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STAY NEAR TO JESUS

Two very different responses to our Lord's passion are highlighted during the Gospel reading from Luke today: the response of Simon of Cyrene and the response of Jesus' acquaintances. Of Simon we are told, "They took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus." Whether Simon entered willingly and compassionately into this service or whether he took up the Cross of Christ with a grudge, we don't know. What we do know is this: Simon did his part faithfully. He stayed near to Christ, carrying the Cross until our Lord reached Golgotha, the site of His crucifixion. We also know that Simon's family was among the first early Christians. Staying near to Christ, embracing the Cross (quite literally), transformed his life and the life of his family.

In contrast, near the end of this Gospel account, we are told of another reaction to Jesus' passion and death, namely that "all His acquaintances stood at a distance." They knew Jesus! They had heard him preaching and teaching, witnessed His signs and miracles, maybe even benefitted personally from them. Perhaps they did not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion. But they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Unlike Simon, they refused to go too near to Christ.

Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him as Simon did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples.

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Pastor
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen
Parish Priest

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
Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Requesting Sacraments
Must be registered and practicing
Call office for details

St Martin Elementary School
Phone 905-957-3032

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Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Recitation of the Holy Rosary takes place before each Weekday Mass beginning at 8:35 am

Mon	Apr 11	9:00 am	For the special intentions of Mike & Amy Urban + Gemma Halliday/Gillen (4th Anniversary)	by Mike Urban by Fr Christopher
Tues	Apr 12	9:00 am	For the special intentions of Mike & Amy Urban	by Mike Urban
		7:30 pm	Chrism Mass Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandra - All are welcome to attend.	
Wed	Apr 13	9:00 am	+Ella Rodgers	by Andrew Steger
		10:30 am - 12:pm	Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions	Fr. Christopher
		6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour/Confessions/ Ending with Benediction	
Thurs	Apr 14		Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper	
		7:30 pm	+Deceased Priest of our Diocese	by Andrew Steger
		8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Altar of Repose - Time for quiet prayer	
Fri	Apr 15	7:30 am - 8:15 am	That Man Is You- Paradisus Dei -Men's Rosary Group	Fr. Christopher
			Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm	
Sat	Apr 16	12 Noon	Blessing of Easter Baskets	
			Easter Vigil	
		8:00 pm	+Maria deFatima Pais	by Family
Sun	Apr 17		Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	
		10:00 am	+Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family For the special intentions of Mike & Amy Urban	by Mike Urban
		11:30 am	Pastoral Home Visits for those who registered.	Fr. Christopher

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ST. MARTIN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Presents

A SPRING AFTERNOON TEA PARTY

Sunday, May 1, 2022

2:00 pm

\$10.00 per person

Don your favorite hats

and come join us for a fun afternoon.

Contact Pat at 905-957-3826 or

Elaine at 905-957-0673

to reserve your tickets by April 17, 2022.

THE SYNOD PROCESS AT ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

Synod Invitation Reminder!

NOW is your chance to have your voice heard. Every Catholic's input is critical to move the Universal Catholic church in a direction that fosters the strongest Catholic Community. Sign up for a Synod Listening Session today. Spots are limited, so please sign up with the link here, or call or email the parish office.

To sign up, please click on the following:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/>

[go/10C0C4AACA72BA6FCC52-synod](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AACA72BA6FCC52-synod)

and sign up for one session, or call the office at 289-956-0221 or email at st.martins@cogeco.ca

Parish Synod Facilitators are:

Lisa Poort, Paula Verrecchia, Sandy Johnson.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 11 - 17.

Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

9:00 am.

TUESDAY

Chrism Mass, Cathedral of St. Catherine 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

Reconciliation (Confessions)

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Eucharistic Holy Hour/ Ending With Benediction

HOLY THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

(Altar of Repose) Quiet prayer to 9:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY

12:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Foods

Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection 8:00 pm

(First Mass of Easter)

EASTER SUNDAY

10:00 am

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 24, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Holy Rosary

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Sacramental Confessions

Benediction

Let us pray: Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your Holy will, which is Mercy itself.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

CARITAS CANADA

The annual Share Lent Collection is April 3/4 and will remain "OPEN" for another few weeks. Special envelopes are contained in the offertory/stewardship box. If you do not use offertory envelopes there are special Share Lent envelopes available in the front foyer., Thank you for your financial solidarity, support and prayer.

Please visit their website. Devp.org.

CHURCH CAPACITY LIMITS

(& "ETIQUETTE")

While limits have been lifted in Ontario churches, likely this will be well received by some and reservedly by others. Given that the pandemic is not over, there are different perspectives on this.

It does mean that individuals will now be responsible for making their own decisions about what level of risk is acceptable. No one is exempt from wearing a face mask (except the presiding priest, readers, and extra-ordinary eucharistic minister). Even with the removal of the floor and carpet markings, all are encouraged to respect "distancing etiquette."

To be together again is special, yes, but only if hospitalizations trend downward can there be more relief (e.g., congregational singing, no requirements for indoor masking). In the meantime, churchgoers are asked to exercise respect, charity, and kindness towards others and to recognize the varying comfort levels of people, especially during these steps to transition. Each parishioner has to be able to plan according to their comfort level, and really for their own health. Thank you.

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY

The Good Friday Collection, on April 15, 2022, is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Christian sites of the Holy Land and support the Church in the pastoral, educational, and social works that contribute to a sustained Christian presence in the land where Jesus the Christ once walked.

This Pontifical Collection will be taken in the parishes during the Good Friday celebration. Those who are unable to attend the service are still able to contribute online by going to canadahelps.org and searching for:

"Commissariat of the Holy Land",

or by Interac e-transfers to :

terresainte@bellnet.ca

Receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Custody of the Holy Land, I sincerely thank you for your support,

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM