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BE THE DWELLING PLACE

Today we celebrate the Assumption of Mary — the moment she was taken up, body and soul, into heaven. This day reveals much about our Holy Mother. Next to her Divine Son, Mary truly is the model steward for us as we journey through this life.

Our Gospel recounts the story of Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth who was soon to deliver John the Baptist. Mary truly is a dwelling place for Christ. Even baby John the Baptist noticed as he leaped in his mother's womb upon Mary's greeting! We too are called to be a dwelling place for the Lord. Yet for Christ to dwell in us, we must prepare our hearts for Him.

Mary was prepared for Christ to reside in her, and her Magnificat expresses how we can imitate her and prepare a place for Christ in ourselves: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord..."

How can we proclaim the 'greatness of the Lord?' It is simply by how we choose to live our lives. Each day is an opportunity to grow as a disciple of Christ. We can choose to rise each day in prayer, respond to those around us in kindness, serve in our vocations and occupations from a place of love and selflessness, and use our gifts and talents for the glory of God.

As we reflect on the life of Mary today, let us strive to imitate her in proclaiming the greatness of God by how we live our lives. Let us celebrate her as our Mother, our Queen, and a Model Steward. She is not distant or out of reach, rather, she is as close to us as a mother to her baby — constantly watching, interceding, and guiding us to be with her Divine Son in eternal life.

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Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.
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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
Saturdays 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
(or by appointment anytime)

Requesting Sacraments
Must be registered and practicing
Call office for details

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*The Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR**

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| Mon | Aug 16 | NO MORNING MASS TODAY 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm ACTS Core Canada Zoom Meeting | Father Christopher |
| Tues | Aug 17 | NO MORNING MASS TODAY | |
| Wed | Aug 18 | NO MORNING MASS TODAY 10:30 am Mass at Gethsemane Centre Wellandport | Father Christopher |
| Thurs | Aug 19 | NO MORNING MASS TODAY | |
| Fri | Aug 20 | NO MORNING MASS TODAY | |
| The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | | | |
| Sat | Aug 21 | 5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family | |
| Sun | Aug 22 | 10:00 am +Janet Poisson (Former St. Martin's Secretary) | by the Poisson 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

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Mon - Sat - 1:00 pm

Internet : www.dailytvmass.com

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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://usccb.org/bible/readings/index.cfm>).

UPCOMING BAPTISMS

Nash Policelli - Aug 29

Beckham Murphy - Sept 5

Emma Bruccoleri - Sept 12

Hayes Burkey - Sept 19

25TH ANNIVERSARY VOW RENEWAL

Doug & Barb Joyner - Aug 15

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.

SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH

One of the precepts of the Church: is that parishioners should be generous in supporting the material needs of the Church. Today, we do this best by regularly using envelopes or e-transfers.

Stewardship is based on our need to give back to God out of gratitude, not on the need of the church to receive. It is based on the premise that all that we have and all that we are comes from God. As a way of giving thanks for all our blessings, we return a portion of the time, talent and treasure which God has allotted to us. Thank you for supporting our Catholic Way of Life here...

**READERS / USHERS/ CLEANERS
AND US ALL**

In order to remain "open" and continue with the celebration of Mass we do require everyone's cooperation and assistance.

- Firstly, coming early, and not at the last minute.
- Secondly, ushers need to be here 30 mins prior. One for registration and one for assisting with seating.
- Thirdly, the reader to be committed to their schedule.

Unfortunately, for whatever reason we are having challenges with the schedule. We can't function without the necessary and committed help. We could use the assistance of new ushers - and volunteers for sanitizing would be greatly appreciate If interested please call or email the parish office. Thank you.

**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.
- The dispensation from Sunday Mass 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.

TIME OUT

Fr. Christopher will be take a summer break. There will be no morning Masses on:

August 16 to 20, 23 to 27 and 30 - 31

Emergencies will be covered during this time. The office will remain open.