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RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT

Once my four-year-old niece and my six-year-old daughter started an argument, which grew louder and louder. I was about to intervene when my daughter stomped down the stairs, Mom, she yelled, Jesus wants us to be salt of the earth and Paige is being the pepper! This incident aptly introduces the subject of the difference between righteous judgment and unrighteous judgmentalism.

What do you say about the adulteress? is the question with which the Pharisees confronted Jesus. It was not a legitimate question for they had already determined their views about her. They used this occasion and question to catch and condemn Jesus. But Jesus, knowing what was in the heart of all men, authorized the ones without sin to begin the stoning process. These men, so accustomed to condemning others, now could not escape self-condemnation, so in guilt they slunk away one by one.

Did Jesus by his actions condone this woman's behavior? Of course not! What he did was to judge righteous judgment, but simultaneously avoided judgmentalism. Righteous judgment recognizes the difference between right and wrong, but it also with mercy and grace properly assesses the situation. This woman, like many of us, was experiencing a desert and wilderness experience in her life. Righteous judgment not only recognizes the problem but it also recognizes the solution. Righteous judgment accompanied with mercy and forgiveness offers a way in the wilderness and water in the desert.

The judgmentalism of the Pharisees also recognizes right and wrong behavior, but it is not based on the nature and character of God, but on one's own supposed self-righteousness. Because self-righteousness can only be maintained by making others less righteous, judgmentalism always roots out sin in others and condemns it while ignoring one's own sin and failure. Judgmentalism does not offer a way in the wilderness, or life giving water in the dessert, but instead speeds the dying process. In their self-righteousness the Pharisees wanted to be able to condemn Jesus. If he let her go without punishment they could accuse him of ignoring the Law. If he also condemned her they would accuse him of hypocrisy. In the end their spirit of condemnation ensnared them, as the pointed finger of accusation turned to focus on their own unrighteous histories and reckoned them, "Guilty!"

Hopefully, we have been able to assess our relationship with Christ and our commitment to follow him in obedience. But we must ask ourselves whether our view of ourselves, and others, is being controlled by aspects of righteous judgment or by judgmentalism? If it is the latter we will find our spirit dragged down by a sense of guilt and condemnation. If it is the former we will find our long faces turning to joyous smiles as we recognize Jesus' saying also to us, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again."

Emmaus Journey Reflections

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Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.
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Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.
Diocesan Social Justice Rep

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

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
See bulletin for schedule

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

Baptism
Catechesis and appointment necessary

Marriage
Contact the parish office

Sacrament of the Sick
Please call the office

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Ministry Schedule - April 13/14

Hospitality Ministers
5:00 pm - Dosseh & Claudette S.
10:00 am - Julie & Mateo Notarianni

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

Children's Liturgy
Carolyn Vaughn

Next Hospitality Sunday
April 7

April 7, 2019

The 5th Sunday of Lent

Lectors
5:00 pm #1 - Andrew Steger
#2 - Heather Tomascini
10:00 am #1 - Marg Van Geest
#2 - Tom Richardson

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 pm - Yolanda & Tom
10:00 am - Needed

Stewardship Counting
Halina Grzybek & Lisa Poort

April 7, 2019

The 5th Sunday of Lent - Year C

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Monday	Apr 8	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Ted Wisniewski	by St. Martin's CWL
Tuesday	Apr 9	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Fr. Obioma Anyanwu	by Vern & Josie Dell
		7:00 pm	Form II Celebration of Reconciliation St. Joseph's Church Grimsby	
Wednesday	Apr 10	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Henry Pikula	by Bernice Pikula
		9:45 am	School Visitation Grade 2 in preparation for First Holy Communion.	
		1:00 pm	Office : Marriage Counselling Appointment	
Thursday	Apr 11	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Gemma Gillen	by Fr. Christopher Gillen
			First Anniversary of New Life and Resurrection.	
		5:00 pm - 10 pm	Acts Retreat Team Meeting Mississauga	Father Christopher
Friday	Apr 12	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of John Fedorik Jr.	by Family
		2:45 pm	School Way of the Cross - Stations.	
		6:00 pm	Parish Way of the Cross - Stations	
Saturday	Apr 13	The 6th Sunday of Lent		
		5:00 pm	+For the repose of the soul of Aleksander Sekula	by Irene Lipiec
			+For the repose of the souls of Bill & Ethel Mataseje	by John & Linda Mataseje
Sunday	Apr 14	10:00 am	For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

