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MADE FOR ETERNITY

We all have been given great power by God in the form of Time, Talents, and Treasure. Today's readings remind us that this power is meant to be used for great good. And, the failure to do so has eternal consequences.

We see the urgency for us to put our powers to good use in today's Gospel passage from Luke. Our Lord tells the rather chilling parable of the rich man who ignored poor Lazarus during their lifetimes. At the moment of the rich man's death, he goes down to the netherworld while Lazarus is taken to the eternal joy and comfort in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man keenly regrets his indifference towards the needs of Lazarus, but it is too late for regret. His choices have played out, and now the rich man will face the consequences of his failure to use the gifts God gave him.

Pursuit of God's kingdom and care for the poor are not trifling matters. Our Lord makes this clear to us over and over in the Scriptures and the constant teachings of our 2,000 year-old Church. We are free to ignore these teachings and live instead for ourselves. But there will be tragic results for us in the end. And, because we are made for eternity, living selfishly on this earth doesn't really bring us true happiness anyway.

So how can we use our great powers for great good? By embracing a stewardship way of life. By putting God first in all areas of our lives - in the way we spend our time, the ways we share our talents, the ways we give of our financial resources. Stewardship living calls us out of our comfort zone and into commitment to the Lord and the things that matter to Him.

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Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

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

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9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

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I'm thankful for the things in my past,
Things that have brought me to where I am at last.
All the lessons I've learned and more to come.
All help me to better become.
The people I've met and remain close with still,
along with those that have gone on their will.
All good things come to those who wait,
Thank you God,
For the blessings on my plate.

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Ministry Schedule - Oct 19/20

Hospitality Ministers
5:00 pm - Dossch & Claudette S.
10:00 am - Julie & Mateo Notarianni

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

Children's Liturgy
Heather & Alisha

Next Hospitality Sunday
November 3

Oct. 13, 2019

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Happy Thanksgiving!

Lectors
5:00 pm #1 - Andrew Steger
#2 - Caroline Steger
10:00 am #1 - Heather Tomascini
#2 - Tom Richardson

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 pm - Tom S. & Yolanda B.
10:00 am - Helen, Andy & Marcel

Stewardship Counting
Cheryl Dell & Antonella Presta

October 13, 2019

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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| Mon | Oct 14 | 9:00 am | Canadian Thanksgiving Day - Thanksgiving for all of Gods blessings | |
| Tues | Oct 15 | 9:00 am | +For the repose of the souls of John & Regina Newman +For the repose of the soul of Cathy Eberhard | by the Newman Family by Pauline Lewis |
| Wed | Oct 16 | 9:00 am | +For the repose of the souls of Andrew & Ursula Koenig +For the repose of the soul of Cathy Eberhard | by Family by Martha Devlin |
| | | 10:30 am | Gethsemane Centre Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions | Father Christopher |
| Thurs | Oct 17 | 9:00 am | +For the repose of the souls of Ted & John Wisniewski For the health and healing of Marg Van Geest | by Joan Wisniewski by Anita Duggan |
| | | 5:00 pm - 10 pm | ACTS Retreat Ministry Men Women Teams Mississauga | Fr. Christopher |
| Fri | Oct 18 | 9:00 am | +For the repose of the soul of Ken Lewis For the health and healing of Tori Whitaker | by Pauline Lewis by Joan & Bob Hignett |
| Sat | Oct 19 | The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time | | |
| | | 5:00 pm | For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family | |
| | | 7:00 pm | Bishops Charity Dinner - Father Christopher and Knights of Columbus | |
| Sun | Oct 20 | 10:00 am | +For the repose of the soul of Andy Wirth For God's blessings upon Anita Duggan For the special intentions of the Speed Family and for the healthy arrival of Baby Speed | by the Heim Family by Heather Belmont by Mom and Dad |

CATHEDRAL APPEAL PARISH UPDATE **UPDATE ON APPEAL FROM PARISHIONERS** Target Appeal Amount \$6,500.00 2 Pledge. \$600.00

22 Donations from Parishioners \$5,551.00
Catholic Women's League Donation \$500.00
Knights of Columbus Council 16421 \$500.00
Father Christopher Gillen \$1,000.00

