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**FAITHFUL, AVAILABLE, TEACHABLE**

When Jesus showed up with a crowd on the shore where Peter and his partners were working, Peter could have been annoyed by the intrusion; after all he had been up all-night working. When Jesus stepped into the empty boat, uninvited, and then asked Peter to move the boat away from the shore a bit, Peter could have simply responded, "Hey! Get out of my boat." But he didn't. He, and his possessions, were made available to Jesus.

Obviously impressed by Jesus' teaching he didn't hesitate to take the boat to deeper water where Jesus told him how to catch some fish. Here was a carpenter, not a fisherman, telling a professional fisherman after a night of fishing failure, how and where to catch fish. Imagine how Peter could have responded! But in humility Peter was not only available to Jesus he was also teachable, responding, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets."

Jesus' teachings and demonstrations of power made an astonishing impression on Peter, and standing there in that old fishing boat he experienced an epiphany. Suddenly, he and his partners were conscious of their sinfulness as they became aware of who Jesus is. Consequently, when Jesus said "follow me" they left all and followed Jesus, demonstrating their faithfulness to respond to the light God gave.

Like Peter, we are becoming today, what we will be tomorrow. Peter's later transformation from a tired, smelly, hard working fisherman, into an apostle and leader of the Church did not happen overnight. However, because he made some foundational decisions to be faithful, available and teachable to Jesus on that day he was able to experience future transformation. We may not have Isaiah's revelation, or Peter's experience, but we all have occasions where Jesus reveals himself to us to some degree, and we will hear his call to "come follow me." Perhaps we will even hear it in these passages of Scripture. Will we make ourselves and our possessions available? Will we in humility be teachable and willing to learn? Will we in faithfulness follow? May the answer be, "Yes!"  
 Emmaus Journey Reflections

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 Diocesan Social Justice Rep

Sunday Masses  
 Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Masses  
 Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00am  
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 See bulletin for schedule

Reconciliation/Confessions  
 Sat 4:00—4:30 p.m. or on request

Baptism  
 Catechesis and appointment necessary  
 Marriage  
 Contact the parish office  
 Sacrament of the Sick  
 Please call the office

Secretary  
 Sandy Johnson  
 Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday  
 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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**Ministry Schedule - February 16/17**

**Hospitality Ministers**  
 5:00 pm - Janet & Ron Roscovich  
 10:00 am - Mike & Mary Hornak

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

**Children's Liturgy**  
 Jen Ewing

**Next Hospitality Sunday**  
 March 3

**February 10, 2019**

**The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Lectors**  
 5:00 pm #1 - Sue Armstrong  
 #2 - Mary Pikula  
 10:00 am #1 - Tom Richardson  
 #2 - Marg Van Geest

**Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers**  
 5:00 pm - Yolanda & Tom  
 10:00 am - Victoria, Bianca & Nick

**Stewardship Counting**  
 Beth Davis & Sandy Johnson

# February 10, 2019

## The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Monday	Feb 11	NO MASS. Father Christopher's Day Off 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Diocesan Council for Development and Peace	Father Christopher by Martha Devlin
Tuesday	Feb 12	9:00 am For the special intentions of Patricia McFarlane 7:00 pm-8 pm Parish Discernment Team Meeting	
Wednesday	Feb 13	9:00 am +For the repose of the souls of John & Regina Newman 7:00 pm Catholic Women's League Meeting Parish Hall	by the Newman family
Thursday	Feb 14	9:00 am +For the repose of the souls of Harriet & William Ross	by the Chorley f
Friday	Feb 15	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Sean Robinson	by Dick & Marg Van Geest
Saturday	Feb 16	<b>The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5:00 pm +For the repose of the soul of Aleksander Sekula	by Irene Lipiec
Sunday	Feb 17	10:00 am For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm ALPHA WEEK COURSE Smithville Christian Reformed Church	

#### ACTS19 RETREAT 2019

##### Adoration, Community, Theology, Service

This is one visible sign of this community living out its mission "to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to all God's people through work and action." This evangelization retreat experience is intended to be a doorway through which individuals gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be an active, conscious, participating member of St. Martin's parish and the larger Catholic Church. The primary purpose of A.C.T.S. is to strengthen this parish as a Eucharistic Catholic Community, through renewed participation in worship, fellowship and service.

Next Men's Acts Retreat is Thursday May 30, at 7:00pm, to Sunday June 2, 2019, 1:00 pm Queen of Apostles Centre Mississauga.

