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GOD'S SAVING GRACE

The humanness of the disciples should bring us great consolation, while the magnanimity of Jesus should bring us great hope. The disciples were so human like us yet ended up so godly due to Christ's grace.

The path of discipleship is a process of growth, and not a plateau of godliness that is once and for all achieved. Rather than getting discouraged when our sinful humanity is revealed we must remind ourselves that we are a work in progress, and that as we are brought closer to the Light, defects are more easily seen. So often, consciousness of our sin is an indication that we are drawing closer to Christ. The disciples had been with Jesus for some time, in the very presence of the Son of God, yet James and John's, selfish desire for grandeur and position had not been eliminated from their lives. Nor were the sinful response of pride and resentment by the other ten disciples. They too were in the process of growth and hadn't "arrived," even though they were Jesus' twelve handpicked disciples.

Jesus' question to James and John shows his magnanimity as did his example of servanthood. "Can you drink this cup," Jesus asked. In their ignorance and perhaps arrogance they replied, "We are able." Rather than resent their ignorance and arrogance Jesus informs them that they would be included in his salvific process. Replying Jesus says, so to speak, when I am hanging there drinking the dregs of humanity's sins and redeeming all people with the fiery baptism of the cross, you will be there, represented by me. Jesus' great generosity and nobleness of spirit overlooked their foolishness and sin to include these still flawed disciples in his work of salvation.

For followers of Christ who also remain so flawed and foolish, Jesus gives hope in this account of his dealings with James and John. For his grace is not extended only to the non-existent deserving and perfect of this world, but to all who are flawed and foolish who choose to believe and trust in the cup of salvation that he consumed on our behalf.

Stumbling our way toward home, we worry to ourselves about the unworthiness of our love, only to discover that it has already been attended to. It was taken care of in that representative moment, that vicarious moment, in which he cried out, 'Father into your hands I commend my spirit,' and so saying he handed over to the Father all that he had assumed in the womb of Mary.

To fret about the quality of our love is to miss the point. Yes, we examine ourselves, confess our failing and pray for grace to offer the best. But it will never be good enough, unless with all its flaws it is handed over and taken up into his love for the Father. This is the hope of salvation; that we who are so human can be received and accepted by God. Isaiah prophesied of this amazing love and this saving transaction where, in exchange for the suffering of Jesus we would be made righteous. What hope is present in this prophesy; "he shall see the fruit of the travail of his soul and be satisfied." Jesus satisfies God's demand of justice for us. "The righteous one, my servant, [shall] make many to be accounted righteous - and he shall bear their iniquities." What a glorious exchange.

This is the hope of salvation upon which we must fasten our eyes and anchor our thoughts. For as we come to approach and love Jesus, the glorious Light of the World, our sins and flaws will become even more apparent in his light. If we look inward for some reassuring hint of self-righteousness we will shrink back in fear. But if we focus on Jesus our high priest and the glorious exchange he procured for us we will then be able to draw near to Christ's throne "with confidence."

Emmaus Journey Reflections

Bishop of the Diocese
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Pastor
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.
Diocesan Social Justice Rep

Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
To be Re-scheduled

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
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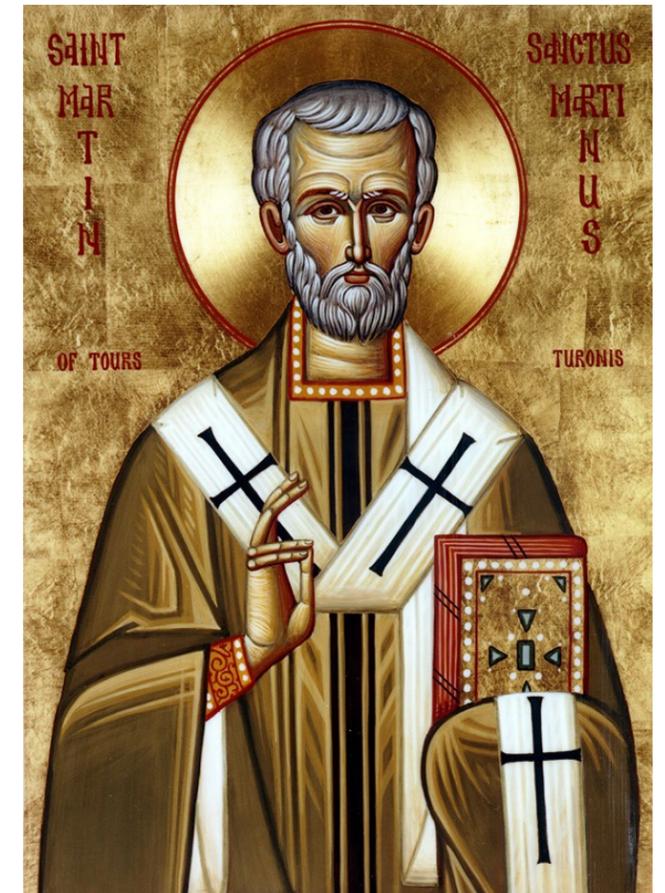
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Ministry Schedule - Oct 27/28

Hospitality Ministers

5:00 pm - Tom Shields
10:00 am - Anita D. & Joan H.

Altar Servers

5:00 pm - Needed
10:00 am - Needed

Children's Liturgy

Next Hospitality Sunday

November 4th

October 21, 2018

**The 29th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time**

Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Kelly Staples
#2 - Yolanda Baldasaro
10:00 am #1 - Marg Van Geest
#2 - Mary Pikula

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm - Tom S. & Yolanda B.
10:00 am - Nick, Paula & Bianca

Stewardship Counting

Sandy Johnson & Lisa Poort

October 21, 2018

The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



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

Monday	Oct 22	Father Christopher's Day Off - Emergency Calls Will Be Covered	
Tuesday	Oct 23	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of John Fedorik Sr. by family
			For the special intentions of Della Vecchia by Vern & Josie Dell
		12 noon	Confirmation Retreat
		7:00 pm	Confirmation Parent Meeting
Wednesday	Oct 24	10:30 am	Gethsemane Centre Mass - All our welcome to attend.
		6:30 pm	For the special intentions of Vern & Josie Dell by Doug & Maeve Devlin
Thursday	Oct 25	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Luke Scheck by the Lupien family
			+For the repose of the soul of Kathleen Finlay by Caroline & Andrew Steger
		7:00 pm	Facility Maintenance Meeting
Friday	Oct 26	9:00 am	For a Mass of Thanksgiving of the Koshy family by Rose Koshy
			+For the repose of the soul of Riky Mulder by John & Mary Mojeski
Saturday	Oct 27	The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
		5:00 pm	For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family
Sunday	Oct 28	10:00 am	For God's blessings upon the DaSilva family by Maria daSilva
			+For the repose of the soul of Ken Lewis by Pauline Lewis & family
			For the special intentions of Oliviya Koshy by Alviya Koshy

ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Retreat Tuesday, October 23.

12:Noon to 3:00pm

PARENT and STUDENT MEETING
Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 7:00pm

PARISH DISCERNMENT GROUP V

Next Parish Team Meeting is

Saturday November 17, 2018 - 9:30 am to 12 noon. At Gethsemane Centre Wellandport.

REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES

November is a privileged month that the Church all over the world unites in "Prayers for the Repose of the Souls" for our loved ones who have passed on. If you wish to have your loved one's name written in the **Book of Remembrance**, which will be kept at the altar for daily prayers and Masses throughout November, please fill out the **All Souls Offertory Envelope** and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office before the end of October.

We will be having (3) Masses on All Souls Day at 9:00 am, 12 noon and 6:30pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OCTOBERFEST DINNER DANCE

October 27th

Doors open at 6:00pm

Dinner at 7:00pm

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Tickets will be sold after every Mass.

