember, "Who took our place."**



***St. Dominic Students Lenten Outreach
– Easter Cards for our Parishioners***

Students from Miss McNamara's Grade 7/8 Class, Mr. Taraschi's Grade 8 Class, and Mrs. Vasliak's Grade 2 class from St. Dominic School wrote Easter Cards to some of our homebound and elderly parishioners.

As a Lenten Outreach, the students wanted to spread cheer and create happiness in the community. While long-term homes have been getting attention from schools and other organizations during the pandemic, these students thought keeping the cards in our community would brighten up someone's day.

Approximately 45 cards were sent out to elderly parishioners during Holy Week.

At Christmas, the three grade 8 classes dropped off Christmas cards to OSCAR. Thank you to our school community for building a community of faith within our parish.



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
OUR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST
COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION**



NO
MEETINGS
THIS
WEEK



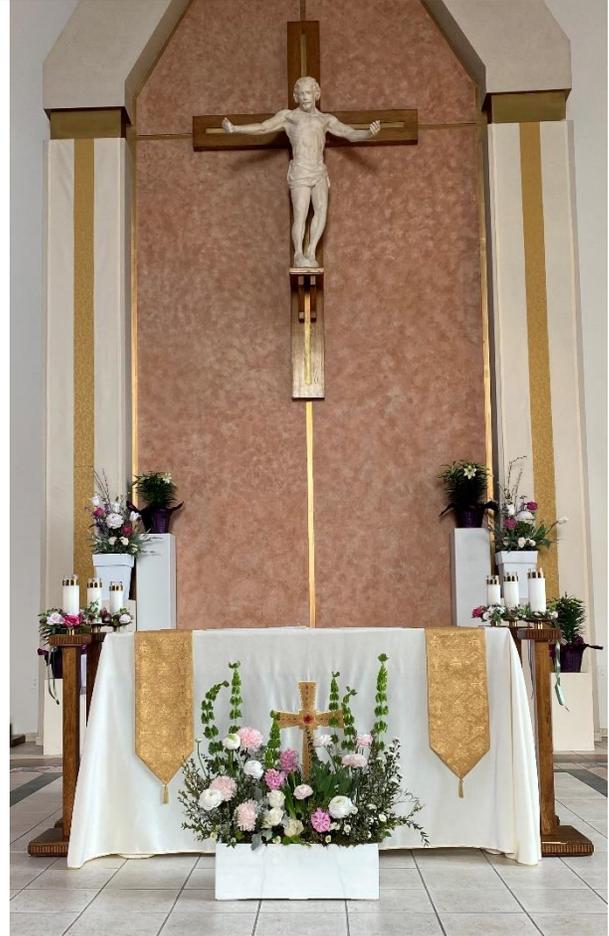
Triduum at Saint Dominic Parish



Palm (Passion) Sunday



Holy Thursday



Easter Sunday



Good Friday



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Parish Office: 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.