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TOUGH CHOICES

Let's be honest. If we are striving to live the stewardship way of life, it's not going to be easy. Dying to self and living for Christ and others is tough. It's the work of a lifetime. But in the end, it's the only work that really matters and the only life that truly satisfies.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, reflects this challenging reality. Jesus tells His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." This sounds harsh. Why would anyone want to do this?

Our Lord has the answer, of course. "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

It's all about love. Jesus loved (and loves) us totally, giving us all of Himself on the Cross, in His Word, and in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. And so we must choose: love of self, or love of God and others - which is tough, but fulfilling and leads to the eternal reward of heaven. Jesus promises that He "will come with his angels in his Father's glory and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Let us make the tough choice to lose our life for Christ's sake in grateful response to His love. Honestly, what better life could there be?

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Pastor
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.

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

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

COVID-19 Office hours
Tuesday Only
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Administrative Assistant
Sandy Johnson

Financial Recorder
Tracy Piggott

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

Requesting Sacraments
Must be registered and practicing
Call office for details

St Martin School
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August 30, 2020 - Year A

**The 22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

August 30, 2019

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Aug 31	9:00 am	+Don Tylter	Intention from St. Alfred's
Tues	Sept 1	9:00 am	+ Oliver Joseph & Gemma Gillen (Father's Parents)	Father Christopher
Wed	Sept 2	9:00 am	+Yvonne Vanderbraak	Intention from St. Alfred's
		10:30 am - 5:00 pm	- Gethsemane Center Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
			Father Christopher celebrant. Confessions and Counselling if required.	
Thurs	Sept 3	9:00 am	For the newly installed Executive of the Knights of Columbus	Father Christopher
Fri	Sept 4	9:00 am	+ Peggy Halliday (Anniversary) Father's Aunt/Godmother	Father Christopher
		10:00 am - 11:00 am	Zoom Meeting: Addiction Group Hamilton	Father Christopher
		11:30 am- 12:30 pm	"Streets to Homes" Toronto City Council Zoom Mtg	Father Christopher
Sat	Sept 5	The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
		5:00 pm	+Jose Cordeiro	by Mr & Mrs Melo
Sun	Sept 6	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 or on YouTube

St. Joseph's Parish Grimsby.

Follow on Face Book or their website:
Stjosephgrimsby.ca

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

yesTV:

Sun - 10:30 am

Mon - Sat - 1:00 pm

Internet :

www.dailytvmass.com

www.youtube.com/dailytvmass

PERSONAL EMAILS TO FATHER CHRISTOPHER

Father returns all emails.

Emails of an administrative nature are not returned from Friday: 4:00 pm to Tuesday at 11:00 am, Sunday Sabbath and Father's day off Mondays.

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN OUR PARISH?

Please do not take for granted that you are registered in the parish just because you attend Mass here. If we have no record of your parish membership, it could be quite embarrassing to us, or to you or your family, when someone wishes to make wedding plans, have a baby baptized, or if you have been asked to act as a sponsor for baptism or confirmation. Also, if you require a pastoral reference for a Catholic teaching position. We encourage weekly attendance if you are seeking any of the above.

Because of COVID-19 pandemic, we cannot leave forms in the foyer. Please call the parish office and we can mail you the form. About 45 members are currently not registered. 37 members have not submitted email address. Thank you.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT DURING COVID-19

This is a sensitive topic to address with so many uncertainties that continue to impact each one of us in unexpected ways. Many parishioners may already be facing financial difficulties as a family, and the first priority must be to take care of the needs of family and loved ones. Our parish has recently supported two needy families.

Our Parish of St. Martin and our Diocese of St. Catharines continue to rely on the generosity of the faithful to financially run during this time of pandemic. Parishioners can continue to donate by dropping off their weekly donations to the parish rectory, or by mail, or now at the office on Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon. .

22% of our parish membership returned last Sunday, August 23.

It is critical at this time to pray and support each other. We pray for all Parishes, all our Priests and Deacons, and our Diocese, for your fellow parishioners and our parish staff, and we remember those who are suffering from illness, especially those who have died from Covid-19; and frontline workers and essential service providers who have had to make a tremendous sacrifice affecting their families and loved ones during this ever present COVID-19 pandemic.

We thank you for your continued financial support. We are grateful for those who continue to mail in their stewardship. Thank You. God bless You!

"ETIQUETTE AT EUCHARIST"

We update weekly given our experiences of the weekend Masses; and with Public Health Regional Bylaws and our Diocese.

You will be asked to sanitize your hands using the new automatic dispenser (touchless) just inside the main door. The wearing a face mask or shield are now mandatory throughout Niagara (except the very young and those with breathing difficulties). Masks are available free of charge.

Please wait for a hospitality team member to escort you to your assigned pew. In order to ensure physical distancing, please remain in your seats once seated. Please move up in the pew.

NEW! Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality are updated weekly or when needed by email. This weekend we will present a floor plan for the Ushers. All are kindly asked to follow the floor plan as we need every space that is available. The doors are now locked as we begin Mass and for good reason: the TEAM have a right to worship and are not obliged to wait unnecessarily. Also, attending one Mass on the weekend is sufficient; please be mindful of others by not taking a space someone else could have.

For the reception of Holy Communion. Come to "Red Line" and remove your mask or drop below your chin. There will be no exchange of words as this will have already been done by Father Christopher when he gives the necessary directions.

Note: The washrooms are to be used only if absolutely necessary; parishioners making their way there during Mass tend to be a distraction to the others. As well, please refrain from touching any Surfaces upon entering or exiting the church (anything touched has to be cleaned).

Lastly, be respectful of the ushers and cleaners and their tasks; their willingness to serve is of benefit to us all because if there are no ushers and no cleaners there can be no "open church".

All of the above is for your safety and the protection of all. It is not meant to be unwelcoming as some have written and expressed. We have entered into new pastoral challenging and will continue to do so.

**"Say Something Positive.
If you stay Positive in a Negative Situation.
YOU WIN!"**