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LIVING OUT GOD'S PLAN

Our Gospel today conveys how we are called to imitate Jesus through humility and service.

We are reminded that the Son of God became man and surrendered His life into the hands of men so that we might be saved. The life of Jesus was centered around His Father's mission and the service of mankind. And this is how we ought to live - in imitation of Christ.

James and John wanted to ensure they had a spot in heaven with Jesus. They were concerned about themselves in that moment - "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left."

Jesus quickly reminded them, "whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all."

Our culture constantly encourages us to do what we can to get ahead in this world, to do what feels good, no matter the effects - that power, authority, and wealth should be our goals in life.

Our faith offers us something different and fulfilling - a life of humility and service. As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in service of God and neighbor, just as Jesus did. Our life is not about us. It is about fulfilling God's glorious plan for each one of us.

So, we must ask ourselves, are we living out God's plan for our lives? Is my life centered on Christ and those around me or is it centered on me?

It can be difficult to know God's plan for our entire life. He sees the whole picture - we only see the now. All we can do is seek Him daily. If each day is centered on Him, then our entire lives will become the work of Jesus.

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Pastor

Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.
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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

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Parish Groups

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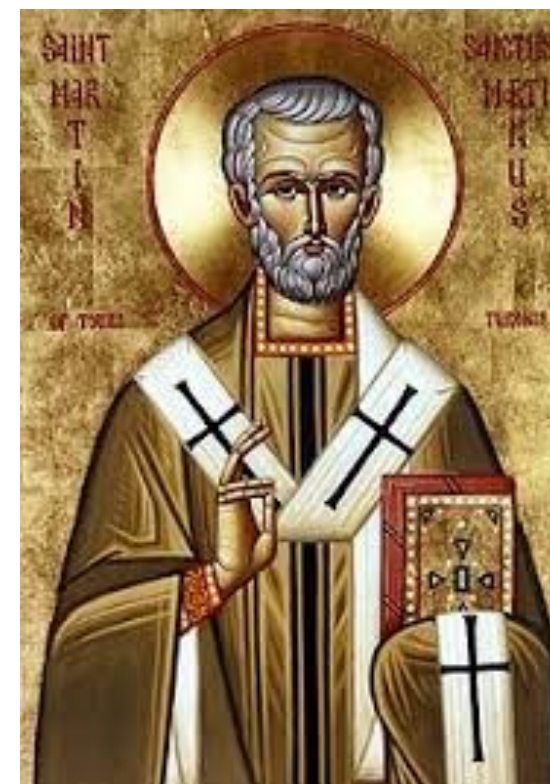
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October 17, 2021 - Year -B

The 29th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

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The 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Oct 18	8:35 am - 8:55 am Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary 9:00 am +Rose Abrantes 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Diocesan Council for Development & Peace Zoom Meeting	by Maria Martins & family Fr. Christopher
Tues	Oct 19	8:35 am - 8:55 am Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary 9:00 am Intention Available 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm ACTS Core Zoom Meeting	Fr. Christopher
Wed	Oct 20	8:35 am - 8:55 am am Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary 9:00 am +Irene Clicke 10:30 am - 12:pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions	by Rodney & Joyce Ross Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Oct 21	8:35 am - 8:55 am Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary 9:00 am Intention Available 9:30 am -10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group in the upper meeting room 7:00 pm - 8: 00 pm Centre for Mental Health & Addiction (CMAH) Zoom Meeting	Fr. Christopher
Fri	Oct 22	7:30 am - 8:30 Paradisus Dei - That Man Is You: Virtual Rosary 8:35 am - 8:55 am Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary 9:00 am Intention Available 10:30 am - 12 Noon Pastoral Home Visits - Call office to Register. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre	Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Sat	Oct 22	8:30 am - 10:00 am That Man is You - by Zoom. Paradisus Program (TMIY): Week 2	Fr. Christopher
Sat	Oct 23	The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 pm +John and Regina Newman by the Newman family	
Sun	Oct 24	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

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 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

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You may follow this direct link for the current day's readings: (<http://uscpcb.org/bible/readings/index.cfm>).

