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BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today's Gospel reading begins a long section unique to Luke's Gospel. Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, which will end with his ministry in Jerusalem. We read that Jesus' days for being "taken up" were fulfilled. The Greek word that Luke uses for "taken up" is the same word he uses to describe the Ascension. We also read that Jesus is determined to journey to Jerusalem. For Luke, Jesus ministry begins in Galilee and then is one long journey to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem he will meet his death but also enter into his glory. Only in Luke does Jesus then spend 40 days in Jerusalem instructing his disciples. It is in Jerusalem that his disciples wait after his Ascension to be sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. And it is from Jerusalem, in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, that the Good News is spread to Rome and the ends of the earth.

Immediately Jesus is met with rejection, as a Samaritan village will not receive him because he is going to Jerusalem. There was animosity between Samaritans who worshiped on Mount Gerazim and Jews who worshiped in Jerusalem. Jesus was also rejected as he began his ministry in Galilee in Chapter 4. And he will be rejected for the last time when he reaches Jerusalem. James and John want to call down fire from heaven to destroy the people in the village, but Jesus rebukes them and moves on. There is often the temptation to use violence to achieve right. Jesus has come to break this temptation. He is aware that he must undergo violence himself before he can enter his glory.

The rest of today's reading is about the radical demands of discipleship. The three people who volunteer to become disciples on this journey show that they do not understand the demands Jesus will make of them. Neither care of self, care for the dead, nor care of one's family (as required by the Fourth Commandment) can come before the demands of discipleship. Jesus reminds the first volunteer, who would go wherever Jesus goes, that animals in the wild have more security than do Jesus and his followers. The second, who wants to bury a parent, is reminded that the demands of proclaiming the Kingdom of God take precedence. And the third, who wants to say farewell to his family, is reminded that once you put your hand to the plow you cannot look back or the furrow will be crooked. Such a person is not ready for the Kingdom of God.

Jesus seems harsh here, but he is only asking of his disciples what he asks of looking back.

Pastor
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.

Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00 pm. Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Masses
Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00am

Administrative Assistant
Sandy Johnson

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Tracy Piggott

Office Hours
Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Reconciliation/Confessions
Sat 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. or on request

Requesting Sacraments
Must be registered and practicing.
Call parish office for details.

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Parish Groups
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West Lincoln Loaf of Bread
Parish Events Group
Parish Financial Council
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Ministry Schedule - July 6/7

Hospitality Ministers
5:00 pm - Tom Shields
10:00 am - Anita D. & Joan H.

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

Children's Liturgy
No Children's Liturgy until Sept.

Next Hospitality Sunday
September

June 30, 2019
The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Happy Canada Day!

Lectors
5:00 pm #1 - Katrina Shields
#2 - Mitch Pogoda
10:00 am #1 - Andrew Steger
#2 - Caroline Steger

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 pm - Tom Shields
10:00 am - Sherri, Marcel & Vern

Stewardship Counting
Cheryl Dell & Sandy Johnson

June 30, 2019

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

Monday	July 1	NO PARISH MASS TODAY! HAPPY CANADA DAY
Tuesday	July 2	NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Fr Christopher on Vacation
Wednesday	July 3	NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Fr Christopher on Retreat Today! 10:00 am - 12 Noon Gethsemane Centre Wellandport - Father Christopher Morning Prayer, Eucharist, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacramental Confessions.
Thursday	July 4	NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Fr Christopher on Vacation
Friday	July 5	NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Fr Christopher on Vacation
Saturday	July 6	The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12:30 pm Mass for the 50th Anniversary of Marriage: Ray and Sharon Richard 5:00 pm +For the repose of the soul of Angelina Medeiros as requested by the Melo & Mikhail families
Sunday	July 7	10:00 am For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family Father Christopher's 31st Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

WEEKDAY MASSES IN JULY AND AUGUST

Father Christopher is taking some personal retreat and 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.

SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS

Please do not speak with Father before or after Mass concerning parish administration.

Kindly make a scheduled appointment.

Be sensitive when sending emails at weekends. You will not get a response over the weekends and certainly not on a Sunday or on Monday's - his day off. Thank you for your consideration with these matters.

SUMMER PARISH BULLETIN

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

NEW CONTACT LIST

See front of bulletin for contact information. This will assist in locating certain people regarding meetings, events or just basic information. We hope it helps.

ST MARTIN'S YOUTH GROUP

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

Discounted products:

Smithville Pizzeria
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Josie Dell, Caroline Steger,
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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.

CATHEDRAL APPEAL

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**

UPDATE ON APPEAL FROM PARISHIONERS

1 Pledge
13 Parish Donations.
Catholic Women's League Donation
Full Report in September
Thank You - God Bless!

We do encourage more to assist with this wonderful opportunity to Restore our Mother Church of the Diocese - Our Cathedral.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER WORKSHOP

Saturday, July 13 (9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)
Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre

Learn to pray in silence and consent to God's loving presence and healing action within.

Presented by Contemplative Outreach, Niagara Region. To register, contact Brenda Coleman at (905-646-1995) or email bcoleman@bell.net.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP - June 22/23, 2019

Regular Sunday Offering: \$ 1,694.10
Education of Seminarians: \$ 20.00
Weekly budget: \$ 2,100.00
Parish Debt: \$ 20,924.59
Cathedral Appeal Target \$ 6,500.00

Thank you for your weekly stewardship

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This Sunday (June 30) is the last day for Children's Liturgy before we break for the summer. The program resumes again in September. Please register for our Vacation Bible School [see below].

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 - 26 from 9am to Noon

Please see all other detail on the Application.

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team-building games,
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creative crafts,

and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities. Children will discover how to see God in everyday life!

PARISH EVENTS GROUP

Thank you all who participated in the Annual Parish Picnic. The Picnic was a great success. We were blessed with wonderful weather and great help. Special thanks to all our parishioners & The Youth group for arranging games & activities for the children. Also a BIG Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for looking after all the BBQ details and Pierre Paradis for the use of the tents Also our thanks also to the school for the use of their equipment.

VOLUNTEER (S) NEEDED

When the parish has a large function, event or funeral luncheon we do require assistance in making sure the heavy garbage and re-cycling is put out to the side walk on a Tuesday evening for pick-up on Wednesday. Thank you....