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**TO WHAT OR WHOM DO YOU GIVE YOUR LIFE?**

Someone has rightly said, "Our life does not consist in what we possess, but in what (or who) possesses us." The believer in Christ, who is possessed by a deep and sincere love for Jesus, and a passion to serve him, stands out in sharp contrast to this culture of self and greed. Some believers spend their lives refuting this philosophy by abandoning the time and energy it takes to pursue the accumulation of things.

Instead they give themselves to serving God and people, and promoting a life of peace, purpose and joy through knowing and serving Christ. Having set their hearts on the things of Christ they look forward to the next life as a place of spiritual reward that makes the possessions of this world look paltry. Their funerals, attended by those whose lives they have touched, are always a joyful celebration of meaningful relationships.

Such a celebration is foreign and unimaginable to the people enslaved to the pursuit of happiness through possessions, yet, they look with longing at the peace and joy of those being celebrated.

Two very strong phrases are used in this week's Scriptures, and they beg a response from us. The first from Ecclesiastes is "All is vanity," the second from Jesus in Luke's Gospel is, "But God said to him, 'Fool!'"

Will we be a fool and give our life to the vanity of accumulating possessions and in the end have neither possession in this life, not treasures in the life to come. If not, to what (to whom) shall we give our life, and how shall we lay up treasures in the life to come?

Emmaus Journey Reflections

**Parish Priest**  
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.

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Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

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

**Office Hours**  
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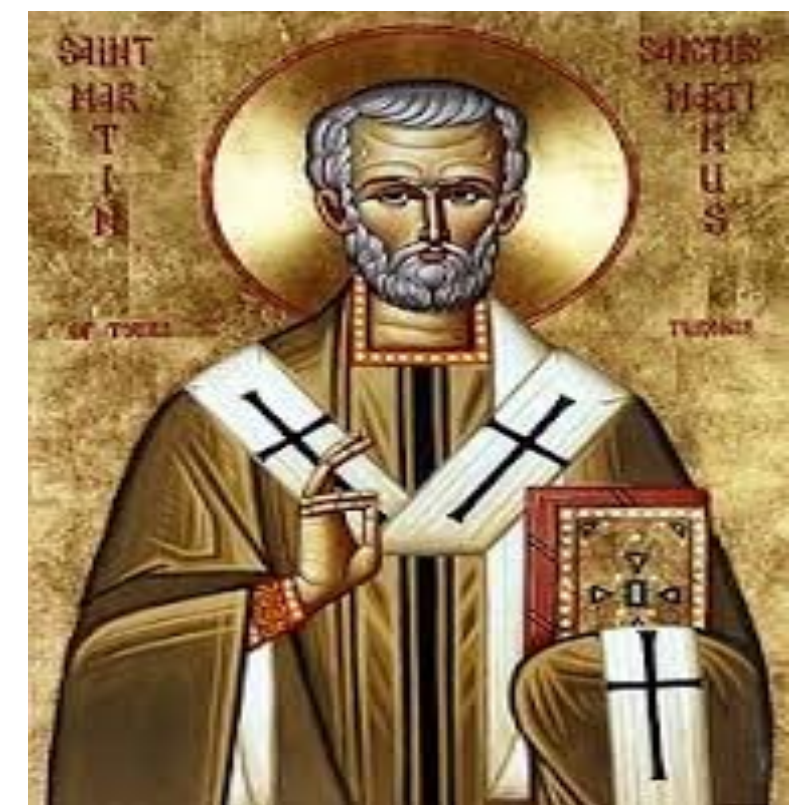
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**Parish Groups**  
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**Ministry Schedule - Aug 10/11**

**Hospitality Ministers**  
5:00 pm - Dosseh & Claudette S.  
10:00 am - Gille Arquin & Pat Wirth

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

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

**Next Hospitality Sunday**  
September

**August 4, 2019**  
**The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Lectors**  
5:00 pm #1 - Andrew Steger  
#2 - Caroline Steger  
10:00 am #1 - Marg Van Geest  
#2 - Tom Richardson

**Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers**  
5:00 pm - Tom Shields  
10:00 am - Dick, Helen & Andy

**Stewardship Counting**  
Lisa Poort & Sandy Johnson

# August 4, 2019

## The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Aug 5		NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Fr. Christopher's Day Off Emergencies of course are always covered 24 - 7	
Tues	Aug 6	9:00 am	For God's Blessings upon Martha Devlin on her 80th Birthday	by St Martin's Parish
Wed	Aug 7	9:00 am	For God's blessings upon Pat McFarlane on her Birthday	by Marth Devlin
		10:30 am	Gethsemane Centre Wellandport Mass - Father Christopher	
Thurs	Aug 8	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Pauline Ross	by the Chorley Family
Fri	Aug 9	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Antonio Pais	by the Pais & Araujo families
Sat	Aug 10		<b>The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
		5:00 pm	For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Aug 11	10:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Andy Wirth +For the repose of the soul of Isabella Weaver	by the Heim Family by Bill, Janine, Trey Ostrynski
Mon	Aug 12		NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Fr. Christopher's Day Off	
Tues	Aug 13	9:00 am	+For repose of the soul of Ted Wisniewski	by the Newman Family
Wed	Aug 14	9:00 am	For the special intentions of Jenny & Lucas Handorf For the health and healing of Bob Hignett	by Vern & Josie Dell by Joan Hignett
		10:30 am	Gethsemane Centre Wellandport Mass - Father Christopher	
Thurs	Aug 15	9:00 am	For God's blessings upon Grant & Ellie McIntyre on their 31st Wedding Anniversary	by Ellie McIntyre
Fri	Aug 16	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Ken Lewis	by Pauline Lewis
Sat	Aug 17		<b>The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
		5:00 pm	+For the repose of the soul of Angelina Medeiros	by the Melo & Mihail families
Sun	Aug 18	10:00 am	For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
		1:00 pm	<b>Mass for Spring Acts Retreats (Women &amp; Men) Former Retreatants and Teams BBQ to follow on church grounds / open house and hall. A Special Welcome to All!</b>	
Mon	Aug 19		NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Fr Christopher's on Vacation	
Tues	Aug 20		NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Father Christopher on Vacation	
Wed	Aug 21		NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Father Christopher on Vacation	
		10:30 am	Gethsemane Centre Wellandport Mass - Father Christopher	
Thurs	Aug 22		NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Father Christopher on Vacation	
Fri	Aug 23		NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Father Christopher on Vacation	
Sat	Aug 24		<b>The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
		5:00 pm	For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Aug 25	10:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Henry Pikula +For the repose of the soul of Kevin Smith	by family by Bill, Janine, Trey Ostrynski
Mon	Aug 26		NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Father Christopher on Vacation	
Tues	Aug 27		NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Father Christopher on Vacation	
Wed	Aug 28		NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Father Christopher on Vacation	
		10:30 am	Gethsemane Centre Wellandport Mass - Father Christopher	
Thurs	Aug 29		NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Father Christopher on Vacation	
Fri	Aug 30		NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Father Christopher on Vacation	
Sat	Aug 31		<b>The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
		5:00 pm	+For the repose of the soul of Aleksander Sekula +For the repose of the soul of Bill Lutes	by Valerie Sekula & Family by Heather Tomacsin
Sun	Sept 1	10:00 am	For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

### Hospitality Ministers 17/18

5:00 pm - Janet & Ron Roscovich

10:00 am - Mike & Mary Hornak

### Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Sue Armstrong #2 - Kelly Staples

10:00 am #1 - Tom R. #2 - Mary Pikula

### Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm - Tom Shields

10:00 am - Marcel, Sherri & Vern

### Stewardship Counting

10:00 am - Adam Gryzbek & Elaine Parry

### Children's Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy until Sept.

### Next Hospitality Sunday

September

### Ministry Schedule - August 24/25

#### Hospitality Ministers

5:00 pm - Tony Mous

10:00 am - Pat Wirth & Anthony Notarianni

#### Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Heather Tomascin #2 - Katrina Shields

10:00 am #1 - Caroline Steger #2 - Andrew Steger

#### Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm - Tom Shields

10:00 am - Mike, Mary & Theresa

#### Stewardship Counting

10:00 am - Lisa Poort & Cheryl Dell

### Ministry Schedule - August 31/September 1

#### Hospitality Ministers

5:00 pm - Tom & Kathleen Diletti

10:00 am - Anita Duggan & Joan Hignett

#### Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Mitch Pogoda #2 - Kelly Staples

10:00 am #1 - Marg Van Geests #2 - Heather T.

#### Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm - Tom Shields

10:00 am - Paula, Victoria & Bianca

#### Stewardship Counting

10:00 am - Antonella Presta & Beth Davis

### PARISH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Summer affords us the opportunity to break from our regular routine and to relax, and enjoy the short summer months. Yet, we do need to fulfill our obligations to serve since we have signed up for a particular ministry.

We request, if for whatever reason you are unable to fulfill your scheduled ministry that you kindly find a replacement. When you don't do that, we are scrambling before Mass looking for volunteers. Returning to Holy Communion under one species might afford us the availability of extra-ordinary Eucharistic ministers for each weekend Mass. Thank you for your ministry and service to the Body of Christ.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP My Fair Share for God This Week.

July 6/7:	Regular Sunday Offering:	\$ 1,710.00
	Facility Maintenance:	\$ 598.35
July 13/14:	Regular Sunday Offering:	\$ 1,714.20
	Facility Maintenance:	\$ 105.00
July 20/21:	Regular Sunday Offering:	\$ 1,686.00
	Facility Maintenance:	\$ 100.00
July 27/28:	Regular Sunday Offering:	\$ 2,091.25
	Summer Mission Appeal (Env 25)	\$ 1,945.00
	Loose	\$ 292.50
	Month of July short-fall	\$ 1,650.00
	Weekly budget:	\$ 2,100.00
	<b>Parish Debt:</b>	<b>\$ 20,266.18</b>

### CATHEDRAL APPEAL

Consider giving to the Cathedral Appeal 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.

### UPDATE ON APPEAL FROM PARISHIONERS

1 Pledge. 18 Parish Donations.

Catholic Women's League Donation

Thank You - God Bless!

We do encourage more to assist with this wonderful opportunity to Restore our Mother Church of the Diocese - Our Cathedral. Please respond by September if you are willing to donate or pledge as we need to finalize pledges in particular. We are trusting in God's providence to give our full target by the end of the year. Thank you.

### CANADIAN MISSION COLLECTION

Another Appeal Sorry! On the weekend of Aug. 10/11, the annual Canadian Missions Collection will be taken to assist Catholic Missions In Canada and our paired Diocese of Churchill-Hudson Bay. The collection will be accompanied by a new initiative, called the **Day of Prayer for Canadian Home Missions**. Prayer Cards and a flyer will also be available to help us not only financially assist our remote missions, but spiritually help them also. The Prayer will be offered during the Masses on the weekend of the Collection.