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STAY AWAKE

Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, key to living the stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us.

Jesus teaches the importance of wisdom in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of ten virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them in to the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The stewardship way of life - with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our Time, Talents and Treasure - is the "oil" that we keep with us at all times. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom.

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Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am
Sunday 11:30 am Family Mass

Weekday Masses

See Schedule on the inside of the bulletin

In Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Father Christopher personally continues office hours after this period

Administrative Assistant

Sandy Johnson

Financial Recorder

Tracy Piggott

Reconciliation/Confessions

Returns: Saturday 4:00pm - 4:30 pm

Requesting Sacraments

Must be registered and practicing
Call office for details

St Martin School

Phone 905-957-3032

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Ron Roscovich at 905-386-0648

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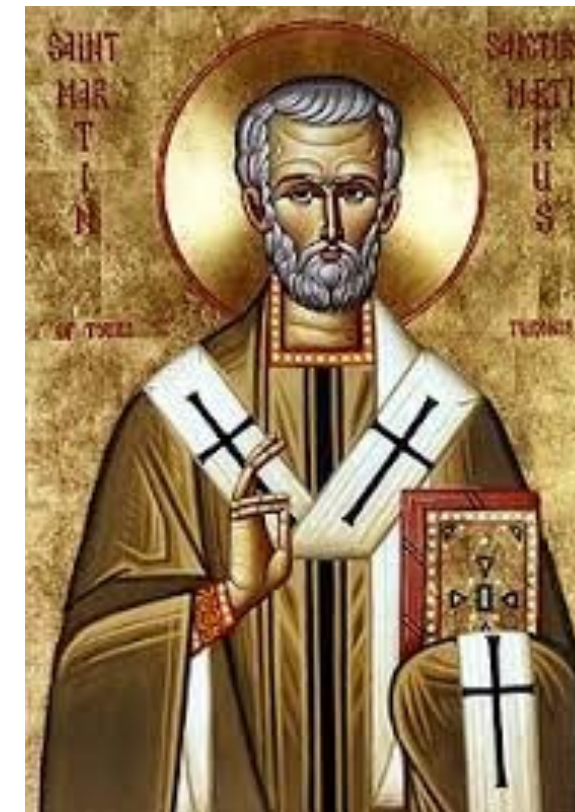
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Parish Financial Council
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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Nov 16	9:00 am	For the special intentions of the Steger family	by Caroline & Andrew Steger
		6:00 pm	- 8:00 pm Diocesan Council for Development & Peace Zoom Meeting	Father Christopher
Tues	Nov 17	9:00 am	+For the repose of all the souls named in our Book of Remembrance	
Wed	Nov 18	9:00 am	For the health and healing of Bob Hignett	by Joan Hignett
		10:30 am	- 5:00 pm - Gethsemane Center Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Father Christopher celebrant. Confessions and Counselling if required.
		12:00 pm	School Visitation/Pastoral - gathering with students and teachers	Father Christopher
Thurs	Nov 19	9:00 am	+Daciel Medeiros	by the Melo & Mikhail Families
Fri	Nov 20	9:00 am	For the health and healing of Bob Hignett	by Joan Hignett
		10:30 am	- 12:30 pm Pastoral Home Visits Sick/ and Covid Homebound	Father Christopher
		7:30 pm	- 9:30 pm Praise and Worship Gethsemane Centre Wellandport - Register if attending	Father Christopher
		8:00 pm	- 9:30 pm. Addiction Counselling Hamilton Centre	Father Christopher
Sat	Nov 21	8:40 am	- 10:00 am That Man Is You - Zoom Session - Mississauga	Father Christopher
			<i>The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ - King of the Universe</i>	
		4:00 pm	- 4:30pm Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation/ Penance Crying Room	
		5:00 pm	Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Nov 22	10:00 am	+Manuel daSiliva	by Family
		6:00 pm	- 7:00 pm Lakemount Worship Centre, Grimsby. Praise & Worship	Father Christopher

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's Parish Grimsby.

