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**FAITH THE SIZE OF A MUSTARD SEED**

Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life - a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom - is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us, and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards.

Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today's Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest.

But living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility, as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable! The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God.

The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to Him. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility.

The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.

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**Pastor**  
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.

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

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

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

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

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**St Martin School**  
Phone 905-957-3032

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Ron Roscovich at 905-386-0648

**Parish Organizations**  
Catholic Women's League  
President - Sylvana Oliver  
905-715-5779  
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koc.16421@gmail.com

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**Parish Groups**  
Children's Liturgy, Youth Ministry  
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Parish Financial Council  
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**Ministry Schedule - Oct 12/13**

**Hospitality Ministers**  
5:00 pm - Tom & Kathleen Diletti  
10:00 am - Anita D. & Joan H.

**Altar Servers**  
5:00pm -  
10:00 am -

**Children's Liturgy**  
Deanne Long & Jenn Ewing

**Next Hospitality Sunday**  
November 3

**Oct. 6, 2019  
The 27th  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time**

**Lectors**  
5:00 pm #1 - Katrina Shields  
#2 - Mitch Pogoda  
10:00 am #1 - Caroline Steger  
#2 - Andrew Steger

**Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers**  
5:00 pm - Tom S. & Yolanda B.  
10:00 am - Andrew, Caroline & Dick

**Stewardship Counting**  
Halina Grzybek & Lisa Poort



# October 6, 2019

## The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Oct 7	NO MASS. 7:00 pm Parish Discernment Meeting - Crying Room	
Tues	Oct 8	9:00 am +In memory of all the past benefactors of St. Martin's For the health and healing of Tori Whitaker	by St. Martin of Tours by Anita Duggan & family
Wed	Oct 9	9:00 am For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish For the health and healing of Bob Paquin 10:30 am Gethsemane Centre Mass 7:00 pm Catholic Women's League Meeting Parish Hall	by the Koshy Family by Vern & Josie Dell Father Christopher
Thur	Oct 10	9:00 am +For the repose of the souls of Eva, Jacob & Maris Schmee +For the repose of the soul of Cathy Eberhard 5:00 pm - 10 pm ACTS Retreat Ministry Men & Women Teams	by the Newman Family by Martha Devlin Fr. Christopher
Fri	Oct 11	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Milton Donahue For the health and healing & God's blessings upon Tori Whitaker	by Peter & Brenda Wilson
Sat	Oct 12	<b>The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5:00 pm +For the repose of the soul of Angelina Medeiros +For the repose of the soul of Domenica D'Agostino	by Joan & Bob Hignett
Sun	Oct 13	10:00 am For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour	by the Melo & Mikhail families by Judy Crockett

### CATHEDRAL APPEAL PARISH UPDATE

#### UPDATE ON APPEAL FROM PARISHIONERS

Target Appeal Amount \$6,500.00

2 Pledge. \$600.00

21 Donations from Parishioners \$4,551.00

Catholic Women's League Donation \$500.00

Father Christopher Gillen \$1,000.00

### CATHEDRAL RESTORATION APPEAL

[www.saintcd.com/appeal](http://www.saintcd.com/appeal)

#### DIOCESAN UPDATE

The momentum continues to build! Since the launch of our appeal in our parishes on the weekend of May 11/12, we have raised \$421,206.81 in cash donations and \$119,979.20 in pledges (as of Sept. 18, 2019). This brings our total raised to \$541,186.01 or 45% of our \$1,200,000 goal. We continue to thank God for the generosity of so many, from both within our diocese and outside. Considering a donation to our project? There is no better time than now to be a part of this beautiful restoration of the Mother Church of our diocese! Visit us on the web at :

[www.saintcd.com/appeal](http://www.saintcd.com/appeal) today or pick up a brochure and pledge form in your church today.

### CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Sunday, October 6, 11:30 am

We Welcome Vincent Robert La Rocca.

