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**SEEK MERCY**

On this second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate this feast today since God's mercy was shared with us through the resurrection of Jesus. To put it simply, today, we are celebrating Jesus' merciful love for us and how we can partake in it.

No matter where we are on our journey as a disciple of Christ, we are all in need of God's merciful love. There are countless times throughout our day when we miss the mark. For instance, we might fail to respond in kind to our spouse or kids, fall into gossip in our workday, or even forget to think positively of others. These shortcomings call us to humble ourselves and receive the unwavering mercy of God.

Jesus is Mercy itself. He was born into time to save us from sin. And to ensure His Mercy was always available to us, He gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In our Gospel, Jesus encounters the apostles after the resurrection and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Jesus gave us the gift of this sacrament because He wants to help us reach eternal life. He knows we cannot do it without His merciful love, and a resolve to do better and to follow Him more faithfully.

Today, may we recall the precious gift God has given to us through His Son - Mercy itself. May we never forget that, with a contrite heart and a resolution to do better, God is always willing to forgive.

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**Pastor**  
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.  
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Spiritual Director to Acts Retreat Ministry Men & Women.  
Intern to Mental Health/ Addiction Counselling Hamilton.

**Sunday Masses**  
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am 11:30 am

**Weekday Masses**  
See Schedule on the inside of the bulletin

**Office Hours In Lockdown**  
We are closed to the public

**Administrative Assistant**  
**Financial Recorder**  
Sandy Johnson

**Reconciliation/Confessions**  
By Appointment Only in COVID-19

**Requesting Sacraments**  
Must be registered and practicing  
Call office for details

**St Martin Elementary School**  
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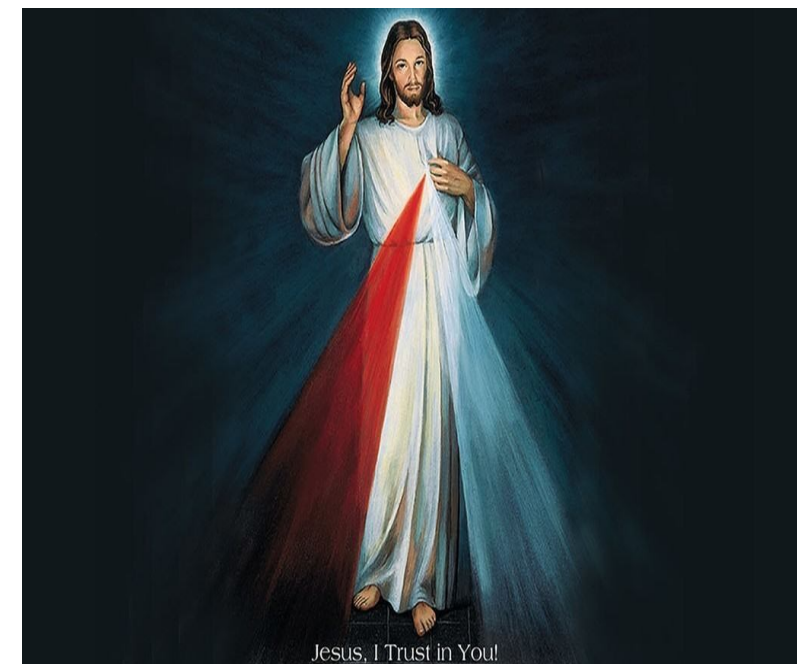
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**April 11, 2021 - Year -B**  
**2nd Sunday of Easter**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**

April 11, 2021

## 2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday - Year B MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday April 12 to Friday April 16 - No Weekday Masses.**

The Ontario Government tells us now to "Stay Home." A good week to do that. Father Christopher will be attending to physiotherapy, neuropathic pain, melanoma, thyroid, sciatica treatments and some time for rest, prayer and relaxation. Please keep Father Christopher in your supportive thoughts and prayers as he tries to regain his health and well-being. We do need to train Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to conduct Lay Communion Services when Father Christopher is unable to celebrate Mass. That training will be offered in two weeks. Thank you; and God bless you.

