## A Faith Community Alive in Christ Jesus

CATHOLIC

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#### **PARISH STAFF**

Fr. Terence Dias - Pastor Beverly O'Grady, Pastoral Associate Gloria Noronha, Parish Secretary

#### **OUR LITURGICAL LIFE Sunday Eucharist**

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Baptisms: 1:00 p.m.

#### Weekday Eucharist

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 7:00 p.m. Fridays: 8:00 a.m. Every First Friday of the Month: 8:00 a.m. Mass 6:15 p.m. Holy Hour 7:15 p.m. Mass Wednesdays & Saturdays: 9:15 a.m. Rosary Saturdays at 8:45 a.m.

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. and anytime by request.

#### **Baptisms**

Contact the parish office even before the birth for preparation and arrangements.

#### Marriages

By appointment with at least one year notice to permit adequate preparation.

#### **Ministry to the Sick and Shut-Ins**

Please notify the office if a family member is in hospital or confined to the home.

#### **Holy Orders**

For information contact Fr. Chris Lemieux 416-968-0997 or www.vocations.ca

#### **Parish Schools**

St. Dominic's Elementary	905-278-9821
Queen of Heaven Elementary	905-278-9771
St. Paul's Secondary	905-278-3994
Archbishop Romero School	416-393-5555

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturday: 3:00 p.m - 6:30 p.m. & Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

#### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Welcome! Please introduce yourself to the pastoral staff and others and complete a registration form located in the vestibule of the Church.

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#### PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Guild Altar Servers

Baptism Ministry Children's Liturgy of the Word Coffee Ministry **Collection Counters** Confirmation Preparation **Finance Council** First Eucharist and First Reconciliation Preparation **Funeral Ministry** General Church Maintenance Kitchen Coordinator Knights of Columbus Marriage Rehearsal Ministers of Eucharist Ministry of Music (SATB Choir) (Folk Choir) Ministers of the Word Ministers of Welcome Social Justice Education Spiritual Direction Pastoral Council RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Resettlement ShareLife St. Vincent de Paul Youth Ministry



Monica Parlette Francesca Racco Camillus Hyginus Fr. Terence Dias Silvana Altomare Joyce Varriano Michelle Gal-Chalmers Marie Jansa Fr. Terence Dias

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#### First Sunday of Lent REFLECTION FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Lent is a time in imitation of Jesus spending forty days in the desert. Jesus fasted in the desert and overcame the devil's temptations. Jesus never sinned but in the desert he was tempted and during these forty days of Lent we remember Jesus as we try to overcome temptation in our lives and to overcome sinfulness. There is practically no hiding place or shelter in the desert and the difficulties of the desert make whatever is inside a person come to the surface. Lent is an invitation to us to take the courageous step of "going into the desert" and not hiding from what lies hidden deep within us. Lent is a time to put our souls before a mirror and see ourselves as we really are. Lent is an invitation to allow our sin and darkness and wounds come to the surface so that we can deal with them and allow them to be healed by the grace of Jesus. During these forty days of Lent we do not hide from our sinfulness or prevent God speaking to us or healing us during this Lent. The first thing in overcoming anything is to admit the problem. If we remain in denial, we miss out on the grace of God to heal us and renew us and make us whole. During Lent we say no to devil's temptation to continue committing sin and instead we trust in our heavenly Father like Jesus in the desert. Lent is not only about helping others about doing something, it is also very much about the type of person we are. Through prayer, fasting and forgiving others and not bearing grudges and through works of charity, may we like Jesus overcome temptation and then be well prepared to celebrate Easter.

#### FAMILY PASTA NIGHT



We the St. Dominic Parish community is hosting Family Pasta Night on **Saturday March 7**, 2020. All the proceeds raised through this event will go to support St. Dominic's Parish. You may purchase your tickets after the weekend Masses at the office or by calling Rose Spadafora at 647-966-2677. We encourage you to arrange 1 table of 8 if possible.

#### LENTEN MISSION PREACHING

Theme: Call to Holiness

Conducted by Fr. Claudio Piccinini at St. Dominic's Parish starts on Sunday March 22 at 7pm and continues to March 27. Mass followed by mission preaching.

We encourage the presence of altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, youth adults, elderly and students. Please spread the word and invite your friends as well. If anyone needs help with a ride, please volunteer to do so.



CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Parents and Candidates (those who are age 12 or older) are invited to our **Confirmation Information Meeting on Monday, March 23 at 7:30 – 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall.** We need a photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate, so please bring a copy with you. The cost of the program is \$65 which covers the cost of the resources and the rental of Confirmation gowns. A schedule of the meeting dates can be found on-line.

**Our Confirmation registration is now on-line!** Please see the St. Dominic webpage to sign up: <u>http://bit.ly/2020Confirmation</u> We are offering the option of paying the \$65 fee by credit card. Parents and Candidates who sign up on-line must also attend the March 23rd Information Meeting. A photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate can be dropped off at the Parish Office, clearly marked "Confirmation Registration", or bring a copy to the Parent/Candidate meeting. If you choose to pay by cash or cheque, you can submit your payment with your child's Baptismal certificate.

#### THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners who last weekend supported our annual Pancake weekend event. It was a success, raising approximately \$400 which will be used to support the upcoming Church Spring gardening project. A special thanks to our student volunteers, Tomas Jendrusiak, Aista Wemer and Zuzanna Wojtysiak for their help.

# faith

St. Dominic church is hosting its first annual day camp, Monday July 13-Friday 17, 2020.

Children from JK to Grade 6 will come together in age-specific groups to explore the Catholic faith, form new friendships, and engage in a caring community, all in their own safe and welcoming space.

Some of our daily activities include outdoor activities, games, and sports; teaching the children more about the Catholic faith and deepening their relationship with God with discussions and hands-on activities; and opportunities for Mass and Reconciliation.

ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP

The cost for this week-long camp is \$30 for half day (8:30am-12:00pm) or \$50 for the whole day (until 3:00pm). Extended camp care is available for an additional cost.

Registration forms can be picked up from the parish office. If you have any questions, please email: <u>stdominicmississauga@gmail.com.</u> Spaces are limited.

#### SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS

If you're looking to make a difference in the children of St. Dominic's church, then we would love to have your help! Adults and high school students are encouraged to volunteer. This camp cannot be a success without committed volunteers.

To volunteer, or if you have any questions, please email: stdominicmississauga@gmail.com

#### SPONSORS AND GODPARENTS

Here are the Church's rules regarding who can be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation:

- ⇒ The individual must be Roman Catholic who is Baptized & Confirmed
- $\Rightarrow$  The person must be at least 16 years of age.
- ⇒ The sponsor may be male or female. At Baptism, if there are two sponsors, there must be one male and one female, never two of the same gender.
- ⇒ Parents may not be sponsors of their own children.
- ⇒ The sponsors should be a faithful, practicing Catholic who will serve as good role model.
- ➡ If the sponsor is married, he/she must be validly married in the Roman Catholic Church.

Hope this answers any questions or issues.

#### CHILDREN'S MASSES

At St. Dominic's we are blessed to have so many children in our midst who lighten our hearts and make us smile. The weekend of **March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>** we will not be having Liturgy of the Word for Children; instead the children will be invited to the altar at the time of the homily for a shared reflection. Parents please encourage and bring your children. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We remember our parishioners for their recovery to health especially: Barbara Ptashinski, Peter Banken, Sean Seepaul, Denise Lamontagne, Maureen Timms, Louise Paquette, Anita Cottereau, Eric Holgan, Marilza Alvarez, Flavia Silva, Colleen & Walter Popovic, Ann-Marie Cameron, Angelica Cagetano, Asia Tkacz, Michael Plante, Larry Elmer, Edith Ardito, Mary Melnik, Eva Lill, Paul Von Zuben, Phyllis Horbatiuk, Erna Go, Aline Vandewaeter, Philippe Paquette, Christopher Faion, Jeff Gollob, Geraldine Jeanes, Henry Kaluzny, Carmilia Attanasio, Kayla Farrell, Paulette Kennan, Cristina Salvo, Germain de Backer,

Joseph DiBiasi, Grace Roberto, Eamonn & Alice Browner, Alain Paquette, Bill & Diane Cranor, Perfecto Raymundo, Margaret Reynolds, Victoria Thomas, Daphne Lobo, Loretta Milligan, Rita Nicoll, Matthew Whiteley, Eugene & Heather Munro, Pat and Mel Melnike, Aiden Thurlow, Loren Giles Forrest, Marie Orna Arayata, Alda & Joao Aguiar, Charlene Paculaba, Paul Cantlon, Nicholas Wong, Catatino Tumaneng, Corazon Samoy, Elpidio Medina, Bart Scheres, Coleen White, Steve & Marie Murray, Zenia Scherlinger, Don De Caire, Alexander Costenuck, John Gojcevic, Mariana Weglinski, Margaret Grant, Samuel & Viola Manella, Jim Howie.

#### Seniors' Group

Our Seniors Group has started its 15th Season this year.



- If you are a Senior 60+
- Love to play Euchre, and

Engage in lively conversations,

This is the group for you.

Come and join us on every Tuesday from 1-3pm in the Church Hall Refreshments are provided.

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#### TENEBRAE

To enrich our Holy week, we will be hosting Tenebrae led by St. Michael's Choir School Toronto on Monday April 6th from 7pm to 8pm. Kindly join us and enjoy this beautiful musical evening.

#### TAX RECEIPTS

Your donation tax receipts for the year 2019 are available for pick up from the office.



If you, or anyone you know who wish to convert to the Catholic Faith, or need to complete your reception of the Sacraments please let us know by calling the parish office and giving us your name and contact number/email to enroll into the RCIA program 2019-2020. The meeting will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00PM in the RCIA room.

#### LET US PRAY

#### For the Sick:

We pray for all the sick in our community.

For the Deceased:

Manuel Mendonca Emilio Di Michele Helen Sitarski Charles McKenna Margaret Rita-Nicole Christopher Quinn





**\$4500.60** We thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of the parish.



