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**CORPUS CHRISTI**

“Take it; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.” Mark 14:22a-24

Happy Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, our Lord and God! What a Gift we celebrate today! The Eucharist is everything. It's all things, the fullness of life, eternal salvation, mercy, grace, happiness, etc. Why is the Eucharist all this and so much more? Simply put, the Eucharist IS God. Period. Therefore, the Eucharist is all that God is. In his beautiful traditional hymn, “Adoro te Devote,” St. Thomas Aquinas writes, “I devoutly adore You, O hidden Deity, truly hidden beneath these appearances. My whole heart submits to You, and in contemplating You, it surrenders itself completely. Sight, touch, taste are all deceived in their judgment of You, but hearing suffices firmly to believe...” What a glorious statement of faith in this wondrous gift.

This statement of faith reveals that when we worship before the Eucharist, we worship God Himself hidden under the appearance of bread and wine. Our senses are deceived. What we see, taste and feel do not reveal the reality before us. The Eucharist is God. Throughout our lives, if we were raised Catholic, we were taught reverence for the Eucharist. But “reverence” is not enough. Most Catholics reverence the Eucharist, meaning, we genuflect, kneel, and treat the Sacred Host with respect. But it's important to ponder a question in your heart. Do you believe the Eucharist is God Almighty, the Savior of the world, the second Person of the Most Holy Trinity? Do you believe deeply enough to have your heart moved with love and profound devotion every time you are before our divine Lord present before us under the veil of the Eucharist? When you kneel do you fall down prostrate in your heart, loving God with your whole being?

Perhaps this sounds like it's a bit excessive. Perhaps simple reverence and respect is enough for you. But it's not. Since the Eucharist is God Almighty, we must see Him there with the eyes of faith in our soul. We must profoundly adore Him as the angels do in Heaven. We must cry out, “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty.” We must be moved to the deepest of worship as we enter into His divine presence.

Ponder the depth of your faith in the Eucharist today and strive to renew it, worshiping God as one who believes with your whole being.

*I devoutly adore You, O hidden Deity, truly hidden beneath these appearances. My whole heart submits to You, and in contemplating You, it surrenders itself completely. Sight, touch, taste are all deceived in their judgment of You, but hearing suffices firmly to believe. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**Bishop of the Diocese**  
Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.  
Diocesan Website: www.saintcd.com

**Pastor**  
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**  
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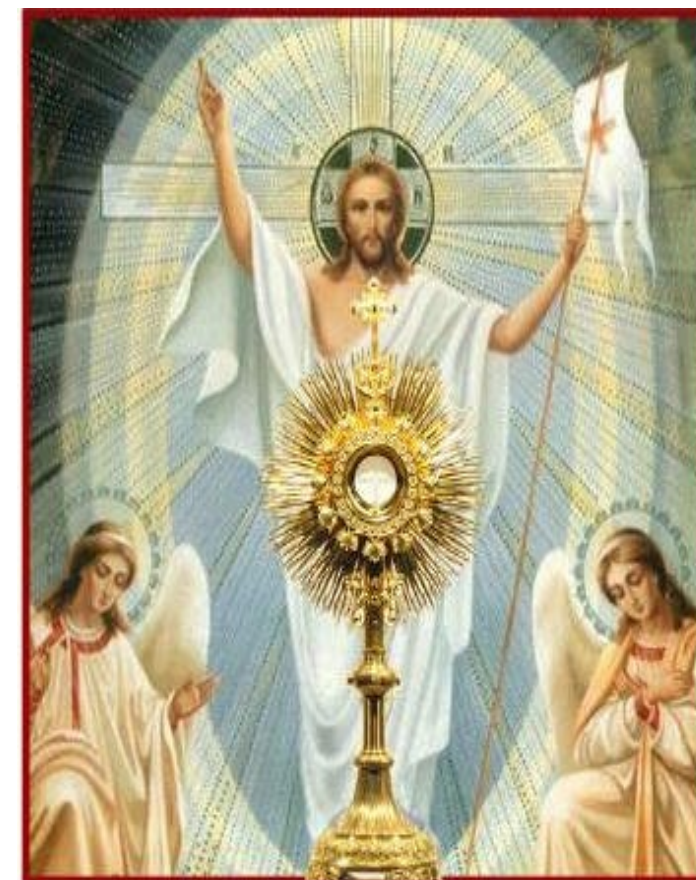
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**Ministry Schedule - June 29/30**

**Hospitality Ministers**  
5:00 pm - Janet & Ron Roscovich  
10:00 am - Marcel P & George Y.

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

**Children's Liturgy**  
Zoe Gunn

**Next Hospitality Sunday**  
September - Welcome Home Mass

**June 23, 2019**

**The Solemnity**  
**of the Most**  
**Holy Body &**  
**Blood of Christ**

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

**Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers**  
5:00 pm - Tom Shields  
10:00 am - Nick, Paula & Bianca  
**Stewardship Counting**  
Antonella Presta & James Gunn



