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ACT NOW

Today's readings call us to be decisive in our faith.

Simon, Andrew, James and John demonstrate this decision for us in their response to Christ's calling, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." In both instances, the men immediately abandoned what was before them and followed Christ.

Imagine if Simon and Andrew looked at their Savior and said, "Thanks for the offer, but we will finish up fishing and meet you later." That is no way a disciple should respond to Christ's call. Yet, that is how we often respond to Jesus' offer to us, "Come after me." We can easily fall into the misconception that we have plenty of time to live active discipleship. But as faithful stewards of our time, we must change our ways and immediately follow Christ more intentionally, because Christ is calling us to act now.

These men became members of Jesus' twelve apostles. They surrendered their entire lives to follow Christ. We, too, are called to surrender our lives to the Lord so that He may work through us. We might think, "God isn't calling me." But indeed, He is. Just as He called four ordinary fishermen, He is calling each one of us. Renewing and re-evaluating what God might be asking of us throughout our lives is a key component of our stewardship journey.

As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves: what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? And if not now, when?

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Spiritual Director to Acts Retreat Ministry Men & Women.
Intern to Mental Health/ Addiction Counselling Hamilton.

Sunday Masses in Lockdown

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 9: 00 am.10:00 am. 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

See Schedule on the inside of the bulletin

In Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
CLOSED IN LOCKDOWN

Administrative Assistant

Financial Recorder
Sandy Johnson

Reconciliation/Confessions

By Appointment Only in COVID-19

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Parish Groups

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Parish Events Group
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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Jan 25	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle 9:00 am For the special intentions of Bill and Sandy Mctaggart	by Marg & Dick Van Geest
Tues	Jan 26	St. Timothy and St. Titus 9:00 am +Peter Steger	by Caroline & Andrew Steger
Wed	Jan 27	9:00 am +Russell & Etta Bell 10:30 am Gethsemane Centre Mass	by John & Judy Terpstra Father Christopher
Thurs	Jan 28	St. Thomas Aquinas 9:00 am For the special intentions of Anna-Maria Grant	by Caroline & Andrew Steger
Fri	Jan 29	9:00 am +George & Mildred Friday 10:30 am - 12:Noon Pastoral Home Visits To Seniors 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Hamilton Rehabilitation Centre Zoom Meeting	by John & Judy Terpstra Father Christopher Father Christopher
Sat	Jan 30	8:40 am - 10:00 am "That Man Is You"... Zoom Gathering	Father Christopher
Sat	Jan 30	The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 pm +For the repose of the soul of Nora Franko	by Paula Weber
Sun	Jan 31	9:00 am Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family 10:00 am For the special intentions of Fr. Christopher & Fr. Brian 11:00 am For the special intentions of Cathy Cartagineuse & family	by Martha Devlin by Martha Devlin

MASS INTENTIONS

Please remember to have Masses offered for loved ones living and deceased. Every parish Mass needs to have an intention. Thank you.

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

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INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2020

Are now available for pickup in the front foyer.
Please call the office to arranged a pickup time.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED IN LOCKDOWN

Please call the office or e-mail your concerns, or Mass intentions. Sandy will work at times in the office and from home during the lockdown. The office will not be open to the public.

PASTORAL HOME VISITS

Throughout this pandemic I've shared the Good News with many of you on the phone, email and text. Please call the parish office to setup a home visit or call my cell. Remember, you are not alone. Connection and prayer is only a phone call away. **Home visits will continue during the lockdown with all the necessary protocols being in place. These visits are restricted to our seniors who are already in our bubble.**

BOOKKEEPER/FINANCIAL RECORDER RETIRES

Tracy retires from her important position here and hands over the books to Sandy. We do thank Tracy for her many years of dedicated service, and commitment in a professional and friendly manner. We also thank her for serving on Parish Financial Council. We pray for Tracy with her added responsibilities at St. Joseph's Parish in Grimsby. Tracy, thank you; and God bless you.

ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY / WEEKDAY MASS

While the Province and Niagara live through this next phase of restrictions meant to curtail the spread of the coronavirus, we are permitted to have no more than ten people at Mass -- radically reducing attendance.

- All must register for every Mass they wish to attend. You can do that by email or phone on the days Sandy is in the office Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am - 12 Noon. (Office is closed to the public) Full name and phone number are recorded for tracking purposes.
- Please do not call on the weekend or the morning of or day before as its too late for registration.
- Avoid Father's personal email or cell phone text for Mass registration.
- To reduce cleaning responsibilities, all are asked to sit as close to the front as possible and on the left side only.
- **A reader is required for each Mass along with a volunteer to lite the candles and prepare for the next Mass. One person required for sanitizing will be greatly appreciated.**
- Other measures may be implemented as the parish pastoral team sees fit.
- Please show pastoral sensitivity in allowing others the opportunity to attend Mass. You might consider not attending every weekday Mass or weekend Mass. Currently, we have not turned away one away. Sunday Mass at 11:00 am never reaches the amount of 9 people. We still offer it for the 3 who attend.
- If you register and are unable to attend for whatever reason, please call the office asap and inform us. We can then offer your place to others.
- No walk-ins will be permitted as the fines start at \$10,000.Thank you so much.

COVID-19 AND PARISH STEWARDSHIP

While the situation of COVID-19 continues to develop in our lives and communities, it is increasingly evident that the pandemic has had, and will continue to have for some time to come, a far reaching impact on all of us. We appeal to your generosity as we need the weekly stewardship of one and all, to maintain our financial commitments. A special thank you to those who send in their weekly/monthly stewardship.

Also, to those who have begun with E-Transfers, we thank you. Stewardship Envelopes for 2021 are available for pickup at the front foyer of the church building. Call ahead to arrange a safe time for pickup.

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.

"VIRTUAL" CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children's Liturgy, under the direction of Mrs. Noseworthy is posting videos, lessons and the parish bulletin every Sunday at 10:00 a.m., to our catholic education community. Thank you; and God bless!

YEAR OF ST.JOSEPH (December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021)

Given that it is the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has proclaimed a "Year of St. Joseph" -- with the Apostolic Letter Patris Corde ("With a Father's Heart"). The pope describes St. Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

He writes the letter against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day -- In this, they resemble St. Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed; a daily, discreet and hidden presence" who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

At the conclusion of his letter, he adds a prayer to St. Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.