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### UNDOUBTING FAITH

Our Psalm today, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy," sheds light on our glorious Gospel reading about the healing of the blind man, Bartimaeus.

We can learn a lot from Bartimaeus when it comes to our own personal relationships with Jesus. Many of us struggle with something from which we need healing - physical blindness, illness, addiction, bad habits, anger, sin. In our weakness, do we confidently cry out to Jesus knowing that He will help us?

Oftentimes we begin to, but then a voice in our thoughts tells us to doubt and encourages us to stop trying, like the crowd in our Gospel. Although that voice is persistent and strong, we are called to cry out all the more. If Jesus can hear one voice in a crowd of many, then He can hear our direct prayer to Him in our hearts.

Our Gospel story closes with the miraculous moment when Bartimaeus is healed. The conversation with Jesus was simple. Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he would like Him to do. This man, blind for who knows how many years, desired sight. Jesus responded, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." He was healed and continued to follow Christ.

There was not much that Bartimaeus had to do to become healed. All he needed was his undoubting faith.

Whatever it is that we are struggling with in this life, all Jesus asks of us is to have faith in Him. As a result, we will remain steadfast in our relationship with Christ and will have the strength to keep going. And although we might not be healed in this life, Jesus still hears our confident cries. And through our faith we will surely be healed in the next.

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### Pastor

Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.  
Diocesan Social Justice Rep.  
Member of Ontario Bishops' Social Affairs Commission.  
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

Tom Diletti - tom.diletti@gmail.com

### Parish Groups

Children's Liturgy. Youth Ministry  
West Lincoln Loaf of Bread  
Parish Events Group  
Parish Financial Council  
Responsible Faith Ministry  
ACTS Retreat Teams

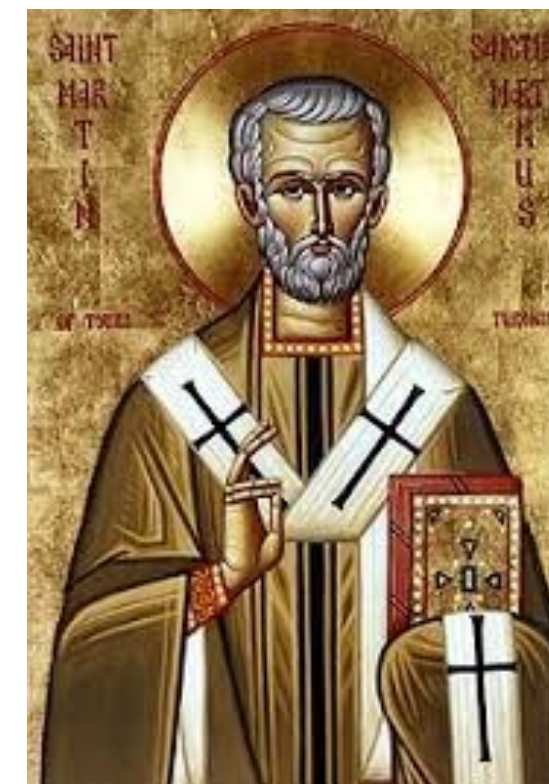
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**October 24, 2021 - Year -B**

## The 30th Sunday Of Ordinary Time



# October 24, 2021

## The 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Oct 25	8:35 am - 8:55 am Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary 9:00 am Intention Available	
Tues	Oct 26	8:35 am - 8:55 am Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary 9:00 am For the special intentions of Julie Notarianni <b>10:00 am - 3:00 pm Virtual Priests Study Days Zoom Gathering</b>	by Sandy Johnson Fr. Christopher
Wed	Oct 27	8:35 am - 8:55 am Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary 9:00 am Intention Available <b>10:00 am - 3:00 pm Virtual Priests Study Days Zoom Gathering</b>	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Oct 28	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b> 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	Fr. Christopher
Fri	Oct 29	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b> 7:30 am - 8:30 am Paradisus Dei - That Man Is You: Virtual Rosary 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre	Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Sat	Oct 22	8:30 am - 10:00 am That Man is You - by Zoom. Paradisus Program (TMIY): Week 4 <b>The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Fr. Christopher
Sat	Oct 30	5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Oct 31	10:00 am For God's blessings upon Bob & Joan Hignett	by Heather Belmont

### 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)

You may follow this direct link for the current day's readings: (<http://uscgb.org/bible/readings/index.cfm>).

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REGISTRATION FOR CERTIFICATE

Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have celebrated or will celebrate a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversary in the year 2021.

To receive a certificate, please complete a registration form available at the parish office by November 15.

### E-TRANSFERS

These transfers are often referred to as **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.**

Thank you for your stewardship.

Stewardship is given by in-person, E-Transfer and by mail. Unfortunately, not all are currently supporting our parish with their stewardship. Perhaps this gentle reminder will motivate you to give. Again, we continually thank those who are supportive weekly or monthly with their stewardship.

### 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, 12:00 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.**

### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE AND CARITAS 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).

### 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.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Saturday December 4, 2021 - 11 am

Registration Forms are due back by Oct 28, 2021

Late registration will not be accepted.

### 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:

- Capacity restricted to 25 indoors and 100 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 & chairs to 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?
- Gathering after Mass outside the physical distance protocol ( 6 Feet) must be maintained.
- Please refrain from hugging others even if outside

### 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 cemetery, rectory and church.

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

### WEST LINCOLN LOAF OF BREAD DINNER

The Loaf of Bread Committee has made the decision to discontinue our involvement with this programme. We thank the committee, volunteers, and financial benefactors who supported this programme with their time, talent and treasure.