CATHEDRAL RESTORATION APPEAL www.saintcd.com/appeal **DIOCESAN UPDATE**

The momentum continues to build! Since the launch of our appeal in our parishes on the weekend of May 11/12, we have raised \$421,206.81 in cash donations and \$119,979.20 in pledges (as of Sept. 18, 2019). This brings our total raised to \$541,186.01 or 45% of our \$1,200,000 goal. We continue to thank God for the generosity of so many, from both within our diocese and outside. Considering a donation to our project? There is no better time than now to be a part of this beautiful restoration of the Mother Church of our diocese! Visit us on the web at : www.saintcd.com/appeal today or pick up a brochure and pledge form in your church today.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Registration forms along with sponsor form and guidelines have been presented to Grade 8. All forms MUST be returned before or on Thurs. Oct. 24, 2019. Late registrations will not be accepted. Bishop Bergie will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sat. Dec. 5, at the evening vigil Mass

YOUTH MINISTRY AND CHRISTMAS BAKING

Let St. Martin's Youth Group do your Christmas Baking! Our Youth Group will be baking & selling buttery shortbread cookies. Order yours after all masses in November. All funds to support a trip to Niagara Indoor Waterpark \$5 per dozen. Pick Up is December 1st after the 10 am Mass.

ROSARY SUNDAY

As October is a month dedicated to our Lady of The Holy Rosary, you are invited to come early to Mass on Sunday, October 20 at 9:35 as we will be reciting the Glorious Mysteries.

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR TODAY

OCTOBER 13 Holy Hour has been cancelled as many travel today to visit loved ones for Thanksgiving. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

FALL EDUCATION/MOTIVATION CAMPAIGN

"For Our Common Home"

"A future for the Amazon, a future for all" - as we learn about the vital role the Amazon plays for the entire planet and the importance of standing alongside those who protect the Amazon. Details coming soon...

DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS

Married couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversary in the year 2019 are invited to the diocesan anniversary Mass, Mon Nov 25, 2019, 5:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines. To register and receive a formal invitation from Bishop Bergie, contact the parish office to fill out a registration form by Oct 18.

CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Voting as Catholics: Federal Election Guide
http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/2019_Federal_Election_Guide.pdf

BISHOP'S CHARITY DINNER

The Knights of Columbus invite you to attend the Bishop's Charities Dinner at Club Roma, Sat Oct 19, 2019. Tickets \$50.00 each; Reception 6:00pm; Dinner 7:30pm; entertainment, dancing, silent auction; proceeds to support Diocesan Catholic Charities. For tickets call the parish office.

MOUNT CARMEL GRIEF WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 2 (9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)
Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre.
Cost \$65 (includes buffet lunch)

Are you experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one, loss of a marriage, or a breakup of a relationship? Understanding the grief you are feeling is the first step to healing. Using various methods, we will explore the many facets of grief. Through group work and personal reflection you will be guided through the stages and the impact that grief and loss have on our lives. This is an opportunity to share your grief story in a safe and supportive environment where you will be provided with tools to move forward. For more info and to register call 905/356-4113 or visit: www.carmelniagara.com

PARISH STEWARDSHIP - Oct 5/6, 2019

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| Regular Sunday Offering (78 Env) | \$ 2,564.00 |
| Loose Collection | \$ 82.05 |
| Facility Maintenance (44 Env) | \$ 664.00 |
| Loose | \$ 53.90 |
| Bishop's Needs Collection (1 Env) | \$ 10.00 |

Thank you for your consistent stewardship

OCTOBER 2019: EXTRAORDINARY

MISSIONARY MONTH TO November 30, 2019,

We will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the promulgation of the Apostolic Letter Maximum Illud, with which Pope Benedict XV sought to give new impetus to the missionary task of proclaiming the Gospel. The words spoken by Jesus when he sent forth his disciples ("Go! Make disciples of all nations." - Matthew 21:19) inspired the theme for the Extraordinary Mission Month: "Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on mission in the world."

Pope Francis suggested this initiative with a double objective. First, he wants to "foster an increased awareness of the mission ad gentes" (mission of the nations), and second, "to take up again with renewed fervour the missionary transformation of the Church's life and pastoral activity." Mission isn't something the Church does. It is what the Church is.

This year, World Mission Sunday is on Oct. 20. This worldwide collection for the missionary Church offers emergency aid when disaster strikes, cares for refugees in war-torn countries, provides rural health clinics and transportation for priests, catechists, religious and lay pastoral workers. It offers financial support for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

- TBD - Financial Council Meeting
- Wed. Oct. 16 - Haldimand Regional Convention for Catholic Women's League at St. Martin's beginning at 6:00pm.
- Tues. Oct. 22 - 7:00 pm Facility Maintenance Meeting
- Mon. Oct. 28 - Wed. Oct. 30 - Diocesan Priestly Study Days at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre. NO MORNING MASSES THOSE DAYS
- Thurs. Nov. 14 - 17 - Women's ACTS Retreat
- Thurs. Nov. 21 - 24 - Men's ACTS Retreat