WEST LINCOLN LOAF OF BREAD DINNER

The Loaf of Bread Committee has made the decision to discontinue our involvement with this programme. We thank the committee, volunteers, and financial benefactors who supported this programme with their time, talent and treasure..

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES

You can pick up an envelope after each Mass this week and return them to the collection basket in the next few weeks and well before November 1st. The traditional three Masses will be celebrated for All Souls: 9:00 am, 12:00 Noon and 6:30 pm. Other Masses throughout the month of November will be for All Souls.

**PLEASE PRINT THE NAMES
OF YOUR LOVED ONES. THANK YOU.**

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

We are currently looking for a replacement for our Cemetery caretaker.

This is a paid position which includes:

- Grass cutting/weed whacking,
- General lawn maintenance duties around the cemetery, rectory and church.

Timewise - maybe 6 hours a week at peak times.

The job also includes:

- Looking after the sale of burial plots.
- Some light bookkeeping for the cemetery.
- Each year to call a meeting of Cemetery Committee to discuss and approve any capital expenditures for the year.

Any Interested parties, please contact the Parish Office at 289-956-0221 or Ron Roscovich 905-386-0648.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE AND CARITAS PEOPLE AND PLANET FIRST

Let's put "People and Planet First" with Development and Peace / Caritas Canada's new campaign!

In Canada, most people can speak out freely when injustice is committed. In many countries of the Global South, however, communities are threatened when they seek to protect their rights, especially their right to a healthy environment. This climate of insecurity is often fuelled by the presence and influence of corporations, some of which are Canadian. Undaunted, many vulnerable communities fight courageously to defend their rights, their lands, and the environment against corporate harm.

This year, Development and Peace's "**People and Planet First**" campaign invites you to stand in solidarity with them and celebrate their work! Engaging and informative resources can be found on the website, devp.org.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This year World Mission Sunday is on October 24, 2021. It is a world-wide celebration of and collection for the missionary church. The funds raised will go to establish and support rural health care clinics, renovate rectories, chapels, build new churches and provide for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.

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:

- Capacity restricted to 25 indoors and 100 outdoors.
- Face Masks must be worn at all times.
- 6 feet physical distance must be maintain 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 & chairs to be returned to the storage area.
- Proof of vaccine is not required for closed
- Meeting with a maximum of 25 people.
- Proof of vaccine and photo ID is required for open meetings and receptions.
- As we slowly move into the late fall and early winter months we are highly recommending meetings to take place virtually, by zoom.
- We are also troubled that individuals will attend a meeting but not attend Sunday Mass?

PROOF OF VACCINATION INFORMATION FOR PARISHIONERS

No proof of vaccination is required for anyone attending Mass or other liturgical service in any church in the Diocese of St. Catharines. Physical distancing and face masks are required for the entire time someone is in the church building, except to receive Holy Communion.

Parishioners who are elderly or may be medically compromised may decide to stay home and participate in a livestreamed Mass.

No proof of vaccination is required for closed parish meetings in a parish hall (parish council, CWL, etc.) with a maximum of 25 people.

Proof of vaccination (double vaccination plus 14 days) is required for anyone over the age of twelve attending a reception or social event (e.g. parish pasta dinner, wedding or funeral reception, etc.) in a parish hall.

Proof of vaccination requirements **do not apply** to:

- Funeral services including rites, ceremonies, visitations, receptions, or social gatherings held in places of worship.
- Funeral services including rites, ceremonies, visitations, receptions, or social gatherings held in funeral establishments, cemeteries, crematoriums and similar establishments.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Saturday December 4, 2021 - 11 am

Registration Forms are due back by Oct 28, 2021

Late registration will not be accepted.

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:

st.martinsdonation@gmail.com

Please do not enter a security question and answer. You will be informed that your transfer to: The Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation has been completed.

Thank you for your stewardship. Stewardship is given by in-person, E-Transfer and by mail.

DIOCESAN PRIESTS STUDY DAYS VIRTUALLY

Tuesday October 26, and Wednesday October 27.

Weekday Masses

Monday October 25, to Wednesday October 27.

No Weekday Masses

Thursday October 28 and Friday October 29.

WINTER SNOW REMOVAL

Our contract with Bos for winter snow removal has been renewed beginning November 16, 2021 - April 16, 2022. The fees for this service is \$375/month + sand and salt at \$80/time. There are additional charges for heavy snow falls.

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

October 17, 2021

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

In 2013, Pope Francis published *Evangelii Gaudium*, which focuses on the Church's primary mission of the evangelization of the modern world. What is the meaning of this evangelization? I believe that the simple answer can be found in this brief quote from the document: "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day" (EG. 3). To evangelize is to proclaim Jesus Christ to the world. How we do this is very important.

Pope Francis states, "I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation. The renewal of structures demanded by pastoral conversion can only be understood in this light: as part of an effort to make them more mission-oriented, to make ordinary pastoral activity on every level more inclusive and open, to inspire in pastoral workers a constant desire to go forth and in this way to elicit a positive response from all those whom Jesus summons to friendship with himself" (EG. 27).

Pope Francis is calling the Church to a sincere reflection on evangelization, vis-à-vis, the world around us. Are we more focused on a spirit of maintenance rather than mission? Do we form missionary disciples who understand their baptismal call to go forth into the world to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ?

In 2019 we completed a discernment process that involved gathering and reflecting upon the needs of our diocese. People were asked to consider both the challenges and opportunities in their parishes. From this consultation, we have been able to obtain a great deal of valuable data concerning parish life and our diocese. It is this information that will help us to respond to what Pope Francis is asking of us at this present moment.

Our Holy Father has convoked a synod entitled, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." It will begin in each diocese today, Sunday, October 17, 2021. Pope Francis is inviting the entire Church to embark on a shared journey of renewal as inspired by the Holy Spirit. This path will lead toward the sixteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, in October 2023 in Rome.

From a theological perspective, synodality is described as "the action of the Spirit in the communion of the Body of Christ and in the missionary journey of the People of God" (Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church - International Theological Commission, March, 2018). In a very particular way, it provides a structured conversation that is focused on listening to the Holy Spirit and to one another. We try to discern the will of God as we face both challenges and opportunities in the life of our diocese and the Universal Church.

A Preparatory Document has been prepared by the Vatican to help guide dioceses in the first phase of the consultation (October 2021 - February 2020). Together with this document, we will use the five themes that emerged from our own diocesan discernment process as an interpretive

lens regarding our consultation process. The five themes are:

- The Praying Church - Focus on the Liturgical life of the diocese
- The Serving Church - Focus on the outreach to the poor and marginalized
- The Domestic Church - Focus on youth and family life
- The Teaching Church - Focus on catechesis and faith formation
- The Diocesan Church - Focus on the structures and offices of the diocese

As we face the challenges before us, we are called as a diocesan family not to simply live in the past or adopt the present as a solution. We must return to the source, Jesus Christ. He is alive and He is our hope. This truth will guide us now and in implementing the fruits of this process in the years to come.

You will be receiving more information about how you can be involved in the synodal preparations in the coming weeks. In the meantime, I ask that you begin to pray to the Holy Spirit for inspiration.

I have provided a prayer that I ask each parish to recite on a daily basis during this first stage of the process. There will also be a special petition at Mass today.

I place all of our efforts under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pope St. John Paul named her the Patroness of all America and the star of the first and new evangelization. May the 'Star of the New Evangelization' pray for us and lead us to her Son, Jesus Christ. May she help us to set our diocese and world, on fire with God's love!

Yours sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Gerard Bergid, D.D.
Bishop of St. Catharines

The Prayer of the Synod:

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.