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### HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?

Our readings today call us to pause for a moment and consider how we respond to God's love for us each day.

Our Gospel recounts a dialogue between the Pharisees and Jesus. The Pharisees questioned why Jesus' disciples did not practice the ritual washing before eating a meal.

Jesus' response reminds us to ask ourselves 'why.' Why do we remain faithful to God's commands? Why do we pray or go to Mass? Why do we participate in the sacraments? Why do we love others?

Often, we are living our faith a certain way out of obligation, fear, or duty. But Jesus reminds us that the greatest way to live out our faith is through love. Our faith has obligations to provide us opportunities to love, honor, and praise the Lord. They are meant to aid us on our personal journey with Jesus Christ.

St. James reminds us that every moment of each day is an opportunity to respond to God's infinite love for us with love and gratitude in return.

If we approach our relationship with Jesus with this in mind, then we begin to realize that the gift of the Mass is an opportunity to worship God, the sacraments are ways to draw us closer to Him and His commandments are opportunities to love Him more faithfully.

And if we approach our day-to-day moments with this in mind, then we begin to see just how many blessings God has given us. Looking at life through the lens of gratitude helps us to see each moment as a gift with endless opportunities to respond in love.

This is how we ought to live our lives as Christian stewards - by recognizing our lives as a gift and an opportunity to love God in response to how He has loved us.

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### Pastor

Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.  
Diocesan Social Justice Rep.  
Member of Ontario Bishops' Social Affairs Commission.  
Spiritual Chaplain to Diocesan D&P  
Spiritual Director to Acts Retreat Ministry Men & Women.  
Intern to Mental Health/ Addiction Counselling Hamilton.

### Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am

### Weekday Masses

See Schedule on the inside of the bulletin

### In Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

### Administrative Assistant

#### Financial Recorder

Sandy Johnson

### Reconciliation/Confessions

By Appointment Only in COVID-19

### Requesting Sacraments

Must be registered and practicing  
Call office for details

### St Martin Elementary School

Phone 905-957-3032

### Cemetery

Ron Roscovich at 905-386-0648

### Parish Organizations

Catholic Women's League  
President - Carolyn Vaughan

### Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight - Pierre Paradis  
koc.16421@gmail.com

### Facility Maintenance

Tom Diletti - tom.diletti@gmail.com

### Parish Groups

Children's Liturgy. Youth Ministry  
West Lincoln Loaf of Bread  
Parish Events Group  
Parish Financial Council  
Responsible Faith Ministry  
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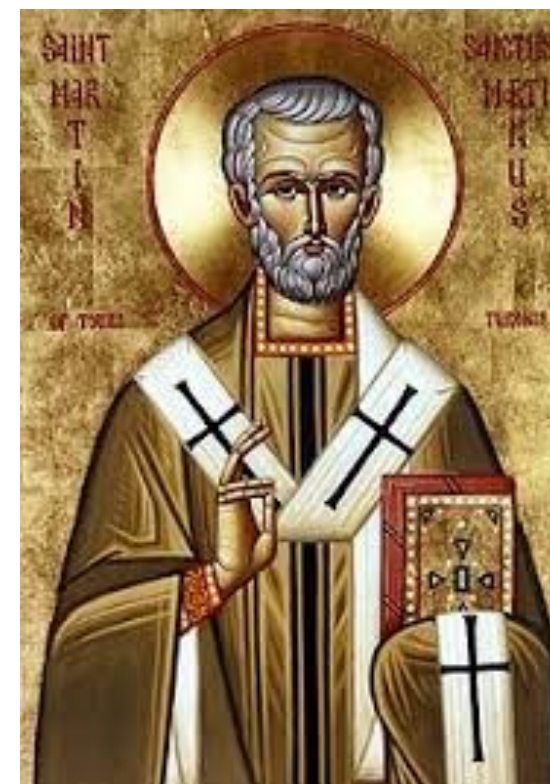
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**August 29, 2021 - Year -B**

**The 22nd Sunday  
Of Ordinary Time**



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### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Aug 30	NO MORNING MASS TODAY/ Father Christopher's Day Off. Monday Masses will return in September with Father keeping Monday as his day off.	
Tues	Aug 31	9:00 am	Intentions Available
Wed	Sept 1	9:00 am	+Darren Mayhew & James Mayhew by Andrew & Verena Mayhew
		10:30 am - 12:pm	Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions Fr .Christopher
Thurs	Sept 2	9:00 am	+Martha Devlin by Sandy Johnson
Fri	Sept 3	9:00 am	+ Margaret ( Peggy) Halliday her godson Father Christopher
		9:30 am	- 10:30 am First Friday Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction (Those participating should not pray private prayers aloud. Thank you.)
		11:00 am	1:00 pm Pastoral/ Holy Communion Home Visits - Call office if you wish to Register. Fr. Christopher
			7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre Fr .Christopher
			<b>The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Sat	Sept 4	5:00 pm	+Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family
Sun	Sept 5	10:00 am	In Thanksgiving for blessings received. by the Verrecchia Family
		1:00 pm	Baptism of Beckham Murphy

#### ONLINE EUCHARIST

##### Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria

Sunday Mass live stream at 11:30 am.

