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WHO DO YOU SAY THAT HE IS?

In our Gospel passage, from Matthew, Jesus poses a question to the disciples: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they offer varying responses. Then, Jesus gets personal with them. "But who do you say that I am?" Peter gets the answer right: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus is getting personal with us today. He poses the same question to each of us who call ourselves His stewards and modern-day disciples. But do our lives truly reflect this? If we really believe that Christ is the Son of God, sent to save us from our sins and lead us to Heaven, then we must say so, not just with words but with our actions. Do my ambitions and priorities in life say that Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple? Does my budget, my family life, my entertainment say so?

The gifts and blessings God has given us - our time, our talents, our material possessions - are meant to be used in a manner that says "Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple." The most eloquent praise we can offer Him is a life lived in grateful response to His unfathomable love. This is the beauty and power of a stewardship way of life.

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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

COVID Office Hours
Tuesday only
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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August 23, 2020 - Year A

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2019

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH ACTIVITY

Mon	Aug 24	9:00 am	+Don Tylter - Intention from St. Alfred's:	
Tues	Aug 25	9:00 am	+For the past benefactors of St. Martin of Tours	
Wed	Aug 26	9:00 am	+Yvonne Vanderbraak - Intention from St. Alfred's:	
		10:30 am	- 5:00 pm - Gethsemane Center Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
			Father Christopher celebrant. Confessions and Counselling if required.	
		7:00 pm	- 9:00 pm COVID Training for Pastoral Visits to Hospital- Hamilton - Father Christopher	
Thurs	Aug 27	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Gabriella Bush	by Carolyn & Andrew Steger
		2:00 pm	- 3:30 pm Pastoral Home Visits - Father Christopher	
Fri	Aug 28	9:00 am	For the salvation of the Lewis Family	by Pauline Lewis
		10:00 am	- 11:00 am Zoom Meeting: Addiction Group Meeting	Father Christopher
		7:00 pm	- 8:00 pm Zoom Meeting Addiction Group Hamilton	
		7:30 pm	- 9:30 pm Praise and Worship Gethsemane Centre Wellandport - Register if attending	
Sat	Aug 29	The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
		5:00 pm	Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Aug 30	10:00 am	For the special intentions of Sophia Whitaker	by Heather Belmont

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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3:00 pm, 10:30 pm**

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PASTORAL HOME VISITS

Father Christopher will continue to visit parishioners for Confessions, Holy Communion Service and Anointing of the Sick if needed.

Simply call the office if you would like a pastoral visit. We will schedule around Your Schedule. Masks and physical distancing enforced. Thank you.

COMING EARLY TO MASS

We ask that you plan on arriving early to allow time for check-in, directions, and seating. You are asked to wear a mask. We thank you for your continued cooperation as we continue to work to keep our Faith Community safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you have any concerns please direct them to the parish email or call the office.

Thank you.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Please view the Website for the August Schedule under the Schedule tab of the Website. Please find your own replacement if you are unable to fulfill your time slot. Hospitality Ministers and COVID-19 volunteers are asked to be in church 20 mins prior. We thank those kind individuals who have responded to our request for help. Thank you so much. Together, we made a difference!

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN OUR PARISH?

Please do not take for granted that you are registered in the parish just because you attend Mass here. If we have no record of your parish membership, it could be quite embarrassing to us, or to you or your family, when someone wishes to make wedding plans, have a baby baptized, or if you have been asked to act as a sponsor for baptism or confirmation. Also, if you require a pastoral reference for a Catholic teaching position. We encourage weekly attendance if you are seeking any of the above.

Because of COVID-19 pandemic, we cannot leave forms in the foyer. Please call the parish office and we can mail you the form. About 45 members are currently not registered. 37 members have not submitted email address. Thank you.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT DURING COVID-19

This is a sensitive topic to address with so many uncertainties that continue to impact each one of us in unexpected ways. Many parishioners may already be facing financial difficulties as a family, and the first priority must be to take care of the needs of family and loved ones.

Our Parish of St. Martin and our Diocese of St. Catharines continue to rely on the generosity of the faithful to financially run during this time of pandemic. Parishioners can continue to donate by dropping off their weekly donations to the parish rectory, or by mail, or now at the office on Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon. .

30% of our parish membership returned last Sunday, August 16. Thank You! God Bless!

It is critical at this time our prayers of support for each other. We pray for the Parishes, all our Priests and Deacons, and our Diocese, for your fellow parishioners and our parish staff, and we remember those who are suffering from illness, especially those who have died from Covid-19; and frontline workers and essential service providers who have had to make a tremendous sacrifice affecting their families and loved ones during this ever present COVID-19 pandemic.

We thank you for your continued financial support!

"ETIQUETTE AT EUCHARIST"

We update weekly given our experiences of the weekend Masses; and with Public Health and Regional Bylaws.

You will be asked to sanitize your hands using the new automatic dispenser (touchless) just inside the main door.

NEW! The wearing a face mask or shield are now mandatory throughout Niagara (except the very young and those with breathing difficulties). Masks are available free of charge.

Please wait for a hospitality team member to escort you to your assigned pew. In order to ensure physical distancing, please remain in your seats once seated. **We ask that you move up in the pews so that others may join you. A † is now marked on the pews for space and seating.**

Communicants are to remove their masks while the person ahead of them is receiving and bow; and after the priest says "the Body of Christ" and the answer "Amen" is given, only then does the communicant cross the red line (hands extended) to receive and step into the "marked circle" to consume the Bread of Life.

Note: The washrooms are to be used only if absolutely necessary; parishioners making their way there during Mass tend to be a distraction to the others. As well, please refrain from touching any surfaces upon entering or exiting the church (anything touched has to be cleaned).

The doors are closed (locked?) when Mass begins for a reason: the TEAM have a right to worship and are not obliged to wait unnecessarily. Also, attending one Mass on the weekend is sufficient; please be mindful of others by not taking a space someone else could have.

Lastly, be respectful of the ushers and cleaners and their tasks; their willingness to serve is of benefit to us all because if there are no ushers and no cleaners there can be no "open church".

All of the above is for your safety and the protection of all. It is not meant to be unwelcoming as some have written and expressed. We have entered into challenging times.

**"Say Something Positive.
If you stay Positive in a Negative Situation.
YOU WIN!"**