Follow on Face Book or their website:

Stjosephgrimsby.ca

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

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Sun - 10:30 am

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Internet :

www.dailytvmass.com

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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

This is a first for us, so bear with us as we begin this new way of accepting tithe/ stewardship/donations. We thank you for your patience and generosity during this pandemic.

PASTORAL HOME VISITS

Father Christopher will continue to visit parishioners for Confession, Holy Communion Service and 'Anointing of the Sick if needed. Kindly call the office if you would like a pastoral visit. Masks and physical distancing enforced. Please call the parish office to schedule a pastoral visit. Thank you.

COVID-19 AND PARISH STEWARDSHIP

While the situation of COVID-19 continues to develop in our lives and communities, it is increasingly evident that the pandemic has had, and will continue to have for some time to come, a far reaching impact on all of us. We appeal to your generosity as we need the weekly stewardship of one and all, to maintain our financial commitments. A special thank you to those who send in their weekly/monthly stewardship. Also, to those who have begun with E-Transfers. We encourage others to be regular with their presence and stewardship.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE IN NOVEMBER

Due to Covid -19 our Book of Remembrance will not be displayed in public view. It will be placed on the altar. Several Masses throughout November will be celebrated for All Souls. We thank you for offering your loved ones to our prayers and Eucharist.

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS

Religious Christmas Cards are available this year through the Knights of Columbus.

If interested please call Ron Roscovich at: 905-386-0648

CONFIRMATION 2020

Under strict Covid-19 protocols the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Saturday, November 28, at 10:00 am. Confirmation candidates and parents only will take part in the celebration. Sponsors are required but will not be allowed to attend.

Thursday, November 26, at 7:00pm there will be a rehearsal. Candidates and parents MUST attend. A letter to the candidates and parents will be sent next week. Thank you.

LIVE STREAM / NEW WI-FI FOR CHURCH

New technology has now been purchased, yet we are having difficulties in using it. We have options for **live recording** and **pre-recording** once the challenges are resolved. Father Christopher has personally paid for all the necessary updates and equipment.

DEO GRATIAS: "THANKS BE TO GOD"

Please support the Deo Gratias collection on November 14/15. 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.

Thank you, for your financial support.

CATHEDRAL APPEAL UPDATE

With the original Cathedral Renovation target completion date of November 25, 2020, you may be asking, "In the midst of all that has taken place this year, is the renovation work still on track to be completed?"

The answer is a most pleasant yes. When so many things shut down, quite remarkably, and perhaps with the intercession of St. Catherine herself, the work was able to continue inside the Cathedral with a limited number of skilled workers.

These were not just workers, but skilled masters of their trades and artists that played a role in the magnificent transformation of the mother church of our diocese. Most beautifully, they each took great pride in their work and the results will leave all who enter in awe.

Visit us at www.saintcd.com/appeal and consider making a donation today as we, a diocesan family, work to bring this renovation and appeal to its completion.

NEW ST. MARTIN'S FAMILY MASS

OPEN LETTER TO YOUNG FAMILIES.

“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.” Mark 9:37

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ.

I've already sent this welcoming invitation to you this week by the school. Here it is again in our parish bulletin. I'm delighted that our parish bulletin now reaches you through our school each Friday. We need to strengthen our triad of home, parish and school.

Our parish St. Martin of Tours will be adding a Sunday Mass just for families and children. This Mass will be geared youth audience and include youth participation. Currently Mass at 10:00 am has been filling up to the max capacity of 30%, making attendance in person difficult for families.

Starting **Sunday, November 1, 2020** this new Mass will be at **11:30 am** every Sunday and will generally be between 25 –30 minutes in length to ensure adherence to COVID protocols outlined by the Diocese.

Children's Liturgy will remain online for the time being. Mass has changed since many have last attended! As you enter the church, please wait to be seated by an usher – first come first served seating. Pews and seating are arranged to ensure distancing and the pews are disinfected after every Mass. Masks at St. Martin's are required per Niagara Region protocols. For more information, please check out the bulletin online.

<https://www.stmartinsparish.com/sundaybulletin>

PARISH MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED

What are Mass intentions?

One part of Catholic culture that is sometimes hard to understand and very often misunderstood is the custom of offering Mass intentions.

