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THE GREAT COMMISSION

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday. The story of "Doubting Thomas" involves so much more than the encounter with skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ's mercy to all.

While Thomas takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appears to them after His resurrection. They were in hiding, cowering behind a locked door because they were afraid of what the Jews might do to them for their association with Jesus. They were paralyzed by fear and doubt.

But Jesus appeared right in their midst despite the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith, to chide them for abandoning Him when He needed them most or to call them out for being so wimpy?

He comes on a mission of mercy, to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him and to commission them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them the authority to forgive sins. "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.... Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy - the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift is this divine mercy.

This Sunday of mercy in this Easter season of mercy is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of the gift of Reconciliation. Do we really appreciate the healing power of this sacrament, the infusion of grace, the freeing power of knowing we are forgiven, the increase in self-knowledge, and intimacy with our Lord? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often and by encouraging our loved ones to do so as well?

Today is an opportune time to examine how generously we offer the gift of mercy to those around us. When Thomas obstinately declared he would not believe in the risen Christ unless he could see for himself the mark of the nails in His hands, our Lord does not become indignant. He offers mercy. When we are disbelieved or disrespected, do we respond as Jesus did, with humility, magnanimity and compassion?

We will find that the more deeply we embrace the gift of mercy through regular Confession, the greater will be our capacity to offer mercy to others. Let's commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples of Christ's mercy 2,000 years after His Resurrection. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a "shout out" during His encounter with Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" Catholic Stewardship Blog

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Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.
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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

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Please call the office

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Ministry Schedule - May 4/5

Hospitality Ministers
5:00 pm - Janet & Ron Roscovich
10:00 am - Julie & Mateo Notarianni

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

Children's Liturgy
Andrea Esposito

Next Hospitality Sunday
May 5

April 28, 2019
The 2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

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

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 pm - Yolanda & Tom
10:00 am - Marcel, Dick & Andrew

Stewardship Counting
Mary Anne Paradis & Lisa Poort

April 28, 2019

The 2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday - Year C MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Monday Apr 29	NO MASS TODAY - Fr Christopher's day off	
Tuesday Apr 30	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Sophie Modrzejewski	by family
	10:00 am 11:00 am Father Christopher at Tai Chi	
	7:00 pm Facility Maintenance Meeting	
Wednesday May 1	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Henry Pikula	by Mary Leo
	10:30 am 12 Noon Cathedral Restoration Appeal Meeting Thorold	
Thursday May 2	OFFICE CLOSED TODAY - Sandy at ACTS Retreat 8:45 am Early time due to travel For the special intentions of Caroline Steger	
	+For the repose of the soul of Ted Wisniewski	by Vern & Josie Dell by Pat Wirth
	11:15 am Fr. Christopher at Women's ACTS Retreat Team Mass in Mississauga	
Friday May 3	NO MASS HERE TODAY - Fr. Christopher at Women's ACTS Retreat 7:15 am Fr. Christopher at Women's ACTS Retreat Mass in Mississauga	
	7:00 pm Fr. Christopher at Women's ACTS Reconciliation & Adoration in Mississauga	
Saturday May 4	The 3rd Sunday of Easter 7:15 am Fr. Christopher at Women's ACTS Retreat Mass in Mississauga	
	5:00 pm For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
	7:00 pm Fr. Christopher at Women's ACTS Candle Light Service in Mississauga	
Sunday May 5	10:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Fr. Leroy	by Vern & Josie Dell
	+For the repose of the soul of Andy Wirth	by the Helm family
	1:00 pm First Holy Communion Mass Mrs. Catherine Jeffrey's Class	
	6:00 pm 7:00 pm After Alpha - Starting Point Study - Christian Reformed Church	

CHANGES IN WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Due to Sandy and Father Christopher's involvement with Acts Retreat Ministry there are slight changes to our schedule. Thank you for your co-operation with these changes.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT CELEBRATIONS

- **First Holy Communion (2)**
April 28, May 5 both at 1:00 pm
- **Wedding Celebration - May 25, 2:00pm**
- **Acts19 Women's Retreat May 2nd - 5th**
- **Acts19 Men's Retreat - May 30 - June 2**

(BLESSED TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Save the date! Blessed Trinity High School, Grimsby is celebrating 25 years of Excellence! Saturday, June 8, 2019 Blessed Trinity is hosting a Pub Night and Open House. Doors open at 6pm. Tickets are \$15 each available through the school website or in person in the main office. Sunday, June 9, 2019 Anniversary Mass at St. Joseph Church at 12pm followed by Family Fun!

FAITH STUDY: STARTING POINT

Alpha moves to a new Starting Point.

A New Study at Christian Reformed Church.

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm beginning May 5th

We welcome everyone to become part of an 8-session small group study called:

"Starting Points" by Andy Stanley. Just as life, relationships, education and careers all have a starting point, this DVD study will help us reflect and consider the starting point of our faith, and our faith living.

It will be a conversational environment where you can explore faith and experience community.

For more info/register contact:

barbschilstra@gmail.com.

We thank Smithville Christian Reformed Church Community for hosting the Alpha Course. It was a life-changing event for us all as we grew deeper in our relationship with Christ, and with one another in the one body of Christ.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE SHARE LENT

Thank you for your prayer, fasting and almsgiving during our Lent season; and for showing your solidarity with our annual Share Lent Collection.

Our Parish contribution this year is \$1,549.15

BE INSPIRED AT THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2019

**Special Invitation to our
Parish Discernment Team, Youth Ministry,
Catholic Women's League,
Knights of Columbus and Parish Events Group.
A rep or 2 from each group.**

Host Site Location:

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Register: www.newevangelization.ca

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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.

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 27 Mass, Pizza, Craft

May 4 Food Drive, BBQ, Mass

May 25 Hike, Pizza, Picnic Activity Planning

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

April 19-21

Sunday Offertory (71 Env):	\$ 1,760.00
Loose:	\$ 546.75
Late Facility Maintenance (14 Env):	\$ 100.00
Late Development & Peace (3 Env):	\$ 210.00
Good Friday Offering (46 Env):	\$ 985.00
Loose:	\$ 95.00
Easter Offering (70 Env)	\$ 2,328.00
Memorial Donation (Ted Wisniewski):	\$ 130.00

2019 Weekly Budget	\$ 2,100.00
Snow Removal/Salt to date :	\$ 4,711.20
Parish Debt	\$ 23,774.25

Thank you for your weekly stewardship

ACTS RETREAT PRESENTATION

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28, a brief presentation following Mass will take place as we invite retreatants for the upcoming retreats for both men and women.

From our parish:

- Marcel Pouliot - Retreat Director
- Bob Paquin - Co-Director
- Dick Van Geest - Core Team
- Sandy Johnson - Co-Director for Women's Retreat.
- Father Christopher - Spiritual Director for Men's Retreat and Main Celebrant and Preacher for Women's Retreat.

ACTS19 RETREAT

Adoration, Community, Theology, Service

A parish ACTS Retreat strives to achieve the directives of the Second Vatican Council.

It is a powerful community building experience.

Next Men's Acts Retreat

**Thurs May 30, 7:00pm to Sun June 2, 1:00 pm
Queen of Apostles Mississauga.**

Next Women's Acts Retreat

**Thurs May 2, 7:00pm to Sun May 5, 1:00 pm
Queen of Apostles Mississauga**

If you are interested in the Men's Retreat speak with Father Christopher or email him at:

fr.christopher@hotmail.com

If you are interested in the Women's Retreat speak with Sandy at the parish office or email:

st.martins@cogeco.ca or sandy.cj@live.com