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EPHPATHA - BE OPENED

Today's readings offer us a message of hope - God is with us and wants to heal us. May this message come ablaze in our hearts so that we might live with unwavering faith.

The Gospel presents us with the story of the profound physical healing of a deaf man with a speech impediment. People brought him to Jesus and begged for his healing. Jesus took the man off by himself, touched his ears and his tongue, then proclaimed, "Be opened!" Immediately he was healed.

This story in our Gospel overwhelms us with comfort and peace because we have a compassionate God who sees our physical needs. Yet if we reflect further on this reading, we see that God uses this moment of physical healing as an opportunity to restore something much deeper - our souls.

Often, we are blind and deaf to God in our lives. We miss countless opportunities to see God working in our day-to-day moments - through our loved ones, our community, or even a stranger. We miss the quiet voice of Jesus in our hearts telling us to choose Him instead of sin, respond in love instead of anger, or care for someone else in a moment instead of ourselves.

These are how we need to be spiritually healed. And the scriptures remind us that God is with us and wants to heal us.

This week let us seek God to heal our souls and transform our hearts. Let us pray that our eyes and our ears might "be open" to His workings, words, and promptings in our lives.

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Pastor
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.
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Spiritual Chaplain to Diocesan D&P
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

Weekday Masses
See Schedule on the inside of the bulletin

In Office Hours
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Administrative Assistant
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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
Phone 905-957-3032

Cemetery
Ron Roscovich at 905-386-0648

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September 5, 2021 - Year -B

The 23rd Sunday Of Ordinary Time

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Mon	Sept 6	9:00 am	For the health and healing of Romeo Ferri	by Cathy & Frank Cartaginense
Tues	Sept 7	9:00 am	+Rifet Haznadar	by Cathy & Frank Cartaginense
		7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Monthly Acts Zoom Gathering: Prayer/Talk/Sharing	Fr. Christopher
Wed	Sept 8	9:00 am	+Slavica Sorman	by Family
		10:30 am - 12:pm	Gethsemane Centre: Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions	Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm	Catholic Women's League Meeting in the parish hall	
Thurs	Sept 9	9:00 am	For the health and healing of Diane Vaughan	by the Newman Family
			+Giuseppe (Joe) Giudice	by Fr. Christopher, ACTS Community and ACTS Core
		7:00 pm - 8: 00 pm	Centre for Mental Health & Addiction (CMAH) Zoom Meeting	Fr. Christopher
Fri	Sept 10	9:00 am	+Mario Fantino	by Cathy & Frank Cartaginense
		10:30 am - 12 Noon	Holy Communion/Pastoral Visit - Call office to Register.	Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre	Fr. Christopher
			The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sat	Sept 11	5:00 pm	+Ross Moniz	by Brenda Moniz & Family
Sun	Sept 12	10:00 am	+Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
		11:30 am	NEW MASS - 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 or on YouTube

St. Joseph Grimsby:

<http://www.facebook.com/StJoeGrimsby>

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

Internet : www.dailytvmass.com

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If you wish to follow the readings during Mass using your electronic device, you may follow this direct link for the current day's readings.

(<http://uscbb.org/bible/readings/index.cfm>).

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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Please do not enter a security question and answer. You will be informed that your transfer to: "The Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation" has been completed.

SUNDAY MASSES

With Phase 3 of Ontario's Reopening plans remaining as we enter Fall, it is necessary to add an extra Sunday Mass? Social distancing is still required and therefore we have a limited number of pews. We seek not to turn others away when we reach our capacity. Beginning Sunday, September 12th - at 11:30 am Mass will be offered for a trial period of six weeks until October 17. If there is an active attendance for this Mass it will continue. Thank you.

NECESSARY UPDATES

- All new Fire Exit signs,(Green Running Man)
- Fire Extinguishers
- Smoke Alarms
- Elevator Shaft Fire Safety Inspection.
- NEW FIRE ALARM MONITORING DSC BOX with monthly monitoring fee.

Our buildings are currently UpToDate regarding fire and safety.

- Rectory Front Porch painted and new frames and baseboards, new floor and light fixture. Donated project from a generous couple. Thank you!
- Special outdoor replacement bulb at church emergency exit has been ordered.
- Air Conditioning in the hall needs to be totally replaced in the spring of 2022?

COVID PROTOCOLS FOR MEETINGS IN THE HALL

As churches are now allowed to have meetings, the following Covid Protocol must be adhered to during Phase 3 of Ontario's reopening plans:

- Indoor capacity restricted to 25 people indoors and 100 people outdoors.
- Face Masks must be worn at all times.
- 6 feet physical distance must be maintained before, during and after all meetings.
- Sanitize hands upon entering the building
- One person to sign people in with date, name and phone number of all attendees. This Covid contact list must be kept for 6 years.
- The kitchen cannot be used.
- All tables and chairs must be returned to the storage area.

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

The previous Grade 2 students need to finish First Reconciliation (17 Students) on Saturday September 18 at 11am and then we will proceed with Two Celebrations of First Holy Communion:

- Group 1: Sat. Sept. 25 - 11am
Mrs. Jeffery, Mrs. DiPasquale,
Mrs. DiTomasso
- Group 2: Sat. Oct 2 - 11am
Ms. Szabo, Mrs. Hayward

Due to limited space and Covid Protocol, only 2 parents will be allowed to attend 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion with no exceptions.

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

Our parish is currently in need of a part-time Cemetery/Church Grounds Caretaker beginning January 2022. This is a paid position requiring a dependable individual with administrative skills.

This individual would be the Chairperson of our Cemetery Board and includes some basic bookkeeping and organisational skills.

Said person would report to the Cemetery Board a minimum of once a year. Other duties include:

- Arranging the changing of signing authority when we have a new Pastor
- Keep all receipts from purchases
- Keep track of plots sold
- Keep cemetery map up-to-date
- Attend BAO Seminars when required
- Communicate with the Diocese if required
- Develop a good working relationship with Pastoral Staff and Funeral Home Director.
- Arrange for burials by contacting appropriate people (i.e. the digger for the grave, mark out the site, collect fees etc.)

Cemetery/Church grounds maintenance includes:

- Cutting all lawns by riding and push lawn mowers, including weed whacker
- Spray for weeds
- Level grave sites that have sunk
- Remove overgrown shrubs
- Turn outside water on in the spring and drain lines and shut off in the fall
- Look after and maintain equipment

Any Interested parties, please contact:

Parish Office 289-956-0221

or Ron Roscovich 905-386-0648.

The standard interview will be required along with the three references. Thank you.

Thankyou.

UPCOMING BAPTISMS

Beckham Murphy - Sept 5

Emma Bruccoleri - Sept 12

Hayes Burkey - Sept 19



“ 9/11 Bottle Drive”

Save your empties!

Hey West Lincoln! Do you have empty bottles or cans lying around? Are you waiting for a bottle drive to donate them to?

**The Knights of Columbus (St. Martin of Tours)
Smithville Council 16421 is hosting a bottle drive at
166 West Street Smithville on Saturday September
11th from 11:00am, to 3:00pm.**

We accept all Beer, Wine, Spirit and Coolers empties including bottles, cans, bags and plastic containers. Please consider holding on to your empties to donate to our bottle drive!

For at home p/u call 905-327-3004 cell & email your address to joynerdoug22@gmail.com