### The 3rd Sunday of Easter

Sat Apr 17 5:00 pm +Darren and James Mayhew by Andrew & Verena Mayhew  
Sun Apr 18 10:00 am Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family.  
11:30 am Intention Available

### 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](http://www.saintcd.com) or on YouTube

St. Joseph Grimsby:

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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

Yes TV: Sun - 10:30 am & Mon - Sat - 1:00 pm

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### E-TRANSFERS

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e-Transfer to: [st.martinsdonation@gmail.com](mailto:st.martinsdonation@gmail.com)

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### "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! We appreciate your ministry immensely.

### DEVELOPMENT & PEACE CARITAS CANADA

#### Good Friday Collection / Easter/ Facility

Thank you for once again supporting our annual Share Lent collection. This collection will remain "open" until the end of April. Given our pandemic - and that many of us had to cut back on our outreach, you have generously responded to the needs of others. Thank you for your extra giving with all these necessary collections. The amounts will be announced at the weekend Masses. No postings due to security concerns.

### SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY - April 11

"Tell the whole world about my inconceivable Mercy" (St. Faustina Kowalska, Diary, 699)

- 2:30-3:00 pm [Eucharistic Adoration] Via Lucis ("Way of Light beyond the Cross" / "Way of Joy" This Easter "sequel" to the Way of the Cross is offered that Jesus' promise may be fulfilled: "that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete" (John 15:11).
- 3:00-3:30 pm [Adoration continues] Divine Mercy Chaplet / Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus / Eucharistic Benediction. Come and hear the message of Divine Mercy! Then, live it!

### ATTENTIVE FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**For Grade Two - Roman Catholics Only.**

Those children who have been baptized outside of the Roman Catholic Church can be welcomed through the Profession of Faith. This can only take place if at least one parent is Roman Catholic, registered as members of the parish and attending Sunday Mass. Those children requiring baptism may have to wait as proper instruction needs to be given.

#### **Group One**

Mrs. Catherine Jeffery

Ms. Katia DiPasquale

#### **Group Two**

Mrs. Lee-Anne Szabo

Sharlene Hayward

**Group One First Reconciliation**

**Saturday, April 17, at 11:00 am**

**Group Two First Reconciliation**

**Saturday, April 24, 11:00 am**

**Group One First Holy Communion**

**Saturday, May 8, at 11:00 am.**

**Group Two First Holy Communion**

**Saturday, May 15, at 11:00 am**

Parents Guardians - are invited to call or email the parish office to obtain the registration which will be emailed to you. Due to the strict Covid- 19 protocols we can only allow the student and his or her parents to attend all of these celebrations. We will maintain social distancing, and the wearing of masks. We ask that you honour the group that you belong to.

We ask that you return the registration form promptly (by April 5, 2021) so that we can prepare well for these Sacraments of Initiation. We do thank you for your cooperation, patience and understanding in what is unprecedented times. Thank you; and God bless You!

### "RED ZONE" PROTOCOLS

Parishioners are reminded that, as they leave Mass, physical distancing has to be adhered to. It appears that what has been working well for the initial seating and the moving forward for Holy Communion. It is falling apart when it comes to leaving the church: even though the ushers are there to escort everyone out, "bunching up" tends to occur as people feel the need to walk faster. The message has to be reinforced: pace yourselves accordingly, please, and be mindful of the directions given by the ushers!

Physical distancing has to be respected not only on the way into church and in the Communion line, but when leaving the building, too (and around the doors, once outside). Registration will be required for all weekend Masses. The deadline is each Thursday by 12 Noon. This is not happening. You cannot email the night before or the morning of. Also, a curtesy phone call is better than an email if you cannot attend after having previously registered. Not showing up without notifying us means that others could have had your spot.

Sandy, is responsible for Mass Registration. Kindly, do not email or text or phone Father Christopher for registration or cancellation. Sandy works only on Tuesday and Thursday. All emails are returned with confirmation.

Arriving at least 15/10 minutes prior will help us to place you in your seat. Keeping a prayerful silence both in the foyer and as you enter the main church building will help us all prepare for Mass.

**"I wish more people were fluent in Silence."**

Again, as we move forward we need to be vigilant, co-operative and think of others before yourself. Covid fatigue must not allow us to be complacent. We are full of Easter Joy in these Fifty Days of Easter!

**J.O.Y. Jesus. Others. Yourself.**

Thank you. Have a great week.. Be creative in another lockdown. Learn a new language. I'm fluent now in silence. LOL!  
Shalom, Christopher +