Next Women's Acts Retreat is Thursday May 2, at 7:00pm, to Sunday May 5, 2019, 1:00 pm Queen of Apostles Centre Mississauga

If you are interested in the Men's Retreat speak with Father Christopher or email him at: [fr.christopher@hotmail.com](mailto:fr.christopher@hotmail.com)

If you are interested in the Women's Retreat speak with Sandy at the parish office or email: [st.martins@cogeco.ca](mailto:st.martins@cogeco.ca)

#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A discernment and recruiting process is in place. Please, consider joining the Pastoral Team.

#### (NEW) YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST.MARTIN'S

##### **Youth Group Ages 12-14**

Group will meet bi-weekly centered around the 5:00pm Mass - and then engaging in a number of activities in the parish hall and in the community.

##### **Next Gatherings:**

- **February 9 Mass: Skyzone**
- **February 23 Mass, Make your own pizza, Scavenger Hunt.**

#### Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing

##### Ministry Support Group

We meet every second and fourth Monday (7:00-9:00 p.m.) at Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls. For information, call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email:

[separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com](mailto:separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com).

- *What is Forgiveness* - February 11
- *Healing* - February 25

#### WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

##### **Sunday, February 10**

We pray for all married couples. Congratulations to those celebrating significant wedding anniversaries in 2019.

#### LIFE JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Be inspired, encouraged and healed at the largest single-day Catholic event in Canada - the 27th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally! Inspired talks by Ralph Martin, Peter Herbeck, and keynote guest speaker Fr Mark Going (Food for Life, Companions of the Cross)

The adult high mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins.

There will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits The Youth Mass (with Sunday Readings) will be celebrated by Father Mark Going. Tickets are \$25 each for adults and \$15 each for youth, plus \$10 for bus fare. Bus will be leaving St Joseph Parish in Grimsby. For more information call Domenic at (905) 945-7536.

#### INVEST 1 HOUR TO SAVE A LIFETIME

##### **40 Days for Life**

Be part of this peaceful campaign by prayer and fasting during Lent, March 6th – April 14th. We ask each church to adopt **ONE DAY from 8 am – 8 pm**, with two or more people to give public witness for one or two hours standing on Portage Street at the Niagara Falls General Hospital, holding a sign "Pray to end Abortion." This is a prayerful, silent VIGIL.

To sign up: see the [sign-up table](#) at your church – or contact Annette: [loeffenlife@gmail.com](mailto:loeffenlife@gmail.com), or 905-325-1251, or Angela: [angelabraun@live.com](mailto:angelabraun@live.com)

#### COMMUNITY DROP-IN PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

Rose Cottage Visiting Volunteers is bringing their Community monthly drop-in program to Smithville, **beginning this Thursday, February 14**, from 1-3 pm, hosted at the new facility of Smithville Christian Reformed Church (6522 Smithville Rd).

This opportunity is available for all older adults in West Lincoln who are looking for a place to connect; offering social activities, entertainment, refreshments and access to resources, for both themselves and their caregivers.

It will be offered the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month**. Participants can register by calling 289-566-9588, or emailing [info.rcvv@gmail.com](mailto:info.rcvv@gmail.com). Check it out THIS WEEK! All welcome!

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

##### **FEBRUARY 2/3**

<b>Sunday Offertory (84 Env):</b>	<b>\$ 2,016.00</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>\$ 135.00</b>
<b>Facility Maintenance (50 Env):</b>	<b>\$ 641.00</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>\$ 62.25</b>

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#### PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2018

Included in today's parish bulletin.

#### STEWARDSHIP INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Are made available. Please pickup in main church foyer. Thank you for supporting our parish through your good stewardship.

#### NIAGARA FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

##### **Annual Benefit Gala**

Saturday, March 30 at 5:30 p.m.

Club Roma, 125 Vansickle Rd. St. Catharines

The after-dinner speaker will be Pat Stapleton, NHL legend and Team Canada '72 member. Tickets are \$80 each and must be Purchase by March 25, on-line at [www.niagaracatholic.ca](http://www.niagaracatholic.ca) For more information call: 905-735-0240,ext.213 or e-mail [foundationgala@nfce.com](mailto:foundationgala@nfce.com)

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2019

Come. Everything is Ready!

##### **WOMEN OF SLOVENA**

Friday, March 1 at Smithville United Church beginning at 2:00 pm.

Visit website:

<https://worlddayofprayer.net/index.html>

#### CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

##### DIOCESAN RETREAT

Saturday, March 30 or Wednesday, March 27 (8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.)

Gethsemane Ministries, Wellandport

This year's theme: "Embracing the Peace of Christ"

\$40 per member (includes lunch)

Open to all women of the parish!

Call parish office for further details.