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SEE FOR YOURSELF

He is risen! He is truly risen! This is what the celebration of Easter is all about - the truth that Jesus was crucified for our sins and three days later rose from the dead, conquering death once and for all.

We know it's true, but this Easter Sunday, let's ask ourselves if we live as if it's true. Do we live as witnesses to the glorious reality of the Resurrection? A witness, of course, is one with first-hand knowledge. Our readings today focus not only on the Resurrection itself, but also on those who were witnesses to it.

In the Gospel, St. John describes the very first witnesses to the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene, John ("the disciple whom Jesus loved"), and Peter. Each had an individual "experience" of the empty tomb. Each went up close to see for themselves what Jesus' love had accomplished.

How can we as Christian stewards all these years later see for ourselves and so become His witnesses? We "see for ourselves" when we prayerfully read the Scriptures knowing they are a living love letter from God with a message to each one of us. We "see for ourselves" each time we receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist. We "see for ourselves" when we experience His personal and healing power in our hearts during Reconciliation. We "see for ourselves" when we pour out our lives in loving service to those around us and experience the deep satisfaction that only comes when we are imitating our Savior.

This Easter, resolve to live as if the saving power of the Resurrection is true. Experience Jesus for yourself every day from now on. You will be a powerful witness to the truth that He is risen! He is truly risen!

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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

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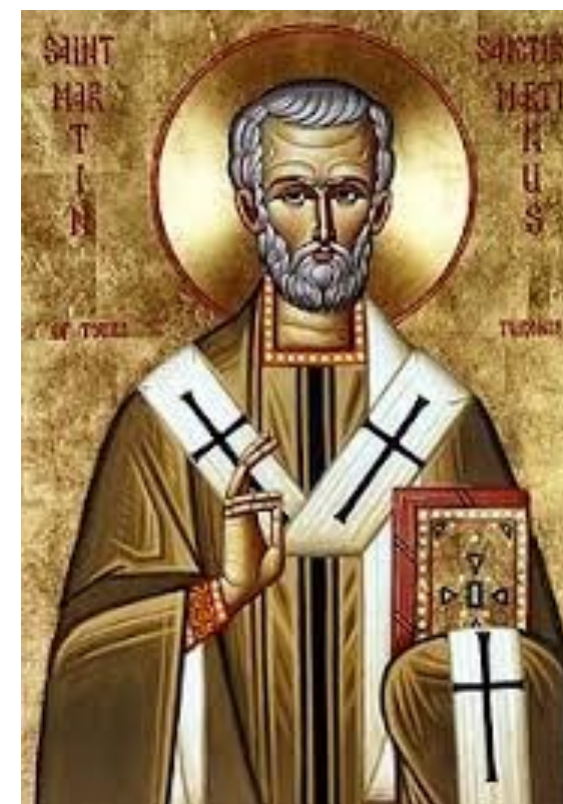
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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Apr 18	NO PARISH MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Apr 19	NO PARISH MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Wed	Apr 20	9:00 am +All souls in purgatory For the special intentions of Mike & Amy Urban	by Danuta Mazur by Mike Urban Fr. Christopher
		10:30 am - 12:pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions	
Thurs	Apr 21	9:00 am +Marilyn Van Berkel 9:30 am - 10:30 am Bible Study Group in the Crying Room 7:00 pm Cemetery Board Meeting	by John & Judy Terpstra
Fri	Apr 22	7:30 am - 8:15 am That Man Is You- Paradisus Dei -Men's Rosary Group 9:00 am +Marilyn Van Berkel 10:30 am - 12 Noon Pastoral Home Visits for those who registered. 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre	Fr. Christopher by John & Judy Terpstra Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Sat	Apr 23	Divine Mercy Sunday - 2nd Sunday of Easter 5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family For the special intentions of Mike & Amy Urban	
Sun	Apr 24	10:00 am +Harry Zakarian 1:00 pm Baptism of Abbey & Brynn MioBertolo	by Bill & Janine Ostrynski

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ST. MARTIN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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A SPRING AFTERNOON TEA PARTY

Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 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:

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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.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Closed from April 15 to April 20

Open again on Thursday April 21 at 9 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.

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.

BISHOP BERGIE'S EASTER LETTER

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

On Easter Sunday morning you will hear these words proclaimed in the Gospel: "Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord,' and she told them that He has said these things to her."

Initially, Mary did not recognize Jesus. She thought that He was the gardener. It was only after He spoke her name that she realized that this was her Lord and that He had risen from the dead. Overcome with joy, she had to share this good news with others.

Today we see so many things that disturb our peace. We continue to deal with a pandemic, a war in Ukraine, and senseless acts of violence throughout the world. Locally, we face economic uncertainty, homelessness, increased addictions, moral confusion and division. This is causing increased fear and anxiety. What we experience on a daily basis seems to rob us of our joy.

This is why the words of Mary Magdalene are so significant. Her sorrow was transformed to joy when she was able to behold Jesus Christ who had risen from the dead. She took great comfort in the fact that the one she loved was still alive. We need to do the same.

There are still so many wonderful things happening in our world and community where we can see the Risen Lord. There are countless individuals who are responding courageously and generously to the many challenges that we face. These are the individuals who inspire hope and joy in our hearts because in them we see the Lord. As St. Paul reminds us, we are all members of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27). As parts of His body, we each have a unique role to make Christ present in the world.

The most perfect way that we see the Risen Lord is at the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We hear His gentle voice in Sacred Scripture and receive His Body and Blood in the Blessed Sacrament. Like Mary Magdalene, we gather in praise and adoration so that we can be strengthened and then sent forth to announce the Good News.

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, rather than only looking at the problems of life, let us look to Jesus and proclaim, "I have seen the Lord!" This is the message that our world needs to hear.

May the Risen Christ grant you a joyous and grace-filled Easter.

Yours sincerely in Christ
Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.
Bishop of St. Catharines