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BLESSED DO-OVERS

In today's Gospel, we find the Apostles dejected and discouraged following the death of our Lord. Poor Peter decides to throw in the towel on the whole disciple thing and go back to his old way of life, declaring, "I'm going fishing." Upon hearing this, the other disciples follow him.

How easy it is for all of us to backslide on changes we have made in our lives, especially when it comes to our spiritual lives. But look how Jesus treats the disciples during their "backslide." He is right there with them in the midst of it, already waiting for them on the shore when they come back from their unsuccessful return to the fishing business (after abandoning their mission as disciples). Our Lord greets them tenderly, gives them some fishing pointers, and then prepares their breakfast. How gracious He is to them!

He is just as gracious today. When we find ourselves "out at sea" - discouraged by our failures or for squandering the gifts God has given us, or simply by a lack of progress in our faith life, Jesus is with us! He is calling to us from the shore to come back to Him without shame or embarrassment, but with hope-filled trust in His steadfast love. He never tires of offering "do-overs" if we just keep returning to Him.

This constant process of turning back to the Lord, of re-evaluating our goals and priorities as we aim for Heaven, is the essence of a stewardship way of life. Let us take heart as we continue our journey today, secure in the knowledge that Jesus is beside us every step of the way.

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Pastor
Very Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen
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(Dean of Haldimand)

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
Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

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Call office for details

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Phone 905-957-3032

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Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

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heathertomascin@bell.net

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
MAY 1 - MAY 6, 2022

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Recitation of the Holy Rosary takes place before each Weekday Mass beginning at 8:35 am

Mon	May 2	NO PARISH MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	May 3	St. Philip and St. James 9:00 am +All Souls in Purgatory	by Danuta Mazur
Wed	May 4	9:00 am For the special intentions of the people of Ukraine 10:30 am - 12:pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions 7:00 pm KOC General Meeting	by the Newman Family Fr. Christopher
Thurs	May 5	9:00 am +Loretta Mego 9:30 am - 10:30 am Bible Study Group in the Crying Room	by the CWL
Fri	May 6	St. Francois De Laval 7:30 am - 8:15 am That Man Is You- Paradisus Dei -Men's Rosary Group 8:30 am - 10:00 am First Friday Exposition, Adoration and Benediction 9:00 am For the health and healing of Maria Espinoza & Leona Borden 10:30 am - 12 Noon Pastoral Home Visits for those who registered. 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre	Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher by Willy & Debbie Klaudusz Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Sat	May 7	8:30 am Holy Rosary. Catholic Women's League. Knights of Columbus. (Alternating) 9:00 am First Saturday Mass (Intention Available) 10:30 am Funeral Mass with Burial of Geraldine Phelan	Fr. Christopher
Sat	May 7	The 4th Sunday of Easter 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) Please wear a mask in the confessional 5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	May 8	10:00 am For the special intentions of all Mothers +John Majpruz - 1st Anniversary	by the KOC by the Turcic Family

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:

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Thank you for your stewardship.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTED DATE.

Please give at least three months notice for special dates as we try to accommodate your request. Some dates are a year in advance. Thank you.

THE SYNOD AT ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

SYNOD 2021-2023: Journeying Together

Please be aware that the Synod Survey is now live on the diocesan website in the Synod Section. It is intended for individuals who have not yet participated in a face to face Listening Session but would like to share their answers and voice in this phase of the Synod.

Go to:<http://www.saintcd.com/synod-2021-2023>

WEARING OF MASKS / SANITIZING OF HANDS

We are appealing to all who attend Mass here, in the public space that is St. Martin Church, to consider wearing their masks and sanitizing their hands. While it is not compulsory to do so, we are making it a justifiable recommendation out of respect for the safety of, and sensitivity toward other worshippers who have health issues. Thank you for your understanding and compliance!

UPCOMING EVENTS

First Saturday Mass (NEW) May 7, 9:00 am.
Catholic Women's League and Knight of Columbus to recite the Holy Rosary each Saturday in May at 8:30 am.(Alternating)
May 7, 10:30 am Funeral Mass for Geraldine Phelan with burial at St. Martin's Cemetery (Died January 2, 2022)
First Holy Communion Mass, Saturday May 14, 11:00 am Group Two
May 14/15 Knights of Columbus Membership Drive short presentation before Mass.
Knights of Columbus Rain Barrel Drive, Saturday, May 14, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm
Priestly Ordination of Deacon Mr. Daniel Corsco Saturday, May 21, 10:30 am Cathedral
Installation of New Catholic Women's League Executive at the Sunday Mass, May 29.

UKRAINE RELIEF

The Diocese of St. Catharines has been in contact with Rev. Anton Szymychalski, pastor of St. John the Theologian Ukrainian Catholic Church in St. Catharines who is grateful for our interest in offering practical assistance. At this time they are directing everyone to visit the Ukrainian Canadian Congress website (<https://www.ucc.ca/>) and click on the "I want to help" button. Rev. Anton will keep in touch so that when they have a specific need or when refugees connected to their parish are expected to arrive locally, they will let us know what assistance is most needed, whether related to finances, housing, employment, transportation, etc.

Our parish financial appeal has now ended. If you still wish to make a financial contribution, you can do so via the website for Canadian Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). Thank you.

NIAGARA FOUNDATION for CATHOLIC EDUCATION ANNUAL BENEFIT GALA

This event, supporting students in need and providing scholarships, will take place:

Friday, May 20 (6:00 p.m.)

at the Club Roma, St. Catharines.

Payment for tickets (\$100/person) must be received by May 11. For further info, call:

05/735-0240 x 214

or e-mail foundationgala@nfce.org

ORDINATION OF DANIEL CORSO

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, The Corso Family joyfully announces and invites you to attend the Ordination of Daniel Anthony Corso to the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by: The Most Reverend Gerard Paul Bergie Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria 3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines L2R 5M8 Reception to follow at St. Alfred Church, St. Mark Room 272 Vine Street, St. Catharines L2M 4T3

CHURCH CAPACITY LIMITS (& "ETIQUETTE")

Limits have been lifted in Ontario churches. This will be well received by some and reservedly by others. Given that the pandemic is not over, there are different perspectives on this.

It does mean that individuals will now be responsible for making their own decisions about what level of risk is acceptable. No one is exempt from wearing a face mask (except the presiding priest, readers, and extra-ordinary eucharistic minister). Even with the removal of the floor and carpet markings, all are encouraged to respect "distancing etiquette."

To be together again is special, yes, but only if hospitalizations trend downward can there be more relief (e.g., congregational singing, no requirements for indoor masking). In the meantime, churchgoers are asked to exercise respect, charity, and kindness towards others and to recognize the varying comfort levels of people, especially during these steps to transition. Each parishioner has to be able to plan according to their comfort level, and really for their own health. Thank you.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

May 1 - May 6

When someone is struggling, you don't have to fix their pain. Tune in and see through their eyes. This is empathy. We may be different but we're not on different sides. See the world as others do. This is empathy. You can understand even if you don't agree. Understand someone's feelings. This is empathy. And finally, bring empathy alive with the people in your life. Be there, listen completely, and see the world through their eyes. It's how to really help. #GetReal.