# June 23, 2019

## The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ - Year C MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Monday	June 24	NO PARISH MASS TODAY	
Tuesday	June 25	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Frank Modrzejewski 6:00 pm Grade 8 - Prayer Service/Graduation in the School Gym	by Family
Wednesday	June 26	9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Fr. Christopher 10:30 am Gethsemane Centre Mass Wellandport - Father Christopher 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Installation of New Officers	by Joan Wisniewski & Family
Thursday	June 27	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Lane Van Geest 1:00 pm Year End School Mass	by Vern & Josie Dell
Friday	June 28	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Ken Lewis	by Pauline Lewis & family
Saturday	June 29	<b>The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5:00 pm For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family	
Sunday	June 30	10:00 am In Thanksgiving of all Parishioners of St. Martin's For God's blessings upon Joan Hignett	by Pauline Lewis by Anita & Bernie Duggan

### WEEKDAY MASSES IN JULY AND AUGUST

Father Christopher is taking some vacation days ( Weekdays only) Therefore the weekday schedule for Masses will change.

July 1-5, July 8-12  
August 19-23, August 26 30.  
NO WEEKDAY MASSES.

### SUMMER PARISH BULLETIN

Two monthly bulletins will be issued for July and August. A weekly bulletin will return in September.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Applications are now available in the front foyer of the church. Final date for the applications:

June 21, 2019 \$5.00 registration fee per child.

**Camp dates: July 22 to 26th  
from 9am to Noon**

Please see all other detail on the Application.

Incredible Bible learning experiences, team-building games, cool Bible songs, creative crafts, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities. Children will discover how to see God in everyday life!

### HOSPITAL / HOME PASTORAL VISITS

Kindly inform our parish office if unfortunately you find yourself or a loved one in hospital or homebound. Anointing of the Sick and Confession are recommended before surgery. We have no way of knowing if your are in hospital or homebound due to illness. YOU need to inform us. We will visit you without delay. Thank you.

### LIVING FAITH DEVOTIONALS

After 25 years of supplying the Living Faith Devotional Booklets to the St. Catharine's Diocese, we are sad to say we can no longer distribute these booklets. Being 86 years old it is physically just too difficult to continues doing so. If you would like to order this yourself, please call 1-800-246-7390

Sincerely, Andrew & Helen Hendriks Sr.

On behalf of St. Martin of Tours we would like to thank Andrew & Helen Hendriks Sr. for their ministry to the Diocese of St. Catharines in spreading the Gospel all these years.

God Bless you both.

### UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

- June 23 - Parish Picnic after 10 am Mass  
- ACTS 19 Men's Retreat Reunion  
St. Patrick's Mississauga.
- June 25 - Grade 8 Grad Ceremony at  
6:00 pm
- June 26 - Knights of Columbus Installation  
of New Officers at 6:30 pm
- June 30 - Knights of Columbus to recite the  
Rosary before Mass at 9:40 am.

### CATHEDRAL APPEAL

Did you know that the Church of St. Catherine of Alexandria opened June 10, 1845? It was not until November 25, 1958 that it became the cathedral church of the newly formed Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Catharines. The Pope at the time was John XXIII, now Pope Saint John XXIII. His papacy began on October 28, 1958.

Consider giving to the Cathedral Appeal today and play a part in the history of this treasure in our diocese! Together now, as a diocese, we need to look to the future, and look forward in faith! This appeal needs the support of many to reach its overall target of \$1.2 million.

**The target for St. Martin's Parish is \$6,500.**

-- a very modest goal.

We ask that you prayerfully consider donating to this worthwhile project for the life of our diocese. Whether it be a one-time donation by cheque or on-line ("Canada Helps"), a monthly pledge over 18 months or even a gift of stocks, each and every one of us can assist in ensuring that our Cathedral will be a place of beauty and worship for years to come.

See the "Cathedral Appeal" brochure for everything you need to consider making a donation.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SUCCESSFUL  
COMPLETION OF THIS RESTORATION  
PROJECT THANK YOU. GOD BLESS**

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP - June 15/16, 2019

Regular Sunday Offering:	\$ 1,812.00
Facility Maintenance:	\$ 5.00
Education of Seminarians:	\$ 552.10
Weekly budget:	\$ 2,100.00
<b>Parish Debt:</b>	<b>\$ 20,924.59</b>

*Thank you for your faithful stewardship*

### ST MARTIN'S YOUTH GROUP

As the Youth Group wraps up its inaugural year for a summer break, we would like to thank the follow organizations and people for their support:

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#### **Time and Skills:**

Josie Dell, Caroline Steger,  
Lloyd Buchan, George Yakowenko, &  
Ron Roscovich

#### **Financial support:**

CWL and Knights of Columbus

Special thanks to Fr. Christopher for your unwavering support, spiritual guidance and targeted homilies!

Without the support of our parish and community, this wonderful opportunity would not have been possible.

**See you in the fall! - Alex, Alfred, Connor,  
Holly, Jack, Kiera, Logan, Mika, Lisa &  
Nicole.**