UPCOMING IMPORTANT CELEBRATIONS

- **Holy Week - April 14- 20**
- **Easter Triduum Celebrations- April 20-21**
- **Easter Vigil at 8:15 pm (after sunset)**
- **First Holy Communion (2)**
April 26, May 5 both at 1:00 pm
- **Wedding Celebration - May 25, 2:00pm**
- **Acts19 Women's Retreat May 2nd- May 5**
- **Acts19 Men's Retreat - May 30 June 2**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Annual Lenten Food Drive

Wednesday, **March 6th-April 17th**

Bags will be distributed after all Masses. Please return them to our Parish Foyer throughout the season Lent. Last collection is April 17. Thank you for your continued support. Vern Dell for Knights of Columbus

LENTEEN FOOD DRIVE

St Martin's School Community

Bags will be sent home to each family to be filled with **just one more** item each time you go grocery shopping. The bags are to be returned before Holy Thursday (April 18).

RECONCILIATION AT ST. JOSEPH

PARISH GRIMSBY TUESDAY, APRIL 9.

Form II Sacramental Confession beginning with Service at 7:00pm, followed by individual Confessions. St. Martin's parishioners are invited to attend.

(NEW) YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST.MARTIN'S

Youth Group Ages 12-14

Group will meet bi-weekly centered around the 5:00pm Mass and engage in a number of activities following Mass in the parish hall and in the community. **Next Gatherings:**

April 6 **Mass, BBQ, Ball Hockey**
April 27 **Mass, Pizza, Craft**

SPECIAL MESSAGE

It is possible that as you enter this church building you will hear God's call. However, it is unlikely that He will contact you by phone. Please turn off your phones. If you want to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place and talk to Him, if you want to see Him, send a text message while driving ...

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE SHARE LENT COLLECTION.

This annual collection begins today, and will remain open for the entire month of April. Special envelopes are contained in the offertory envelope box. If you don't use offertory envelopes then kindly pick up the special envelopes that are available at front foyer. A good guide is to give \$1.00 per day for the 40 Days of Lent. Thankfully, many will give so much more.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Share the journey with those forcibly displaced in Colombia. In Colombia, over 6.5 million people have been forcibly displaced due to conflict, violence, natural disasters, and development projects. With your support, Development and Peace's partner the National Agrarian Coordination (NAC) is working with indigenous women, many of whom are victims of forced displacement, to help them gain the skills and confidence to be intermediaries with the authorities. By promoting inclusive and participatory democracies, we are addressing one of the root causes of forced migration! Next week is "Solidarity" Sunday, when the "Share Lent" collection in support of the work of Development and Peace will take place. Your generosity has a real impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in the Global South!

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION OF GOOD FRIDAY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE HOLY LAND

April 19, 2019

The pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on **Good Friday April 19, 2019**. Each year on Good Friday, our parish is called to support Christians in the Holy Land, Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

March 30/31	
Sunday Offertory (63 Env):	\$ 1,815.00
Loose:	\$ 97.50
Memorial Donation (Ted Wisniewski):	\$ 100.00
2019 Weekly Budget	
Snow Removal/Salt to date :	\$ 4,711.20
Parish Debt	\$ 23,774.25

Thank you for your weekly stewardship

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A rep or 2 from each group.**

Host Site Location:

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Registration: The easiest and fastest way to register is to encourage your parish team to go online and register themselves at:

www.newevangelization.ca

If members wish to register online please inform the parish office immediately, as we do need to finalize numbers for the diocese. Please consider making time, and showing intent in attending this wonderful event. Thank you.