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### Pastor Reflects...

May you continue to experience the love GOD has for you, especially as demonstrated in the life, ministry, teaching, example, death, and resurrection of Jesus and may you model that love in your concern for others.

We have all heard of philanthropists. Those are people who demonstrate a loving concern for others usually by making donations of money to charities. It comes from two Greek words: *φιλία (philia)* - love of duty and relationship) and *ανθρωπος (anthropos)* - human). The word implies that the philanthropist is a true humanist (which is positive but may imply that person is gaining something from their acts, such as a tax break or recognition from others).

I thought the word "agapist" is a better word. I did a little research and found that there is a website called "agapist." I also found the definition of "agapism" in Wikipedia. Both words come from the Greek word *αγάπη (agape)* which means "unconditional love" or that type of love GOD has for each human. It is a total, selfless love. Its focus is on the other person. It is distinguished from other Greek words for love which are positive, but have a certain self-interest involved. We are called to love with *αγάπη (agape)* love – totally unconditional love for another.

Mother's do this so well. We thank all Mother's today, and pray God's Love to each of them. We commend to God's Love and Mercy all those Mothers' who have been called home to the Father's House. Happy Mother's Day! Hug the "Mother" in your life, if you can...

**In Christ, Christopher+**  
Parish Priest

### 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  
koc.16421@gmail.com

### 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

Diocese of St. Catharines

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Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.  
Diocesan Website: www.saintcd.com

## St. Martin of Tours Roman Catholic Church

Happy Mothers Day

to ALL the MOTHERS out there whether you are a Past, Present or Soon To be Moms. May your day be filled with love, joy and laughter..



**MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

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**May 9, 2021 - Year -B**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

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### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	May 10	9:00 am	+Michael Chorley	by the Chorley family
Tues	May 11	9:00 am	+Wendy Valere	by Andrew & Caroline Steger
		<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>NEW!</b> Communion Service. Readings of the Day, Our Father. Holy Communion.	
Wed	May 12	9:00 am	For the special intentions of Julie Notarianni	by Pierre & Mary Anne Paradise
		10:30 am	- 12:pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions	Fr .Christopher
Thurs	May 13	9:00 am	For the health and healing of Andy Lipiec	by Heather Belmont
		<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>NEW!</b> Communion Service. Readings of the Day, Our Father. Holy Communion.	
		8:00 pm	- 9: 00 pm Centre for Mental Health & Addiction (CMAH) Zoom Meeting	Fr. Christopher
Fri	May 14	9:00 am	+David Harris	by Joan & Bob Hignett
		10:30 am	- 12: Noon Home/Front Door Visitations - Call office to Register.	Fr Christopher
		7:00 pm	- 9:00 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre	
Sat	May 15	8:30 am	- 10:00 am The Case for Jesus : Bible Study	Fr. Christopher
		8:30 am	Virtual Monthly Rosary Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus Members	
			<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>	
Sat	May 15	5:00 pm	+James Mayhew	by Andrew & Verena Mayhew
Sun	May 16	10:00 am	Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

#### 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)

#### E-TRANSFERS

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#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Throughout the pandemic we have appealed for your weekly stewardship in creative and varied ways. With another lockdown we suffer financially as we are limited to nine people allowed to gather for public Mass. We are thankful for those who do support us either in person or by e-transfer or in mailing in your stewardship. We have noticed however, the same individuals giving.

We also want to address a misunderstanding that was brought to our attention. We are not financially supported by our diocese. In actual fact, we give 8% of our income semi-annually to the diocese; and 3% of yearly income to the Clergy Aid (Retired Priests Pension). Please consider that when giving your weekly stewardship.

Recent donations from the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus has been immensely appreciated. Thank you.

We have made some cut backs and reduced expenses as best we can. Voluntarily reductions in salary from pastor and staff have also taken place.

Thank you, for your stewardship.

#### PRE- REGISTRATION FOR MASS AND COMMUNION SERVICES

Please call or email the parish office before each Thursday at Noon to schedule for any Mass or Communion Service you wish to attend. We are only allowed to accommodate 10 people which includes the priest.

Some have recently pre-registered and then didn't show up. No notice was given of not being able to attend. Some have developed a habit of doing this. We cannot allow this to continue. Therefore, those individuals cannot pre-register until the lockdown is over.

Communion Services are offered this week in order to accommodate more people to receive the Eucharist. Opening and close prayers, readings of the day, Our Father, Holy Communion. We encourage you to attend weekday Mass. You, don't have to wait until Sunday.

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

We considered it prudent to reschedule the reception of First Reconciliation and First Communion for our children until after the "stay at-home" order has ended. Hence, we are proposing alternate dates late May early June?

Parents will be given the dates after we consult with others.

Arrangements will be made (as before) for a limited number of families (and only immediate family members) to be present .We appreciate the understanding of the parents and teachers as yet another "curve ball" has been tossed in our direction.

We are inviting families to call the parish office and schedule First Reconciliation. We can safely do this with the Covid-19 Protocols. We look forward to seeing you. Thank you.

#### "VIRTUAL" CHILDREN'S LITURGY "

Our Children's Liturgy, under the direction of Mrs. Noseworthy is posting videos, lessons and the parish bulletin every Sunday at 10:00 a.m., to our catholic education community. Thank you; and God bless! We appreciate your ministry immensely.

#### PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen

#### DECIDE TO FORGIVE (in "Dear Abby")

Decide to forgive for resentment is negative

Resentment is poisonous.

Resentment diminishes and devours the self.

Be the first to forgive, to smile and to take the first step, and you will see happiness bloom on the face of your human brother or sister.

Be always the first - do not wait for others to forgive .

For by forgiving YOU become the master of fate the fashioner of life - a doer of miracles.

To forgive is the highest, most beautiful form of love. In return you will receive untold peace and happiness. Robert Muller

#### WORLDWIDE ROSARY TO END THE PANDEMIC

This has been initiated by Pope Francis to the 30 Marian Shrines around the world to pray the Rosary to end the pandemic. LIVE each day at noon. Go to youtube: Shalomworld.org