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BELIEF

This Sunday's Readings may reveal the dilemma of the ages that all people face, how to answer the questions; "Who is this man Jesus?" and "What should we believe regarding him?"

In the first reading we observe Satan's temptation of Adam and Eve and their dilemma, would they believe God who created all things for their good and spoke personally warning them not to eat of the Tree of Life, or Satan, the serpent, who had done nothing for them and conversely called into question the validity of God's word and warning. Unfortunately, it was at that point that their desire for self-rule influenced their decision to not believe God, but to believe Satan, and they disobeyed.

In the second reading, St. Paul encourages them to persevere (continue on believing) and to not doubt and lose heart in the face of affliction. Previously they believed, they spoke openly of their belief, and now they were suffering and dealing with affliction and the deterioration of their outward body, would they continue to believe?

In the Gospel reading, the crowd was in turmoil asking who Jesus was, and where did he get these powers. What are they to believe? Jesus patiently continues to teach them and when Mary, his mother appears, he clarifies that "he who does the will of God," these are my mother and brothers. He connects for them the issue that Adam and Eve missed, so that they would not miss it; believing is not an exercise in intellectual gymnastics, but rather believing is doing what God wills. Theologian Henri de Lubac explains it for us this way: "

The Latin verb credo (presumably derived from cor do = 'I give my heart.') can be understood in three ways:

1. Credo Deum esse = 'I believe that God exists'
2. Credo Deo = 'I believe God', 'I entrust myself to him'
3. Credo in Deum = 'I believe in God', 'I believe unto God.' This third way is the specifically Christian mode that comes from biblical usage.

Behind this last formula, is the Hebrew idea of faith as the state of being anchored in God, of being moored securely in God, as it then says in the Gospel of John: 'Let not your hearts be troubled, believe in God, believe also in me' (Jn 14:1). To believe in God means to acknowledge him, to do him homage, to worship him, to commend oneself and one's entire life to him, to believe unto him, [as one's destination] in the unity of faith, hope and love.

To believe is a life-long growing experience. These passages of Scripture and this quote by Henri de Lubac are worth our continued consideration, and it is important to pray and ask God as the apostle Thomas did, "Lord I believe, help Thou my unbelief."
Emmaus Journey Reflections

Bishop of the Diocese
Most Reverend Gerard P. Bergie, D.D.

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Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.
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Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00 a.m.
Wed @ 6:30 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Cancelled for the Summer

Reconciliation/Confessions
Sat 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. or on request

Baptism
Catechesis and appointment necessary

Marriage
Contact the parish office

Sacrament of the Sick
Please call the office

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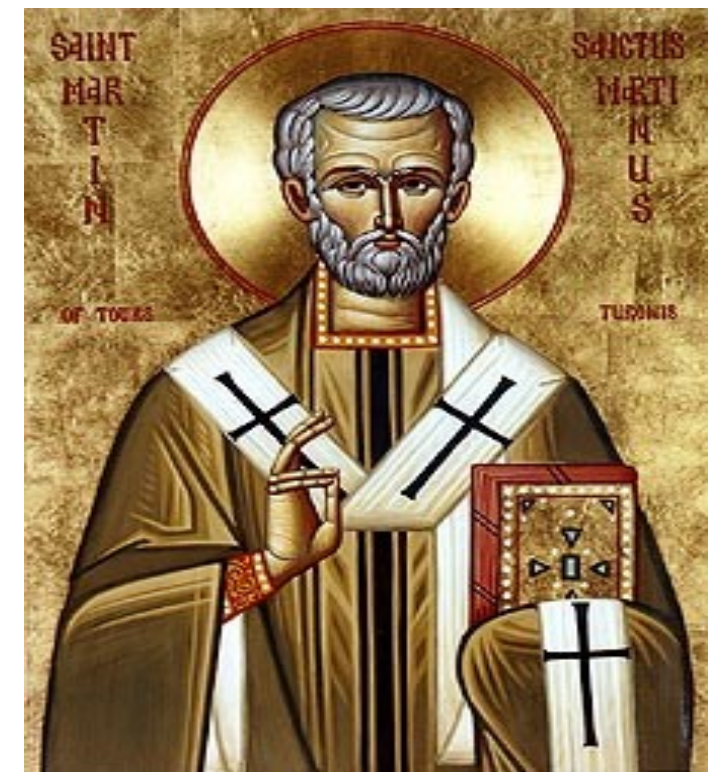
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Ministry Schedule - June 16/17

Hospitality Ministers

5:00 pm - Janet & Ron Roscovich
9:00 am - Bea & Alfons Blokhuis
11:00 am - Pat & Andy Wirth

