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### STRIP AWAY THING KEEPING US FROM ETERNAL JOY

In our Gospel today we hear the story of a man who ran up to Jesus and asked Him what he must do to reach eternal life.

Jesus said, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

It says the man went away sad because he had much.

We might cringe when we hear this story because it is sad - this man was so close to becoming an active disciple of Jesus, but instead turned away. We also might cringe because it could be deeply applicable to our lives.

Jesus states that "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

One of the metaphors for the "eye of a needle" was a tight passageway into Jerusalem that people had to enter to get into the city. In order for their camels to pass through, they had to remove whatever the camel was carrying, only then, could they enter.

If we look at our own lives, we can most likely think of something that we tightly carry with us. Maybe it is possessions - material goods or money - like Jesus references in our Gospel. Or maybe it is something less material - like status, pride, or control.

Jesus doesn't want our stuff - our job promotions, our designer house, or our bank account. He just wants us. So, we need to be willing to strip those things from our lives in order to reach Him.

It might seem difficult, but the outcome will be more than we could have ever imagined - peace on earth and treasure in heaven.

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#### Pastor

Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.  
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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 10:00 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

#### 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

#### Cemetery

Ron Roscovich at 905-386-0648

#### Parish Organizations

Catholic Women's League  
President - Carolyn Vaughan

#### Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight - Pierre Paradis  
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#### Facility Maintenance

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#### Parish Groups

Children's Liturgy. Youth Ministry  
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Parish Financial Council  
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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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## October 10, 2021 - Year -B

# The 28th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

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## The 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Oct 11	8.40 am - 9:00 am Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary 9:00 am For the health and healing of Bob Paquin	by Dick & Marg Van Geest
Tues	Oct 12	8.40 am - 9:00 am Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary 9:00 am +Bruce Ecker	by Andrew & Caroline Steger
Wed	Oct 13	8.40 am - 9:00 am Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary 9:00 am +Bruce Ecker 10:30 am - 12:pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions	by the Newman Family Fr .Christopher
Thurs	Oct 14	8.40 am - 9:00 am Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary 9:00 am +Rose Abrantes 9:30 am -10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group in the upper meeting room 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Centre for Mental Health & Addiction (CMAH) Zoom Meeting	by Maria Martins Fr. Christopher
Fri	Oct 15	7:30 am - 8:30 am That Man is You - Virtual Rosary 8.40 am - 9:00 am Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary 9:00 am +Darren Mayhew 10:30 am - 12: Noon - Pastoral Home Visits - Call office to Register. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre	by Andrew & Verena Mayhew Fr. Christopher Fr .Christopher
Sat	Oct 16	5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Oct 17	10:00 am +James Mayhew	by Andrew & Verena Mayhew

### 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](http://www.saintcd.com) or on YouTube

St. Joseph Grimsby:

<http://www.facebook.com/StJoeGrimsby>

Vision TV: Sun - 8:00 am

Mon - Fri - 8:00 am & 12:00 pm

Sat - 8:00 am & 9:30 am

Salt + Light: Sun - 11:00 am & 10:30 pm

Mon - Sat - 6:30 am, 11:00 am,

3:00 pm, 10:30 pm

Yes TV: Sun - 10:30 am

Mon - Sat - 1:00 pm

Internet : [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com)

[www.youtube.com/dailytvmass](http://www.youtube.com/dailytvmass)

If you wish to follow the readings during Mass using your electronic device, you may follow this direct link for the current day's readings.

(<http://usccb.org/bible/readings/index.cfm>).

### E-TRANSFERS

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### ALL SOULS ENVELOPES

You can pick up an envelope after each Mass this week and return them to the collection basket in the next few weeks and well before November 1st. The traditional three Masses will be celebrated for All Souls: 9:00 am 12: Noon and 6:30 pm. Other Masses throughout the month of November will be for All Souls.

**PLEASE PRINT THE NAMES  
OF YOUR LOVED ONES. THANK YOU.**

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This year World Mission Sunday is on October 24, 2021. It is a world-wide celebration of and collection for the missionary church. The funds raised will go to establish and support rural health care clinics, renovate rectories, chapels, build new churches and provide for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.

### PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

We are currently looking for a replacement for our Cemetery caretaker.

This is a paid position which includes:

- Grass cutting/weed whacking,
- General lawn maintenance duties around the church and cemetery.

Timewise - maybe 6 hours a week at peak times.