Visit the diocesan website for viewing:

[www.saintcd.com](http://www.saintcd.com) or on YouTube

St. Joseph Grimsby:

<http://www.facebook.com/StJoeGrimsby>

Vision TV: Sun - 8:00 am

Mon - Fri - 8:00 am & 12:00 pm

Sat - 8:00 am & 9:30 am

Salt + Light: Sun - 11:00 am & 10:30 pm

Mon - Sat - 6:30 am, 11:00 am,

3:00 pm, 10:30 pm

Yes TV: Sun - 10:30 am

Mon - Sat - 1:00 pm

Internet : [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com)

[www.youtube.com/dailytvmass](http://www.youtube.com/dailytvmass)

If you wish to follow the readings during Mass using your electronic device, you may follow this direct link for the current day's readings.

<http://uscceb.org/bible/readings/index.cfm>.

#### E-TRANSFERS

These transfers are often referred to as **e-Transfers** and done through your online banking, website or app. To transfer funds to St. Martin Parish e-Transfer to:

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#### SUNDAY MASSES

With Phase 3 of Ontario's Reopening plans remaining as we enter Fall, it is necessary to add an extra Sunday Mass? Social distancing is still required and therefore we have a limited number of pews. We seek not to turn others away when we reach our capacity. Beginning Sunday, September 12th - at 11:30 am Mass will be offered for a trial period of six weeks until October 17. If there is an active attendance for this Mass it will continue. Thank you.

#### UPCOMING BAPTISMS

Nash Policelli - Aug 29  
Beckham Murphy - Sept 5  
Emma Bruccoleri - Sept 12  
Hayes Burkey - Sept 19

#### COVID PROTOCOLS FOR MEETINGS IN THE HALL

As churches are now allowed to have meetings, the following Covid Protocol must be adhered to during Phase 3 of Ontario's reopening plans:

- Indoor capacity restricted to 25 people indoors and 100 people outdoors.
- Face Masks must be worn at all times.
- 6 feet physical distance must be maintained before, during and after all meetings.
- Sanitize hands upon entering the building
- One person to sign people in with date, name and phone number of all attendees. This Covid contact list must be kept for 6 years.
- The kitchen cannot be used.
- All tables and chairs must be returned to the storage area.

#### ONTARIO MOVING TO STEP 3 OF REOPENING - FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2021

- Expanded capacity for religious services, rites, ceremonies including weddings and funerals.
- No fixed capacity is mandated, however, since physical distancing requirements remain in place, indoor capacity is about 33% capacity.
- Requirements for masks or face coverings remain in place in indoor public settings and are likely to remain in place until at least September.
- Contact tracing is to continue.
- Sunday Mass dispensation from attendance remains in effect.
- Since face coverings are still required, there is no congregational singing in Step 3.
- At the pastor's discretion, indoor meetings and gatherings may resume as long as attendees maintain physical distancing and wear face coverings.
- Social gatherings and organized public events will be restricted to 25 people indoors and 100 people outdoors.
- Funeral service providers/cemeteries may have no capacity limit for attendance at cemetery services. Thank you.

#### PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

Our parish is currently in need of a part-time Cemetery/Church Grounds Caretaker beginning January 2022. This is a paid position requiring a dependable individual with administrative skills.

This individual would be the Chairperson of our Cemetery Board and includes some basic bookkeeping and organisational skills.

Said person would report to the Cemetery Board a minimum of once a year. Other duties include:

- Arranging the changing of signing authority when we have a new Pastor
- Keep all receipts from purchases
- Keep track of plots sold
- Keep cemetery map up-to-date
- Attend BAO Seminars when required
- Communicate with the Diocese if required
- Develop a good working relationship with Pastoral Staff and Funeral Home Director.
- Arrange for burials by contacting appropriate people (i.e. the digger for the grave, mark out the site, collect fees etc.)

Cemetery/Church grounds maintenance includes:

- Cutting all lawns by riding and push lawn mowers, including weed whacker
- Spray for weeds
- Level grave sites that have sunk
- Remove overgrown shrubs
- Turn outside water on in the spring and drain lines and shut off in the fall
- Look after and maintain equipment

Any Interested parties, please contact:

Parish Office 289-956-0221

or Ron Roscovich 905-386-0648.

The standard interview will be required along with the three references. Thank you.

#### UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

The previous Grade 2 students need to finish First Reconciliation (17 Students) on Saturday September 18 at 11am and then we will proceed with Two Celebrations of First Holy Communion:

- Group 1: Sat. Sept. 25 - 11am - Mrs. Jeffery, Mrs. DiPasquale, Mrs. DiTomasso
- Group 2: Sat. Oct 2 - 11am - Ms. Szabo, Mrs. Hayward