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Some thoughts on today's Scripture by Father Christopher...

During His life on earth, Jesus revealed the mind of God to us. From Him we learn that God abhors sin but loves the sinner, He abhors sickness but He loves the sick, He abhors death but He loves the dying. In today's Gospel we hear how He responded to the plea of a father who feared for the life of his twelve year old daughter. The Evangelist tells us that Jesus cured an afflicted woman who had been suffering for exactly the same length of time. The God of Life was carefully watching over both of them over that twelve year period. Johann Sebastian Bach named one of his Preludes for Organ, "God's time is best". It always is for all of us.

I believe this text from the Gospel of Mark says something very important and very profound that goes far beyond the resuscitation of a twelve-year-old girl and the healing of a chronic illness. I believe that Mark wove these seemingly different stories together for a significant reason.

In my opinion, these miracles are God's way of saying that the little twelve-year-old daughter of Jairus who died — is us. And the woman who had the very life draining out of her for twelve years, and who was, in a biblical manner of speaking, dying — is you and me.

What the end of the fifth chapter of Mark says is that all of us are left for dead, all of us are dying, all of us are having the life drained out of us like a toothpaste tube being viciously squeezed. All of us are limp, dead corpses waiting to be carried off. Until...Until we encounter Jesus. Until we are either touched by Jesus, or reach out and touch Jesus ourselves, then — and only then — are we delivered from death and given the sacred gift of life.

So, after looking carefully at this section from the Gospel of Mark, I find it reasonable to argue that it's about salvation. It's about life and death. It's about being delivered from death, and given life in return. And it's about Jesus' role in that deliverance in God's time, which is best!

Shalom, Christopher+

Pastor

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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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Reconciliation/Confessions

By Appointment Only in COVID-19

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St Martin Elementary School

Phone 905-957-3032

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Lord Jesus Christ,
look on the people
of our land
and bless us all.
Help us to be
brothers and sisters
to all the world
and to work
for peace and love.
Be with us, Jesus
and bless Canada,
for you are our Lord
and Saviour for ever.
Amen.

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June 27, 2021 - Year-B

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	June 28	9:00 am +Martha Devlin	by Pat McFarlane & Marnie Kervin
		4:30 pm - 6:30 pm St. Martin School - Grade 8 Graduation under the church canopy.	
Tues	June 29	9:00 am +Kerry English	by Caroline & Andrew Steger
Wed	June 30	9:00 am +Martha Devlin (June 2- June 30. Month's Mind- Irish Tradition)	by Fr. Christopher
		10:30 am - 12: pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions	Fr .Christopher
		5:30 pm Mass at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum Burlington	Father Christopher
Thurs	July 1	9:00 am +Darren & James Mayhew	by Andrew & Verena Mayhew
		7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Webinar: (PAFE) Parents As First Educators	Father Christopher
Fri	July 2	9:00 am +Martha Devlin	by Sandy Johnson
		9:30 am - 10:30 am First Friday: Eucharistic Holy Hour / Benediction.	Father Christopher
		The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) is offered at this time	
		11:00 am - 12: Noon Home/Front Door Visitations - Call office to Register.	Fr Christopher
		7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre	Father Christopher
		11:00 pm - 7:00 am. Father Christopher on Suicide Call Centre- part of his intern Mental Health Addiction Counselling Training.	
		The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sat	July 3	5:00 pm Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
		9:00 am - 10:00 am. Zoom Meeting/Mental Health and Addiction Centre Hamilton	Father Christopher
Sun	July 4	10:00 am +Martha Devlin and for God's Love and Mercy upon the Devlin Family	by Heather Belmont

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Sunday Mass live stream at 11:30 am.

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Mon - Sat - 6:30 am, 11:00 am,
3:00 pm, 10:30 pm

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF STEWARDSHIP

We appreciate the financial support by in-person attendance, e-transfer, and mail. Unfortunately, in this period of the pandemic fewer are supporting us. With returning to 15% capacity we hope that this will change. There is a "financial awareness" that we need to make you aware of. It is also of critical importance that all of us support our parish with our stewardship. Thank you, as God rewards you with your tithe. And, He will!

"VIRTUAL" CHILDREN'S LITURGY "

Our Children's Liturgy, under the direction of Mrs. Noseworthy is posting videos, lessons and the parish bulletin every Sunday at 10 am, to our catholic education community. Thank you; and God bless!

Sunday June 27th will be the last weekend for Sunday Children's Liturgy and it will resume in September either in person or virtually depending on COVID restrictions. We appreciate Jennifer's work compiling the wonderful content for each Sunday's lesson. Thank you and God bless.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please remember to have Masses offered for loved ones living and deceased. Every parish Mass requires an intention. We have many available dates this month and in the months to come. Thank you.

ST. MARTIN CHURCH AND THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO REOPENING PLAN

We have a light that is dimly glowing at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel in the Province of Ontario! Step 1 of the "Roadmap to Reopen" began on Friday, June 11, 2021. Each step lasts a minimum of 21 days – movement to the next step is also impacted by the number of positive COVID-19 cases in the province, demand on the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in hospitals as well as vaccination rates for Ontarians.

15% Capacity will not require you to register, but we will register you all the same as we shall keep attendance records. Come early so as not to be disappointed. And we do mean that! "The early bird gets the worm."

Scheduled readers and ushers will now return. Physical distance, hand sanitizing; wearing of a face mask will continue. Please do not gather in foyer or outside after Mass. An Usher will continue to direct you to your pew. (Weekends Only)

Thank you for your consideration and co-operation. We shall keep you updated as we move into the next step.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

21 June 2021

Prayer for Tolerance, Forgiveness, Reconciliation

This is a much needed prayer, and we had to share it with you. It was prayed last Monday, June 21 during our Eucharistic Holy Hour of Reparation for our First Nations People in this sacred land. Please continue to pray this prayer.

O God, Creator and Father of all, with humility we your children acknowledge the relationship of all living things. For this we thank you, we praise you and we worship you. We call on you, Great Mystery, the Word made Flesh – our teacher, prophet and brother – to open our hearts to all our brothers and sisters, and with them to grow in the wisdom, honesty, courage and respectfulness shown in The Sacred Teachings.

Give us the vision and honesty to recognize that the we are all brothers and sisters of one human family, created and sustained by the One Creator. As we deal with many challenges, may we never give way to fear and anger, which can be the source of division and threat amongst peoples.

We look to how God always gives to us, as a remedy for sins of prejudice and intolerance. We see in God the Creator of all things, One who always provides and is generous – even given the abuses we have heaped on one another and on the earth. We see in the Son, Jesus Christ - the innocent Victim who pours His life blood out from the Cross for all peoples.

We see how the Holy Spirit is God's gift, alive in our world today – inspiring vision and hope that we can have the same mind and heart of God! May Your Spirit bless the souls who died at the Kamloops residential school and all souls who died at residential schools.

May this same Spirit also bring blessing and healing to all families and communities affected in any way by the schools. O Creator, show us the way to healing, forgiveness and reconciliation and a renewed fellowship. Amen.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY JUNE 29