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GIVING THE FIRST AND THE BEST

The servant and the little boy in our readings today are excellent examples for us as Christian stewards. The servant gave the very best of what he had, and the boy gave all that he had, then God did the rest.

A key component of living as a good steward is constantly evaluating our lives, particularly our relationship with God to ensure we are not just scraping by but rather giving God our entire lives. We should ask ourselves - "how am I giving God my time, using my talents, and sharing my treasures?"

We are called to give God adequate time each day. If we don't plan for this time, likely, He won't get any. We need to find what works best for us so that God can become a more significant part of our daily lives. We are also called to put our gifts and talents to good use too. The servant and the boy teach us that it is not up to us to decide how our gifts will affect others. God will do that. All we need to do is to give it well.

Lastly, the servant reminds us that we are called to give the first fruits of our treasures. It is easy to give something; it is difficult to give the finest gift. Giving our best requires us to re-evaluate our priorities in life.

When we strive to live out our call as Christian stewards by entrusting all that we have been given to the One who graciously gave us these gifts, we will be blessed beyond measure. As we begin a new week, let us spend some time evaluating our relationship with God by asking, 'what is my very best, and am I giving it to God?'

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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
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By Appointment Only in COVID-19

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Call the parish office for details

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**July 25, 2021 - Year -B
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Mon	July 26	NO MORNING MASS TODAY/ Father Christopher's Day Off.	
Tues	July 27	9:00 am	For the special intentions of Fr. Christopher Gillen by Andrew & Caroline Steger
Wed	July 28	9:00 am	+Martha Devlin by Ron & Linda Ardito
		10:30 am	- 12:pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions Fr .Christopher
Thurs	July 29	9:00 am	+Steve Carbonara by Julie Notarianni
Fri	July 30	9:00 am	+Martha Devlin by Sandy Johnson
		10:30 am	- 12: Noon. Home Pastoral Visits/ Call office to Register. Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm	- 9:00 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre Fr .Christopher
		The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sat	July 31	5:00 pm	+Martha Devlin by the Verrecchia Family
Sun	Aug 1	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 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,

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Internet : www.dailytvmass.com

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If you wish to follow the readings during Mass using your electronic device, you may follow this direct link for the current day's readings.

(<http://uscceb.org/bible/readings/index.cfm>).

E-TRANSFERS

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Please do not enter a security question and answer. You will be informed that your transfer to "The Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation" has been completed.

SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH

One of the precepts of the Church: is that parishioners should be generous in supporting the material needs of the Church. Today, we do this best by regularly using envelopes or e-transfers.

Stewardship is based on our need to give back to God out of gratitude, not on the need of the church to receive. It is based on the premise that all that we have and all that we are comes from God. As a way of giving thanks for all our blessings, we return a portion of the time, talent and treasure which God has allotted to us. Thank you for supporting our Catholic Way of Life here...

ONTARIO MOVING TO STEP 3 OF REOPENING - FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2021

- Expanded capacity for religious services, rites, ceremonies including weddings and funerals.
- No fixed capacity is mandated, however, since physical distancing requirements remain in place, indoor capacity is about 33%capacity.
- Requirements for masks or face coverings remain in place in indoor public settings and are likely to remain in place until at least September.
- Contact tracing is to continue.
- The dispensation from Sunday Mass attendance remains in effect.
- Since face coverings are still required, there is no congregational singing in Step 3.
- At the pastor's discretion, indoor meetings and gatherings may resume as long as attendees maintain physical distancing and wear face coverings.
- Social gatherings and organized public events will be restricted to 25 people indoors and 100 people outdoors.
- Funeral service providers/cemeteries may have no capacity limit for attendance at cemetery services. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone, contact the parish office. We will help you with the dates and times which are available. Cards are then given to you so that you can give them to whomever you choose so that they may also participate in the Mass.

The stipend or offering given (\$10) signifies the sacrificial nature of giving something of yourself, to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist. We encourage more to request Mass intentions for loved ones living and deceased.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Pope Francis has declared a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Starting this year, it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July (July 25), close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Pope Francis said, "the Holy Spirit even today stirs up thoughts and words of wisdom in the elderly." The voice of the elderly "is precious," he said, "because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of the peoples." The elderly "remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between the different generation, to pass on to the young the experience of life."

READERS / USHERS/ CLEANERS AND US ALL

In order to remain "open" and continue with the celebration of Mass we do require everyone's cooperation and assistance.

- Firstly, coming early, and not at the last minute.
- Secondly, ushers need to be here 30 mins prior. One for registration and one for assisting with seating.
- Thirdly, the reader to be committed to their schedule.

Unfortunately, for whatever reason we are having challenges with the schedule. We can't function without the necessary and committed help. We could use the assistance of new ushers - and volunteers for sanitizing would be greatly appreciate If interested please call or email the parish office. Thank you.

UPCOMING BAPTISMS

Madison Speed - July 25

Nyla Melo - Aug 8

Avery Chabot - Aug 22

Nash Policelli - Aug 29

25TH ANNIVERSARY VOW RENEWAL

Doug & Barb Joyner - Aug 15