Altar Servers

5:00 pm - Needed
9:00 am - Needed
11:00 am - Needed

Children's Liturgy

Deanne Long

Next Hospitality Sunday

September 3rd

June 10, 2018
The 10th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Mitch Pogoda
#2 - Katrina Shields
9:00 am #1 - Marg Van Geest
#2 - Andrew Steger
11:00 am #1 - Maeve Devlin
#2 - Lisa Poort

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm - Doug, Maeve & Yolanda
9:00 am - Caroline, Marcel & Dick
11:00 am - Mike, Mary & Theresa

Stewardship Counting

Adam Grzybek & Mary Anne Paradis

June 10, 2018

The 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



*Lord, may the request of your people
rise before you like a fragrant offering*

Monday	June 11	St. Barnabas 9:00 am +For the repose of the souls of departed loved ones	by Norrie Franko
Tuesday	June 12	9:00 am For the health and healing of Bill Plewman	by Anita & Bernie Duggan
Wednesday	June 13	St. Anthony of Padua 6:30 pm +For the repose of the soul of Marion	by Rose Koshy
Thursday	June 14	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Antonio Borges	by Maria Borges
Friday	June 15	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Ivo Tusak	by the Tusak family
Saturday	June 16	The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 pm For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family	
Sunday	June 17	9:00 am +For the repose of the souls of Joseph & Dorothy Bering 11:00 am For the health and healing of Nick Shea	by daughter, Brenda by Anita & Bernie Duggan

PARISH DISCERNMENT GROUP V

Haldimand Deanery Parishes
April through to November 2018.

Parish Needs Surveys was completed last weekend. Thank you for your participation and input and for Team who assisted.

Saturday Vigil Mass 47 returns
Sunday 9:00am 49 returns
Sunday 11:00am 42 returns

Spoiled surveys because of written remarks 11

Our Diocese will present a Report will be to the Discernment Team in September.

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH PICNIC

Sunday June 24th after 11am Mass

Please join us for food, fellowship and fun for the entire family. An attendance sheet along with a volunteer list will be located in the church foyer after mass until June 17th.

Volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated for the day of the event. We hope to see everyone there. Blessings for a safe and enjoyable summer holiday.

Thank you, Parish Events Group

ST. MARTIN'S WEBSITE

Don't forget to visit our website. You can find the bulletin, the Ministry Schedule and upcoming events there. It is updated every Thursday.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

SAYS THANK YOU

The CWL of St. Martin of Tours want to thank everyone who supported our successful event on May 5th, 2018. From the feedback we are getting, everyone had a great time which we think was attributed to by the great food (stuffed Pork loin, herb mashed potatoes with gravy, veggies, fresh garden salad, buns topped off with decadent chocolate cake with chocolate covered strawberries)

Special Thanks goes to George Yankewenko who donated his time to man our bar single handily - GREAT JOB GEORGE!

Special thanks goes to Treeva Johnson who gave up going out on her own birthday to come and donate her time to be our DJ for the evening - GREAT JOB TREEVA!

And last but not least Special Thanks to everyone who came and made the night such a success - we could not do it without your support - THANKS !

We are happy to report that we made in excess of \$1100 from the dance and the CWL have made a decision to up the amount so we are making a donation to the debt in the amount of \$2000.

Keep your eyes open for the next event.

CWL Social Committee (Heather Tomascin, Sylvana Oliver, Elaine Parry, Pat Wirth, Maryann Paradis, Helen Lipiec)

CATHOLIC MEN'S BIG BREAKFAST

Event in the Tent at Club Roma Pavilion

June 16, 2018

Come and join us at Club Roma Pavilion (125 Vansickle Rd, St Catharines). Tickets cost \$20. Featured speakers include; Bishop Gerard Bergie "Put Out Into the Deep" and Robert Raisp of the Toronto Lift Jesus Higher Rally "Leadership -Walk on Water style." Learn how we, as men, can draw others to the Catholic faith, living a life of service to God, church and community.

For more information or tickets contact Branches at 905-685-7000.

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Sunday Offering (73 Env):	\$2,054.97
Loose:	\$ 80.25
Facility Maintenance (49 Env):	\$ 630.00
Loose	\$ 22.45
Late Pope's Pastoral Work (1 Env):	\$ 20.00

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BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

Birthdays:

Rachel Malevich/Zack Diletti – June 10
Tom Richardson – June 10
Alexandria & Mackenzie Bungay – June 11
Julia Dunder – June 11
Donna DeFilippis/MaKayla DaSilva - June 12
Scarlette Sarantakos – June 12
Donna Bray/Natalie Shields - June 13
Tara Lynn Beckett – June 13
Blythe Alderson - June 14
Annette Shukovitsky – June 14
James Gunn – June 15
Zachary Tardif – June 16

Anniversaries:

Bernie & Anita Duggan – June 16