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WHAT COMES FIRST?

On this sixth Sunday of Easter, our readings remind us that God must come first in our lives, and that love of God shows itself in concrete actions - this is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary.

Our second reading, from St. Peter challenges us to, "Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts." In other words, we are to put Christ first above all else in our lives. His role is not merely as Savior of our lives, as significant as that role is - He is to be "Lord" of our lives as well. As His disciples, we are called to make Him ruler of all aspects of our lives - our time, talents and treasure.

The beauty of the stewardship way of life is that it offers us a concrete means to show that Christ truly is Lord of our lives, to "prove" our love, in a manner of speaking, because true love is not mere sentiment. "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me," Jesus tells us in our Gospel passage from John.

True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience to all of God's commandments. This requires courage, humility and deep trust in Him.

But the rewards of this kind of love are indescribably wonderful. Christ tells us Himself, "Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

Could there be anything more satisfying to live in such a way that the God of the universe is pleased to reveal more and more of Himself to us?

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Pastor
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.

Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Masses
Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00am

Office hours
Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Administrative Assistant
Sandy Johnson

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

Requesting Sacraments
Must be registered and practicing
Call office for details

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May 17, 2020 - Year A
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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	May 18	9:00 am	+Alex and Jean Finlay	by Dick & Marg Van Geest
Tues	May 19	9:00 am	+John Wisniewski	by Joan Wisniewski & family
		10:00 am	- 11:00 am Zoom Bible Study	
Wed	May 20	9:00 am	+Daciel Medeiros	by Melo & Mikhail families
Thurs	May 21	9:00 am	+Jacob & Hendrika Van Geest	by Dick & Marg Van Geest
		7:00 pm	- 8:00 pm Acts Women's Team Zoom Meeting	
Fri	May 22	9:00 am	+Sean Robinson	by Dick & Marg Van Geest
		7:00 pm	- 8:00 pm Zoom Men's Support Group	
Sat	May 23	The Ascension of the Lord		
		5:00 pm	+John Morreale	by Jake & Judy Sylma
			+Joseph DeFilippis	by the DeFilippis family
Sun	May 24	9:30 am	Live-Stream Mass from Gethsemane Centre Wellandport	
			+Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
		10:30 am	- 11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Live-Stream from Gethsemane Centre	
			(When Father Christopher is not invited for Sunday Mass at Gethsemane the parish Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 pm)	

ONLINE DAILY EUCHARIST

With no public weekday or weekend Masses we offer the following: We continue to keep Holy Sabbath. In an effort to continue the practice of our faith in these trying times, I would like to invite you to join us online for daily Mass.

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

YesTV Sun - 10:30 am

Mon - Sat - 1:00 pm

Internet www.dailytvmass.com

www.youtube.com/dailytvmass

Mass each Sunday is streamed live from our Cathedral at 11:30 am.

Visit the diocesan website or YouTube for viewing: www.saintcd.com

FINANCIAL GIVING DURING COVID-19

PANDEMIC

It has been highly recommended that we discontinue posting our weekly revenue online/parish website. We kindly ask you to mail in your church offering. We would ask you to discontinue dropping off your offering in the rectory mail box unless you call ahead and let Father Christopher know that you are dropping them off. The risk is too high leaving envelopes with cash in the mail box. You are encouraged to sanitize your hands before writing the cheque or inclosing cash. Please do not lick the envelope, rather use a cloth or sponge to dampen. Unfortunately, this self-isolation and physical distancing will remain for many weeks to come. We thank you for your cooperation with these new procedures. Thank you and God bless.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Although we are unable to celebrate public Masses, the parish expenses for salaries, (we have maintained our staff in this pandemic) church insurance, property tax, clergy aid, maintenance, etc, all continue. While our primary concern is your spiritual and physical well-being, the weekly offertory gifts are very important for our parish.

We have been receiving "some" but not many weekly offerings through the mail or dropped off in the mail slot at the rectory, thank you. If at all possible if others could do the same it would be greatly appreciated so that we can continue the upkeep and maintenance of our parish. We all need to take co-responsibility of our parish and contribute as best we can.

In the case of any emergency do not hesitate to contact the parish office as we check our messages daily.

Though our buildings are closed, the church is still open! We are still leading others in faith although scattered rather than in a gathered way. This time of crisis requires us to maintain and strengthen our ability to minister to one another in the midst of heightened anxiety.

Thank you.

GETHSEMANE MINISTRIES

WELLANDPORT

The mission is to preach the Word of God and advance the teachings, religious tenets, and observances associated with the Catholic Faith. Led by lay leaders, the Ministry helps individuals develop a personal relationship with Jesus and live according to their vocation, witnessing the gospel. Gethsemane Ministries helps the sick and the needy as a practical manifestation of the Catholic faith and love of God.

The Centre is located in the Diocese of St. Catharines on the banks of the Welland River. Surrounded by tranquil countryside, this is an ideal setting for meditation and reflection. The property was once a Christian school and has been renovated to meet the needs of an up-to-date Retreat and Conference Centre.

We invite you to visit us as often as possible, to rejoice with us in the Lord, and also to listen to the Word, so book mark it now and come back often.

<https://www.gethsemaneministries.com/>

MASS INTENTIONS

Although no public Masses are being celebrated, please know that Father Christopher is celebrating daily Mass and is honouring the Mass Intentions that had been booked. In addition, he is praying for the health and well-being of our parishioners.

Mass intentions are requested.

Please email your intentions to the parish office. Thank you.

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