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SHARING THE GIFT OF SALVATION

Throughout the Easter season, our readings have given us glimpses into the life of the newborn Church and the bold witness of the early disciples in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who would listen.

The disciples were the first to live a stewardship way of life, and their example is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago.

In the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we catch up with Paul and Barnabas in Antioch. While they certainly have some success in reaching many people there with the message of salvation, others are downright infuriated by their words and send them packing. Yet, we read that "the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." Overall, it seems as if Paul and Barnabas had failed in Antioch. But seeing failure has not robbed them of their joy. What's more, they are filled to the brim with the abundant gifts of the Holy Spirit. How is this possible?

It is only possible because Paul and Barnabas saw themselves as nothing more and nothing less than stewards of Christ and His Good News. This realization brought them freedom - to offer themselves and their lives to others for the sake of the Gospel. The "results" of their efforts were up to God.

This Spirit-filled, joy-filled life is available to us all today. It can be achieved when we recognize, as did Paul and Barnabas, that all we have and all we are is a gift from God, meant to be shared with others for His glory. Of course, living as God's stewards does not guarantee a life of ease or a life free of sacrifice. Sometimes the steward's life involves challenges, requiring all the strength and love one has to give. In the end, there is simply no more satisfying way to live.

reflections@catholicsteward.com

Pastor
Very Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen
Parish Priest / Vicar Forane
(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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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	May 9	NO PARISH MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	May 10	9:00 am +Paul Lowrey 7:30 pm : 8:45 pm ACTS Ministry Monthly Gathering by Zoom. Speaker Father Christopher	by Family
Wed	May 11	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 Catholic Women's League Monthly Meeting in the parish hall	by the Newman Family Fr .Christopher
Thurs	May 12	9:00 am For the health and God's blessings upon all refugees 9:30 am - 10:30 am Bible Study Group in the Crying Room	by the Newman Family
Fri	May 13	7:30 am - 8:15 am That Man Is You- Paradisus Dei -Men's Rosary Group 9:00 am +Dave Harris 10:30 am - 12 Noon Pastoral Home Visits for those who registered. 5:00 pm Evangelical /Pentecostal Fellowship Dinner	Fr. Christopher by Joan & Bob Hignett Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Sat	May 14	8:30 am Catholic Women's League/ Knights of Columbus The Holy Rosary. 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Knights of Columbus Rain Barrel Drive 11:00 am - First Holy Communion Group 2	Fr. Christopher
Sat	May 14	The 5th Sunday of Easter 4:00pm - 4:30 pm Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) Please wear a mask in the confessional. 5:00 pm+Maria deFatima Pais	
Sun	May 15	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

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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.

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.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Catholic Women's League and Knight of Columbus to recite the Holy Rosary each Saturday in May at 8:30 am.(Alternating)

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 Szymchalski, 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.

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. 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. 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.

MOTHER'S DAY POEM

For those who are lucky to still be blessed with your Mom this is beautiful.

For those who aren't, this is even more beautiful.

Your Mother is always with you.

She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street,

she's the smell of certain foods you remember,

flowers you pick, the fragrance of life itself,

she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well,

she's your breath in the air on a cold winter's day.

She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep, the colors of a rainbow, she is Christmas morning.

Your Mother lives inside your laughter.

And she's crystallized in every tear drop.

She's the place you came from, your first home, and she's the map you follow with every step you take.

She's your first love, your first friend,

even your first enemy,

but nothing on earth can separate you.

Not time, not space not even death!

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
TO ALL MOMS**