The job also includes:

- Looking after the sale of burial plots.
- Some light bookkeeping for the cemetery.
- Each year to call a meeting of Cemetery Committee to discuss and approve any capital expenditures for the year.

Any Interested parties, please contact:

Parish Office 289-956-0221  
or Ron Roscovich 905-386-0648.

### ROSARY RALLY FOR CANADA

The hearts of those who join the rallies, as well as the souls of those who simply pass by, are touched by Our Lady in mysterious and powerful ways. And this is happening **all across Canada on October 16th**, the Saturday closest to the **Miracle of the Sun**.

Let's gather as a community of St. Martin's parish on October 16, 2021 at 12 noon on your own and unite ourselves in prayer around the world to our Lady and pray the Rosary.

### A Year of Celebration in Honour of the 175th Anniversary of our Cathedral Church

In this year of celebrating the 175th Anniversary of our Cathedral Church, for all of our Bishops who have been ordained, consecrated, and installed at our Cathedral, and for our present Bishop Gerard Bergie, that Almighty God will reward and bless them for shepherding the flock of our diocese. As a diocesan family, we pray to the Lord.

### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE PEOPLE AND PLANET FIRST

Let's put "People and Planet First" with Development and Peace / Caritas Canada's new campaign!

In Canada, most people can speak out freely when injustice is committed. In many countries of the Global South, however, communities are threatened when they seek to protect their rights, especially their right to a healthy environment. This climate of insecurity is often fuelled by the presence and influence of corporations, some of which are Canadian. Undaunted, many vulnerable communities fight courageously to defend their rights, their lands, and the environment against corporate harm.

This year, Development and Peace's "**People and Planet First**" campaign invites you to stand in solidarity with them and celebrate their work! Engaging and informative resources can be found on the website, [devp.org](http://devp.org).

### WINTER SNOW REMOVAL

Our contract with Bos for winter snow removal has been renewed beginning November 16, 2021 - April 16, 2022. The fees for this service is \$375/month + sand and salt at \$80/time. There are additional charges for heavy snow falls.

### THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

Oh Lord, with humble hearts  
we pray thy blessing this Thanksgiving Day  
and ask that at table place,  
where grateful folk say words of grace,  
that Thou will come to share the yield  
thy bounty gave to farm and field.  
We pray thy love will bless, oh Lord,  
each hearth, each home, each festive board;  
and that thy peace will come to stay  
where candles glow, Thanksgiving Day.

By Brian F. King



**COVID PROTOCOLS**  
**FOR MEETINGS IN THE HALL**

As churches are now allowed to have meetings, the following Covid Protocol must be adhered to during Phase 3 of Ontario's reopening plans:

- Indoor capacity restricted to 25 people indoors and 100 people outdoors.
- Face Masks must be worn at all times.
- 6 feet physical distance must be maintained before, during and after all meetings.
- Sanitize hands upon entering the building
- One person to sign people in with date, name and phone number of all attendees. This Covid contact list must be kept for 6 years.
- The kitchen cannot be used.
- All tables and chairs must be returned to the storage area.
- Proof of vaccine is not required for closed meeting with a maximum of 25 people.
- Proof of vaccine and photo ID is required for open meetings and receptions.
- As we slowly move into the late fall and early winter months we are highly recommending meetings to take place virtually, by zoom.
- We are also troubled that individuals will attend a meeting but not attend Sunday Mass?

**PROOF OF VACCINATION INFORMATION**  
**FOR PARISHIONERS**

No proof of vaccination is required for anyone attending Mass or other liturgical service in any church in the Diocese of St. Catharines. Physical distancing and face masks are required for the entire time someone is in the church building, except to receive Holy Communion.

Parishioners who are elderly or may be medically compromised may decide to stay home and participate in a livestreamed Mass.

No proof of vaccination is required for closed parish meetings in a parish hall (parish council, CWL, etc.) with a maximum of 25 people.

Proof of vaccination (double vaccination plus 14 days) is required for anyone over the age of twelve attending a reception or social event (e.g. parish pasta dinner, wedding or funeral reception, etc.) in a parish hall.

Proof of vaccination requirements **do not apply** to:

- Funeral services including rites, ceremonies, visitations, receptions, or social gatherings held in places of worship.
- Funeral services including rites, ceremonies, visitations, receptions, or social gatherings held in funeral establishments, cemeteries, crematoriums and similar establishments.