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**SETTING PRIORITIES**

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings offer a sobering reminder that this life is not our ultimate aim, and that God's justice will triumph in the end. Now is the time to get our priorities in right order, putting God first above all else as his faithful stewards.

Our Lord brings home the urgency of right priorities in our Gospel passage from Luke, reminding the people around him who were looking at the temple nearby, "All that you see here - the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." All in this world is passing, our Lord reminds. We must keep our focus on eternity.

Yet, before the eternal bliss of heaven, we should expect to be tried and tested. "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name."

Sounds scary. But if you are living a stewardship way of life, there is nothing to fear. You have a plan in place. All you need to do is stick with it. Put our Lord first in your time, with your talents and through your use of treasure. This way of life is not meant to be easy. But Jesus promises it will lead to eternal salvation and the joy of union with Him. "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

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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  
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**Administrative Assistant**  
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Sat 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. or on request

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**Parish Groups**  
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**Ministry Schedule - Nov 23/24**

**Hospitality Ministers**  
5:00 pm - Needed  
10:00 am - Helen & Andy Lipiec

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

**Children's Liturgy**  
Zoe & Alisha

**Next Hospitality Sunday**  
December 1

**Nov 17, 2019**

**The 33rd  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time**

**Lectors**  
5:00 pm #1 - Caroline Steger  
#2 - Andrew Steger  
10:00 am #1 - Tom Richardson  
#2 - Sue Armstrong

**Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers**  
5:00 pm - Tom S. & Yolanda B.  
10:00 am - Nick, Paula & Victoria

**Stewardship Counting**  
Beth Davis & Antonella Presta

# November 17, 2019

## The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Nov 18	9:00 am	All Souls written in the Book of Remembrance at main altar	
Tues	Nov 19	9:00 am	In thanksgiving for prayers answered and for all parishioners who prayed for us. For the salvation of the Lewis family	by Barb & Doug Joyner by Pauline Lewis
Wed	Nov 20	9:00 am	+For All Souls written in our Book of Remembrance at main altar	
		10:30 am	Gethsemane Centre Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Nov 21	9:00 am	NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Men's ACTS Retreat Mississauga	Fr. Christopher
Fri	Nov 22	9:00 am	NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Men's ACTS Retreat Mississauga	Fr. Christopher
Sat	Nov 23		<b><i>The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe</i></b>	
		5:00 pm	In thanksgiving for and God's blessings upon Ron & Janet Roscovich +Maureen Trenholm Visiting Priest Father Christopher Kulig O Carm Men's ACTS Retreat Mississauga	by Joan Wisniewski by Peter & Brenda Wilson  Fr. Christopher
Sun	Nov 24	10:00 am	For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family Visiting Priest Father Bill Derouise Men's Acts Retreat Finishes today	  Fr. Christopher

#### SPECIAL NOTICE

With the upcoming ACTS Retreat for men we require your cooperation and understanding as we adjust slightly our pastoral schedule. There will be no Weekdays Masses Thursday and Friday as Father Christopher will be attending the ACTS Retreat. Thank you.

#### CATHEDRAL RESTORATION APPEAL

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

Cathedral Appeal It has now been six months since the diocese launched the Cathedral Appeal, and as of October 31 it has raised **\$532,442.19** in cash donations and **\$132,009.35** in pledges. This brings our total raised to **\$664,451.54** or **55%** of our **\$1,200,000** goal. We continue to thank God for the generosity of so many. Could this be the time that you too play a part in this historic event and undertaking in our diocese?

Twenty-seven parishioners and two parish Organizations, the Knight of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League have contributed to this appeal. Thank you!

Visit [www.saintcd.com/appeal](http://www.saintcd.com/appeal) or pick up a brochure and pledge form in the church foyer today. Thank you.

#### ACTS RETREATS

##### **Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre Mississauga.**

- Men's ACTS Retreat - Thursday to Sunday November .21 - 24 **REGISTRATION OPEN**  
Retreat brochures and registration forms are available at main entrance. Call parish office if interested in attending or speak with Father Christopher directly. Thank you. Please pray for ACTS Teams and Retreatants and their Families.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY AND 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.

#### POINSETTIA SALES

Parish Events Group (PEG) will be selling Poinsettias again. Orders will be taken in November and the pick-up dated is Dec 1st.

#### REGENERATE (D) 2019

"You are Called"

Saturday, November 23

Scotiabank Convention Centre

Did you know that as a baptized Catholic you have a calling (or vocation) in life? Join Branches Catholic Ministries at the Scotiabank Convention Centre for Regenerate(d) 2019: "You are Called." Keynote speakers such as Jackie Francois, Matthew Leonard, and others will address the responsibility each of us has to discern this and how urgently we must heed the call.

Regenerate(d) Youth will run simultaneously for ages 12 to 18. For more information visit : [branchesoftheword.org](http://branchesoftheword.org) or call 905/685-7000.

#### VISITING A CEMETERY

Because we know that death is not the end of life, it is not morbid for us Christians to visit the graves of our loved ones who have died. Hence, it is good to visit the cemetery, especially in November, when the Church celebrates the communion of saints and looks forward to that harvest at the end of time when all will be gathered into the new Jerusalem. Remember Mary Magdalene and the other two Marys going to visit Jesus' tomb. Confident that what they found you will one day find, make pilgrimages to the graves of your loved ones this month. Use this prayer at each grave:

Eternal rest grant unto (*name*), O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her/him.

May her/his soul,

and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace. Amen.

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Commission for Justice and Peace has prepared a document entitled Poverty in Canada: Ensuring Safe, Secure, and Affordable Housing. You can find it on the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' website. <https://www.cccb.ca/site/eng>

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP - Nov 9/10, 2019

Regular Sunday Offering (68 Env)	\$ 1,540.00
Loose Collection	\$ 122.35
Late Facility Maintenance ( 4Env)	\$ 185.00
Early Deo Gratias (4 Env)	\$ 80.00
Cathedral Appeal (2Env)	\$ 125.00

*Thank you for your consistent stewardship*

#### ADVENT AND THE NEW LITURGICAL SEASON

Our new liturgical year "A" will begin on the First Sunday of Advent, December 1.

This year we are offering the Sunday Missal free of charge due to the many appeals and collections in 2019. We thank you for supporting our weekly collection, monthly maintenance, cathedral appeal, and diocesan collections and annual summer mission appeal.

Thank you and God bless.

Sunday Missals are now available.

#### DEO GRATIAS: THANKS TO GOD

Thank you for supporting the Deo Gratias collection this weekend. We are grateful to God, and to our retired clergy in the Diocese of St. Catharines who, from the time of their ordination, have cared for us and our spiritual needs. In thanksgiving to God for them and their years of faithful service, your generous support of the Deo Gratias collection will enable us to care for those who have dedicated their lives to caring for us. The revenue from this collection does not go into an endowment fund but goes directly to the Clergy Aid Society, which provides an income for retired clergy.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENT

- November 21 - 24 - Men's ACTS Retreat
- November 25 - Diocesan Anniversary Mass at 5:30 pm, followed by Dinner at Club Roma.
- Tuesday, November 26 - Facility Maintenance Meeting at 7:00 pm.
- Saturday, December 7, Confirmation at the vigil Mass at 5: 00 pm. (You may wish to attend Sunday Mass rather than the vigil?)