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HOSPITALITY AND DISCIPLESHIP

Today's readings take us back to some basics of stewardship living and demonstrate the genius of this way of life.

Our First Reading, from 2 Kings, shows us the necessity and power of hospitality. It recounts the story of a woman who showed loving hospitality to a visitor, inviting him to dinner with her family and arranging a room for him in their home so that he would have a comfortable place to stay during his travels through her town. She reached out to the man in a simple and practical manner to make him feel welcome and was rewarded in an extraordinary way.

In our Second Reading, from the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul reminds us of the power of our Baptism and how this sacrament makes us disciples. What does that mean for us here and now? St. Paul tells us very clearly: "You must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." We must live for Christ! Nothing less will do.

Our Lord proclaims this same instruction in a rather shocking way in our Gospel passage from Matthew: "Whoever finds his life [by living for oneself] will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." But how do we lose our life? Precisely through loving actions towards others, loving them as if they were Christ. "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple... he will surely not lose his reward."

The simple brilliance of stewardship living? Only our infinitely creative, compassionate God could conceive it!
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Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

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June 28, 2020 - Year A

**The 13th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

June 28, 2019

**The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR**

Mon	June 29	9:00 am	Intentions Available	
Tues	June 30	9:00 am	+Luke Doppelhofer	by the Tomascini family
Wed	July 1	CANADA DAY!	9:00 am Intentions Available	
Thurs	July 2	9:00 am	Intentions Available	
Fri	July 3	9:00 am	Intentions Available	
		7:30 pm - 9:30pm	Praise and Worship Gethsemane Centre Wellandport—Register if attending	
Sat	July 4	The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00 pm Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	July 5	10:00 am	+Manuel daSilva	by Maria DaSilva & family

ONLINE EUCHARIST

Gethsemane Ministries Wellandport

Sunday Mass streamed live at 9:30 am
Type in Gethsemane Ministries **Youtube**.

Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria

Sunday Mass live stream at 11:30 am. Visit the diocesan website for viewing: www.saintcd.com
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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are requested as there are many dates available for intentions. Please email your intentions to the parish office. Thank you.
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WHAT TO EXPECT UPON REOPENING

Dear Friends:

What to expect upon reopening and return. Welcome Back to Church. That statement might seem a bit odd because, as you know, we have had church every weekend live stream from Gethsemane Centre and other parishes you connected with. Yet, there is just something powerful and amazing about meeting together as the CHURCH! Especially when it's been many months (March 15) since we met together in our Sanctuary!

These past few months have been quite trying, to say the least for all of us. Personally, this building has felt quite empty every time I celebrated the morning Eucharist. I have missed the sounds of praise reverberate in the Sanctuary. We have also missed the voices of our children, youth, and adults as we fellowship, educate and worship together. We're not heading back to the way things used to be. We're opening a new chapter after what we've learned so far from this pandemic. Know that this virus has not disappeared. Your immune system has not changed. There's no vaccine.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has kept us at home, we at St. Martin's parish and the school have continued to serve you! The Church is not simply a building, it is the people, the Body of Christ. You are important to us and we remain committed to serving you and the community as we move forward in new terrain. It will be an anxious journey as we begin, but our anxiety will in time give way to an acceptance mixed with personal and collective resilience which has carried us all since lockdown began.

Since June 12, places of worship can reopen for in-person services under strict public health rules to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, as part of stage 2 in Ontario's three-stage reopening plan. That includes operating at 30 percent capacity to ensure parishioners can adhere to the physical distancing practice of keeping at least six feet apart from others, among other recommended measures such as wearing face masks.

We've taken the position that we didn't want to rush, so we did not open last weekend or during the week. Instead, we continue to work at a pace to ensure we meet all the criteria for the needs of our very active building. The celebration of Mass remains the only public activity for now. We are very aware of personal decisions to continue self-isolating, as needed, to protect yourselves. It's not easy for all, and we have to recognize that there are some individuals who are quite heartbroken at this time that they're not able to participate actively and serve the way they did in the past.

Markings on the floor emphasize physical distancing. Hand sanitizer is available upon entrance or you can bring your own. Ushers will lead you to your pew. Face masks are not mandatory but are highly recommended. Seating has been arranged to facilitate physical distancing. One lector, no altar servers and no extraordinary Eucharist ministers. No

congregational singing and no choir. No processional and recessional entrances. Parishioners are to remain in their pews until ushered out for communion. No taking up of collection as in the past. Instead of passing an offering plate, we have set up two offering boxes in the main foyer. Reconciliation Room, Cry Room, Parish Hall, Sacristy, Elevator areas are all closed. After Mass, parishioners are asked to exit quietly, by pew when directed by Ushers while maintaining physical distancing. Do not congregate at the doors of the church outside or in the parking lot. Meetings are temporarily suspended. Parish Office remains closed. We clean and disinfect before the next group of people arrive weekend and weekday.

Through these days and weeks and months, we have continued to be a congregation and school community that loves and serves God and we have continued to share the love that God has given us. As we continue to live in a time of physical distancing (a much more accurate term may be than social distancing), we are grateful to those who have worked to keep us connected and we keep reflecting and listening to learn what needs to happen as we begin the summer months this Sunday, June 21.

We have at this time not offered an extra Sunday Mass as we await to see our turn out this weekend which is on a first-come, first-served base. There has been a suggestion from some that we add an 8:30 am Sunday Mass to be reserved for senior citizens, who are considered more vulnerable to the novel coronavirus. We will adjust accordingly to needs as they present themselves. Know that we're doing everything we can do to be sure that people are safe and secure. We're following the guidelines from the province and our diocese has set down. We will very slowly, very methodically kind of roll back into a new regular schedule in the weeks and months to come.

I'm very aware that no matter what we decide to do, the majority of people are going to be on the safe side rather than rush back. Plain and simple fact is, we may not have more people in the building, but we have more people listening and watching online and calling in for prayer. Masses will continue online and by live stream. Gethsemane Centre will continue to celebrate live stream Sunday Mass, at 9:30 am.

We believe that God is a God of healing and protection. But we also believe in order and not tempting anything. We're not going to float people's safety for some kind of faith proclamation. We believe God can keep us from a fire, but I'm not going to throw myself in a fire to prove that.

I'll leave you with this quote to ponder. "God is too good to be unkind and He is too wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart." Charles Spurgeon

God Bless You, wherever and however, you may be... you are not alone. See you this weekend for Sunday Eucharist.

Shalom, Christopher +
Parish Priest.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Many have opted to continue with online Sunday and Weekday Masses which is acceptable. We are asking and encouraging that WE continue our financial support to our parish.

We continue to ask YOU to either drop off your stewardship to the rectory mailbox or kindly mail in your offering. We thank you in advance for your stewardship. Thank you, and God bless.

CANADA PRAY

We pray to God who come call Mystery,
beyond all definitions, that
When in the midst of uncertainty
may we know faith.
When in the midst of anxiety
may we know serenity.
When in the midst of stress
may we know calm.
When in the midst of fear
may we know trust.
When in the midst of bewilderment
may we know assurance.
When in the midst of confusion
may we know confidence.
When in the midst of pandemic
may we know peace.
When in the midst of whatever
may we know love.

World Council of Churches

HAPPY CANADA DAY