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SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY

The Diocesan SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY support group monthly meeting. September topics are:

- Working Through The Anger - Oct 22

Meetings are the second and fourth Mondays from 7pm to 9pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave. Niagara Falls. For a pamphlet or information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154 or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com.

No preregistration required.

BLESSED TRINITY'S ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

Sunday, October 28th marks Blessed Trinity's 15th annual Pilgrimage walk in support of the impoverished community of Las Pajas in the Dominican Republic. This annual event raises funds and awareness for less fortunate communities. Since the inception of this annual walk, the people of Las Pajas have seen improvement in education, health, and living conditions. But there is still more to do.

If you wish to assist with this great cause, donations can be made at the Blessed Trinity Student Services Department. You are most welcome to join our walk. We begin the day with Mass at 9 am in our gym, followed by our walk at 10 am.

Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we walk on Sunday, October 28th.

ANNULMENT FACTS AND MYTHS

Fr. Ben Weber and Margaret Jong, canon lawyers from our diocesan Marriage Tribunal, will discuss true facts and false claims about Catholic marriage annulments. The presentation will be offered once in each deanery, and is open to anyone interested in applying for an annulment or learning about annulments and the ministry of the Marriage Tribunal. For more information, call 905-687-8817 or email

tribunal@saintcd.com.

All meetings are 7 pm to 8:30 pm.

For the **Haldimand Deanery** our parish will be host: **Thursday, November 8, 2018**. Parish Events Group (PEG) will be providing refreshments and preparing the hall for this diocesan/deanery gathering. Thank you.

PARISH WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

We would like to once again start a weekly Bible Study on Thursday mornings following the 9 a.m. Mass. The study material is quite simple and relates to the Liturgical Readings for the Upcoming Sunday. Refreshments and treats are offered in making it a time of encounter and fellowship as well as learning.

If you would be interested in attending, please call Marg Van Geest at 905-957-2803 in the next week or so. Thank you. Marg.

PRIEST STUDY DAYS

October 29th to 30th.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

No celebration of weekday Masses for those dates. Sorry for the inconvenience.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

OCTOBER 13/14, 2018

Sunday Offering (69 Env):	\$ 1,649.00
Loose:	\$ 60.30
Late Facility Maintenance (2 Env)	\$ 25.00
Late Bishop's Collection (1 Env)	\$ 10.00
Hall Rental (Mulder Funeral)	\$ 150.00
Donation to Church (Urie Baptism)	\$ 50.00

*Thank you for your tithe/stewardship.
God Bless.*

"Bring the full tithe (a tenth of your income) into my house" say the Lord of hosts, "And see if I will not open the window of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing of blessings." Malachi 3:10

WORLD MISSION MONTH

Theme: "With Youth, We Proclaim The Gospel to All." The Church has a lasting mission to perform in this world, a mission that is ever more apparent, and the need for it is ever more urgent. In fact, mission isn't something the Church does. It is what the Church is! **Today, is World Mission Sunday October 21.** This is a worldwide collection for the missionary Church that offers emergency aid when disaster strikes, cares for refugees in war-torn countries, provides rural health clinics and transportation for priests, catechists, religious and lay pastoral workers. It offers financial support for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE MEETING

Thursday, October 25 at 7:00pm

Final meeting of the year. No further meetings until the Spring of 2019.

BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

Birthdays:

Fatima Araujo – Oct 21

Joan Wisniewski/Regan Legge – Oct 22

Agnes Plammooth/Genevieve Leitao – Oct 23

Maria Chorley/Oz Fasulo - Oct 25

Caleb Rakonjac – Oct 25

Jason McIntyre/Elias Persaud – Oct 27

Marg Van Geest – Oct 28

Anniversaries:

Kazimierz & Barbara Gumieniak – Oct 26

Mitchell & Deborah Pogoda – Oct 27