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TO WHOM DO YOU BELONG?

Our Christmas season concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus was not baptized because he needed to repent — rather, He was revealing who He is and what He came to do.

It is from His mission that we can receive the sacrament of baptism — when we become adopted sons and daughters of God. From that moment, we belong to Christ — we become His stewards. Our lives should be a reflection of this relationship. The way we live should reveal Whose we are.

In our First Reading, the prophet Isaiah shares a message of hope, "Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy?" We should ask ourselves, "Who is the king of our hearts?" As Christian stewards, it should be God. We often fill our lives with things that satisfy us only for a moment. If we truly do belong to Christ, then we will make Him our top priority. What we fill our lives with should reveal that He is King.

In our Gospel, Mark reveals the intimate relationship between God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus and God the Father proclaimed, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." We, too, have access to an intimate relationship with God. But like all good relationships, it flourishes with effort. How we spend our time and share our gifts says a great deal about Whose we are.

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Spiritual Chaplain to Diocesan D&P
Spiritual Director to Acts Retreat Ministry Men & Women.
Intern to Mental Health/ Addiction Counselling Hamilton.

Sunday Masses

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

Administrative Assistant

Sandy Johnson

Financial Recorder

Tracy Piggott

Reconciliation/Confessions

By Appointment Only

Requesting Sacraments

Must be registered and practicing
Call office for details

St Martin School

Phone 905-957-3032

Cemetery

Ron Roscovich at 905-386-0648

Parish Organizations

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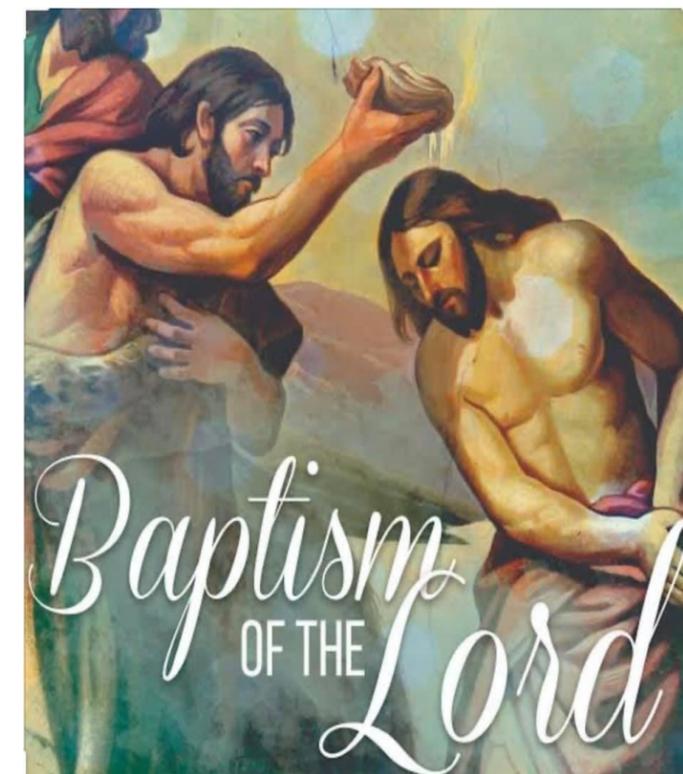
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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon Jan 11 *****NO MASS TODAY*****
 Tues Jan 12 *****NO MASS TODAY*****
 Wed Jan 13 *****NO MASS TODAY*****
 Thurs Jan 14 *****NO MASS TODAY*****
 Fri Jan 15 *****NO MASS TODAY*****

Sat Jan 16 **The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 5:00 pm +Nora Franko

Sun Jan 17 9:00 am +Francesca Pennetta
 10:00 am Intention Available
 11:00 am Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family

by Paula Weber

by Norrie Franko

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

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3:00 pm, 10:30 pm

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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.

"VIRTUAL" CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children's Liturgy, under the direction of Mrs. Noseworthy is posting videos every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Thank you; and very much appreciated.

PASTORAL HOME VISITS

Many remain uncomfortable with going to Vigil Mass Saturday and Sunday Mass. Again, we invite you to attend weekday Masses as the numbers attending are very low. If you cannot come and still desire a pastoral visit I'm more than available to bring you Holy Communion, Anointing and Sacramental Confession.

Throughout this pandemic I've also shared the Good News with many of you on the phone. 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.

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. Stewardship Envelopes for 2021 are available for pickup at either the parish office or the church building. Call ahead to arrange a safe time for pickup. Thank you.

E-TRANSFERS

These transfers are often referred to as **Interac 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.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord, make the New Year a happy one...

Not by shielding us from sorrow and pain,
 but by strengthening us to bear it if it comes.

Not by taking hardship from us,
 but by taking cowardice and fear from our hearts
 as we meet hardships.

Not by making our paths easy,
 but by making us sturdy enough to tread
 any path.

Not by granting unbroken sunshine,
 but by keeping our faces bright
 even in the shadows.

Not by making our lives always pleasant,
 but by showing us where others
 and your cause need us most and by making us
 zealous to be there and to help.

God, make our year a happy one!

MANY THANKS

I express my deep appreciation to all the volunteers who have helped during the pandemic for the past year especially those who have helped clean, sanitize, greet and usher, read.

Thank you as well to all those who continue to drop off your stewardship envelopes at the office, through e-transfer, and through the Sunday collection, and through Canada Post. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

I also extend a sincere "THANK YOU" to all those who have sent cards, gifts and baked goods and meals at Christmas. May God bless you for the kindness you have shown me. For the few who make it a point in connecting with me through a simple phone call, email or text, all your efforts of concern and outreach are deeply felt.

We face the coming New Year with continued caution and concern. Change will continue to affect us. Right now, another lockdown brings disruption of our home, church and school. As members of the Church we are feeling the pain on being limited to ten people attending Mass, as well as the isolation of our family members across cities and provinces.

Let's stay focused on serving one another in love and charity.

Let us especially pray for our healthcare workers and first responders during this continued crisis.

We can be the light in the darkness if we don't let the flame of faith waver.

God is with us - Emmanuel.

Shalom, Christopher+