When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he *offers* each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention.

Similar to how we are able to intercede for others by our personal prayers, the Church is able to intercede for us through the celebration of the Mass. However, since the Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life” the Mass possess a power that our personal prayers do not.

What kind of intentions can I have?

You can have an intentions for a deceased loved one, friend or co-worker, etc.

You can have a Mass Intentions of the living, for special occasion like a birthday or anniversary.

You can have a Mass intentions of health and healing of someone who is experiencing a physical or mental health issue.

You can have a Mass intentions of said in Thanksgiving for answered prayer or anything that you are thankful for.

How do I get a Mass Intention?

You can simply write out your request and place it in an envelope labelled “**FAMILY MASS INTENTIONS**” and then place the envelope in the collection basket. Indicate if the intention if for the living or deceased, who the intention is for and from whom the intentions is from. Each Intention cost \$10, so you can place the fee in the envelope as well.

Examples:

1. RIP Jane Doe from John Doe
2. For the health and healing of Jane Doe from John Doe

SUNDAY FAMILY MASS 11:30 am

This was initiated as we desire to reach out to young families giving these challenging times with the Covid-19 pandemic. It is a simple invitation on our part. Come and join us for Sunday Mass, prayer and togetherness. It is still hoped that our young people preparing for sacraments, in two weeks Confirmation, and God willing next Spring First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, will see the need to gather and commit to a regular faith life. We hold out in HOPE that the current pandemic might redirect our minds and hearts to Christ, and to praise Him each and every Sunday in the community called CHURCH. Due to low numbers we now extend this invitation to one and all while keeping the Sunday 11:30 am Mass orientated towards young families.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Responsibilities:

Readers: Prepare for the weekly readings by practicing the readings at home, arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass, introduce the Mass, first reading, psalm, second reading, prayers of the faithful. There can only be multiple readers if they are from the same household. (Gr 6 – 8 Students)

Ushers: Arrive to church 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass, ensure everyone who enters uses hand sanitizer at the entrance, is wearing a face mask, count the number of people coming in, ensure no one walks directly in and sits, direct families to their seats. Mask must be worn for this task. (Senior Students, Parents) Training will be provided.

Cleaners: Stay after mass, Disinfect pews where parishioners are seated. Generally takes approx. 10 – 15 minutes. (Parents) Training will be provided.

Musician: Arrive 15 to 20 minutes prior to the start of Mass to set up. Will play and sing a short opening song, preparation of the gift song, communion song and play and sing the parts of the Mass. Either a guitar or piano can be played. If you need assistance obtaining sheet music, please let us know.

PRAYING FOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

The Catholic Church feels that praying for souls in Purgatory is one of the most unselfish things a Christian can do. When we pray for people on earth, we see the benefits. When we pray for our living family, we can see them change and we reap the benefits from their conversion. When we pray for souls in Purgatory, we do it completely selflessly. It is not for our benefit, it is for theirs.

Many souls in Purgatory have no one to pray for them. The pain the souls in purgatory suffer is a great longing to be united to God. Their chief pain is the deprivation of the Beatific Vision, the vision of God in the glory of heaven. The souls in purgatory have no worry, anxiety, or distress of mind, for they are sure of deliverance. They are comforted by the prayers of the angels and saints, and of the people on earth.

All the souls in purgatory will go to heaven some day; they will stay in purgatory only as long as they have not atoned for all their sins. Although they cannot merit anything for themselves, the saints intercede for us with their prayers to God. If we help them they repay us by their intercession. No one who has a devotion to the holy souls in purgatory has ever asked for their intercession in vain.

REMEMBRANCE DAY PRAYER **WHICH CAN BE PRAYED THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

Heavenly Father, We pray for those who abide in that peace which the world can neither give nor take away. The sunshine and the storm pass over them but they are not disturbed. We confidently hope, through our belief in the mercy of God, that their souls will bloom in eternal spring. We treasure their memory and leave them in the hands of a being who has done all things well: who is glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders. And may God grant unto them a time of refreshing, a quiet resting place and the glory of life everlasting. Amen.