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ULTIMATE AUTHORITY

Our readings today remind us of God's authority.

As we reflect on our Gospel, we recognize that God possesses all authority and that we want to give Him all authority. Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the sabbath. All were fixed on His words and astonished at what He had to say. Suddenly everyone's attention shifted to a man with an unclean spirit who began to question Jesus and His authority. Jesus responded, "Quiet, come out of him!" and removed the evil spirit from the man. All were amazed at the healing of this man.

Life can sometimes look like the synagogue in Capernaum. We are living as disciples of Christ when we suddenly recognize evil around us - through events in our lives, temptations we are enduring, or by falling into sin. It can distract us, consume our attention, or even cause us to despair. In these moments of trial, we must remember the Healer in our Gospel today. Recall His words, "Quiet, come out of Him!" Jesus has the power and authority over evil, for He has conquered sin and death. He also has the power and authority over us. And when we invite Him to have that authority, He will heal us and help us persevere.

Today, we are reminded that God is in control and that we want Him to be in control. He is the loving Healer that will work miracles in our lives if we give Him the authority to do so.

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Pastor

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Member of Ontario Bishops' Social Affairs Commission.
Spiritual Chaplain to Diocesan D&P
Spiritual Director to Acts Retreat Ministry Men & Women.
Intern to Mental Health/ Addiction Counselling Hamilton.

Sunday Masses in Lockdown

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

See Schedule on the inside of the bulletin

In Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

CLOSED IN LOCKDOWN

Administrative Assistant

Financial Recorder

Sandy Johnson

Reconciliation/Confessions

By Appointment Only in COVID-19

Requesting Sacraments

Must be registered and practicing
Call office for details

St Martin Elementary School

Phone 905-957-3032

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Ron Roscovich at 905-386-0648

Parish Organizations

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Parish Groups

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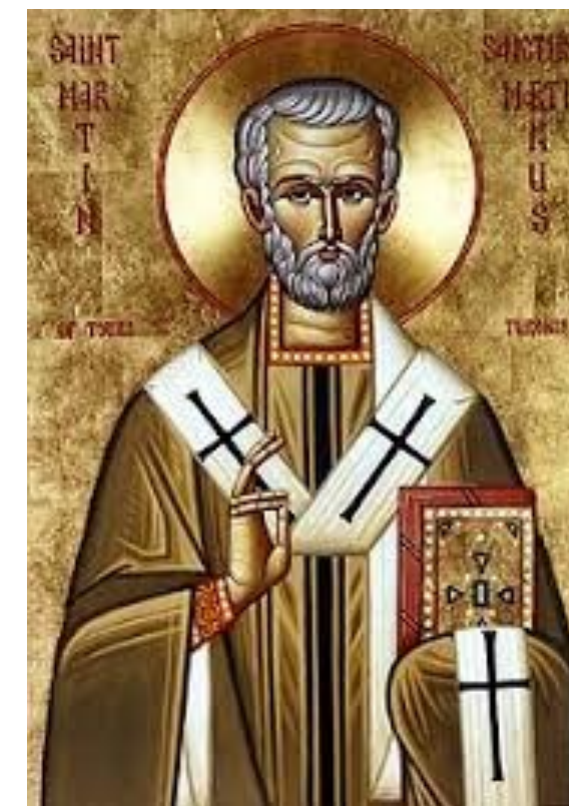
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January 31, 2021 Year B

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2021

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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| Mon | Feb 1 | 9:00 am | For a Mass of Thanksgiving for blessings received | by Martha Devlin |
| Tues | Feb 2 | <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> 9:00 am | + Jose Martin | by Maria Martin |
| Wed | Feb 3 | NO MORNING PARISH MASS 10:30 am | Mass at Gethsemane Center + Gerard Gillen (Anniversary of Resurrection to Eternal Life) | Fr Christopher by Fr Christopher |
| Thurs | Feb 4 | 9:00 am | For the special intentions of St. Martin of Tours Parish Family | by Martha Devlin |
| Fri | Feb 5 | <i>St. Agatha</i> 9:00 am | +John & Regina Newman | by the Newman Family |
| Sat | Feb 6 | 8:40 am - 10:00 am | That Man Is You - Zoom Meeting | Fr Christopher |
| | | <i>The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 5:00 pm | + Roy & Peggie Newman | by the Newman Family |
| Sun | Feb 7 | 9:00 am | + Anna Woitasznski & for intentions of Alicia Smith & Family | by Mary & Richard Korol |
| | | 10:00 am | Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family | |
| | | 11:00 am | + Vito & Rosa Romagosa | by Frank & Cathy Cartaginense |

MASS INTENTIONS

Please remember to have Masses offered for loved ones living and deceased. Every parish Mass needs to have an intention. Thank you.

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

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

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INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2020

Are now available for pickup in the front foyer.

Please call the office to arranged a pickup time.

PASTORAL HOME VISITS

Throughout this pandemic I've shared the Good News with many of you on the phone, email and text. Please call the parish office to setup a home visit or call my cell. Remember, you are not alone. Connection and prayer is only a phone call away. **Home visits will continue during the lockdown with all the necessary protocols being in place. These visits are restricted to our seniors who are already in our bubble.**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED IN LOCKDOWN

Please call the office or e-mail your concerns, or Mass intentions. Sandy will work at times in the office and from home during the lockdown. The office will not be open to the public.

E-TRANSFERS

These transfers are often referred to as **e-Transfers** and done through your online banking, website or app. To transfer funds to St. Martin Parish e-Transfer to:

st.martinsdonation@gmail.com

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.

ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY / WEEKDAY MASS

While the Province and Niagara live through this next phase of restrictions meant to curtail the spread of the coronavirus, we are permitted to have no more than ten people at Mass - radically reducing attendance. Please read and be informed.

- All must register for every Mass they wish to attend. You can do that by email or phone on the days Sandy is in the office Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am - 12 Noon. (Office is closed to the public) Full name and phone number are recorded for tracking purposes.
- Please do not call on the weekend or the morning of or day before as its too late for registration.
- Avoid Father's personal email or cell phone, text for Mass registration.
- Do not give another person your space. You, are registered and not that person.
- To reduce cleaning responsibilities, all are asked to sit as close to the front as possible and on the left side only.
- A reader is required for each Mass along with a volunteer to light the candles and prepare for the next Mass. One person required for sanitizing will be greatly appreciated.
- Other measures may be implemented as the parish pastoral team sees fit.
- Please show pastoral sensitivity in allowing others the opportunity to attend Mass. You might consider not attending every weekday Mass or weekend Mass. Currently, we have not turned anyone away.
- If you register and are unable to attend for whatever reason, please call the office asap and inform us. We can then offer your place to others.
- No walk-ins will be permitted as the government fines start at \$10,000. Thank you so much.

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 thank you. Stewardship Envelopes for 2021 are available for pickup at the front foyer of the church building. Call ahead to arrange a safe time for pickup.

"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 10:00 a.m., to our catholic education community. Thank you; and God bless!

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH (December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021)

Given that it is the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has proclaimed a "Year of St. Joseph" - with the Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* ("With a Father's Heart"). The pope describes St. Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

He writes the letter against the backdrop of the COVID 19 pandemic, which has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day -- In this, they resemble St. Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed; a daily, discreet and hidden presence who nonetheless played an incomparable role in the history of salvation." At the conclusion of his letter, he adds a prayer to St. Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

COVID-19 - DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

CARITAS CANADA RECOVERING TOGETHER

While several planning workshops are being proposed, the one hosted by the St. Catharines Diocesan Council will be held virtually on Monday, February 8 (7:00-8:00 p.m.). Also, the Southwestern Ontario Regional Workshop will be held virtually on Saturday, February 20 (10:00-11:00 a.m.). Pray for the success of these workshops as we launch Share Lent 2021, and for the spreading of solidarity.

Visit their website at: Devp.org