### NEXT EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Changed to the Second Sunday of the month due to Hospitality the First Sunday of the month.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Registration forms along with sponsor form and guidelines have been presented to Grade 8. All forms MUST be returned before or on Thurs. Oct. 24, 2019. Late registrations will not be accepted. Bishop Bergie will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sat. Dec. 5, at the evening vigil Mass

### CHRISTMAS BAKING

Let St. Martin's Youth Group do your Christmas Baking! Our Youth Group will be baking & selling buttery shortbread cookies. Order yours after all masses in November. All funds to support a trip to Niagara Indoor Waterpark \$5 per dozen. Pick Up is December 1<sup>st</sup> after the 10 am Mass.

### CANADIAN CONFERENCE

#### OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Voting as Catholics: Federal Election Guide

<http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/2019>

Federal Election Guide.pdf

### DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS

Married couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversary in the year 2019 are invited to the diocesan anniversary Mass, Mon Nov 25, 2019, 5:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines. To register and receive a formal invitation from Bishop Bergie, contact the parish office to fill out a registration form by Oct 18.

### REGENERATED(D) 2019

Are you aware that as a baptized Catholic YOU have a calling (or a vocation) in life? This is YOUR unique purpose. Do you live with this purpose in mind? On **Sat, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>** join Branches Catholic Ministries at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls as it hosts **Regenerated 2019** with an urgent theme, "You Are Called".

Keynote speakers will address the responsibility each of us has to discern this and how urgently we must heed the call! **Regenerated Youth** will run concurrently for ages 12 to 18. If you are interested in purchasing "early-bird" tickets or for more information visit [branchesoftheword.org](http://branchesoftheword.org) or call Branches at 905-685-7000.

### RETRouvaille

**Thinking about Separation or Divorce?** – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help marriages regain their health. The Retrouvaille program is highly successful in saving marriages. For confidential information, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **October 25, 2019** at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, please call **905-664-5212** or email:

[Teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:Teamrecine@gmail.com)

or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP - Sept 28/29, 2019

Regular Sunday Offering (65 Env) \$ 2,395.00

Loose Collection \$ 123.40

Bishop's Needs Collection (36 Env) \$ 500.00

Loose: \$ 42.00

*Thank you for your consistent stewardship*

### BISHOP'S CHARITY DINNER

The Knights of Columbus invite you to attend the Bishop's Charities Dinner at Club Roma, Sat Oct 19, 2019. Tickets \$50.00 each; Reception 6:00pm; Dinner 7:30pm; entertainment, dancing, silent auction; proceeds to support Diocesan Catholic Charities. For tickets call the parish office.

### GETHSEMANE MINISTRIES

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First Saturday Marian Devotion This is held every first Saturday of the month from 10:00am to 1:00pm, and includes Mass, adoration, rosary, confession, consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and intercessory prayers. Day Retreat Every third Saturday we offer a free day retreat from 10:00am to 4:00pm. It includes praise and worship, Mass, rosary, two talks, Divine Mercy chaplet, adoration, prayers for healing, and confession. We also offer a separate children and youth program (K to Gr 10) A light lunch is provided. For more information about any of our programs, call: 905/386-1111, or email:

[info@gethsemaneministries.com](mailto:info@gethsemaneministries.com)

### UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

- Mon. Oct. 7 - Parish Discernment Meeting
- TBD - Financial Council Meeting
- Wed Oct 9 - Catholic Women's League Meeting beginning at 7:00pm
- Wed. Oct. 16 - Haldimand Regional Convention for Catholic Women's League at St. Martin's beginning at 6:00pm.
- Tues. Oct. 22 - 7:00 pm Facility Maintenance Meeting
- Mon. Oct. 28 - Wed. Oct. 30 - Diocesan Priestly Study Days at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre. NO MORNING MASSES THOSE DAYS
- Thurs. Nov. 14 - 17 - Women's ACTS Retreat
- Thurs. Nov. 21 - 24 - Men's ACTS Retreat