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THE WORD OF GOD

Vatican II spoke about the 'extreme importance' of God's Word. The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she venerated the Body of the Lord, in so far as she never ceases, particularly in the sacred Liturgy, to partake of the bread of life and to offer it to the faithful from the one table of the Word of God and the Body of Christ. That is why the Magisterium could rightly speak about the 'real presence' of Christ in the Word. This is a marvelous teaching that, after centuries of forgetfulness or carelessness, restores the Word to the place that tradition assigned it.

Unfortunately, ritual and tradition often lose their meaning when they become familiar. If for a moment we could have Jesus the Living Word appear again in human form to walk down the aisle of our churches we would see the difference. Our response, if we did not simply faint dead away, would be more like Ezra's people. We would bow down and prostrate ourselves in worship and ready obedience. When the Living Word strode to the pulpit, we would not simply listen with half an ear but rather would hang on Jesus' every word, believing and obeying it. This is what our ritual and worship is all about, the external expression of inner beliefs and values.

During these coming months we will be looking at the Gospel according to Luke. It is not simply one man's depiction of Jesus' life but a Holy Spirit inspired communication by God of his love to us, his people. Let us arise to acknowledge his presence in the Word and listen attentively with the inner ear of our heart to his message to us.

Emmaus Journey Reflections

Bishop of the Diocese
 Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.
 Pastor
 Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.
 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 pm. 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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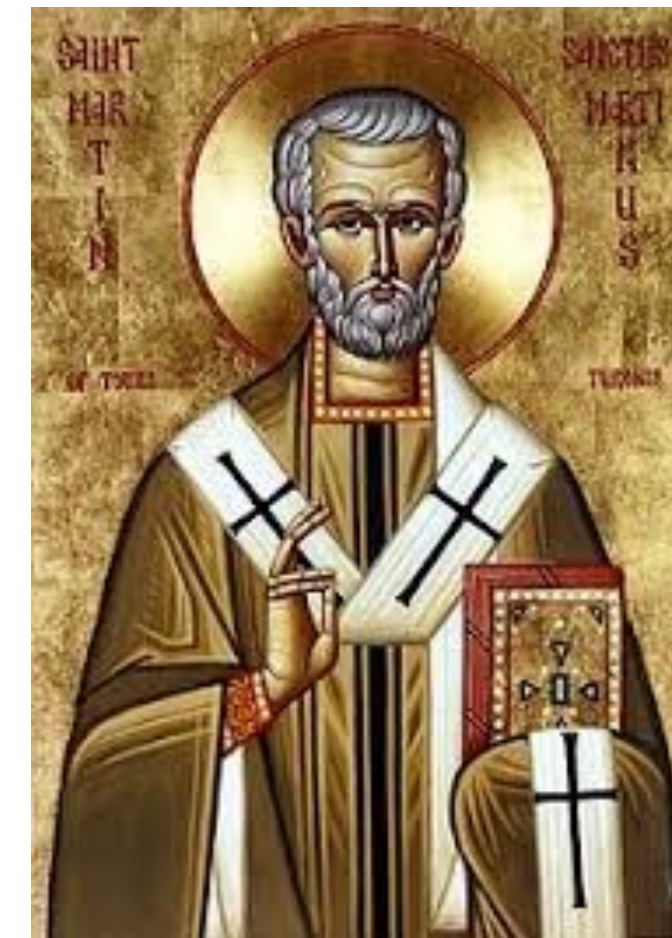
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Ministry Schedule - February 2/3

Hospitality Ministers

5:00 pm - Tom Shields
 10:00 am - Anita D. & Joan H.

Altar Servers

5:00pm -
 10:00 am -

Children's Liturgy

Rose Koshy

Next Hospitality Sunday

February 3

January 27, 2019

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Mitch Pogoda
 #2 - Yolanda Baldasaro
 10:00 am #1 - Deanne Long
 #2 - Andrew Steger

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm - Yolanda & Tom
 10:00 am - Dick, Helen & Andy

Stewardship Counting

Lisa Poort & Beth Davis

January 27, 2019

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Monday	Jan 28	NO MASS. Father Christopher's Day Off	
Tuesday	Jan 29	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Gabriella Bush 10:00 am - 11:00 am Father Christopher at Tai Chi	by Martha Devlin
Wednesday	Jan 30	9:00 am For the special intentions of Martha Devlin	by Marina & Chris Coxe
Thursday	Jan 31	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Rose Ann Barker 10:45 am - 11:45 am Parish Discernment Team - Meeting with School Principal 11:00 am - 4:00pm Social Affairs Commission of Ontario Bishops Toronto - Father Christopher 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm West Lincoln Loaf of Bread Dinner Parish Hall	by Wally Urban
Friday	Feb 1	9:00 am For the special intentions of the Devlin children, in-law children and grandchildren +For the repose of the soul of William Ross Jr.	by Doug & Maeve Devlin by the Chorley family
Saturday	Feb 2	The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 pm +For the repose of the soul of Aleksander Sekula	
Sunday	Feb 3	10:00 am For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm ALPHA COURSE Smithville Christian Reformed Church	by Irene Lipiec

GREAT OPPORTUNITY EXPLORE ALPHA...

Smithville Christian Reformed Church
on Sunday nights from 5:30 pm to 7:30pm
began SUNDAY Jan 20, 2019.
Dinner, talk, discussion.
Come, and be part of ALPHA.
You, are still welcome to join us in these first
three weeks of orientation.

PARISH DISCERNMENT

Presentation (rescheduled from Dec 16,2018)
on the Discernment Report weekend of February
2,3 after each Mass.

Team will gather with school Principle
Christopher Zanuttini, Thursday January 31, at
10:45 am, to discuss moving our parish forward
from "Maintenance to Mission" which must include
Catholic Education - our YOUNG FAMILIES.

The next Parish Discernment Team meeting will
be Tuesday February 12, at 7:00 pm. Pray for our
Team and Parish as we move forward with the
Lord's grace, strength, vision and hope.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Application Form was in last week's
bulletin. Due to the incimate weather many would
not have received the form. Therefore, we make
them a available in front foyer. This is a discerning
process and could take us a few months to full
implement. Thank you...

ACTS19 RETREAT

Adoration, Community, Theology, Service
A parish ACTS Retreat strives to achieve the
directives of the Second Vatican Council.

It is a powerful community building experience.

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

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

If you are interested in the Men's Retreat speak
with Father Christopher or email him at:
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

(NEW) YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST.MARTIN'S

Youth Group Ages 12-14

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

Next Gathering:

- **January 26 Mass: Hamburgers/Hot Dogs,
Tobogganing at local hill, hot chocolate.**

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BERGIE

As we look back over the past year (2018), and
the many issues that we have faced as a Church,
one cannot be faulted for thinking that evil seems
to be gaining an upper hand. Pope Francis
recognized this fact when he asked all Catholics to
pray the rosary daily during the month of October,
asking Mary and St. Michael the Archangel to
intercede for the protection of the Church during
this time of "spiritual turbulence".

As we begin a New Year that promises to be
just as turbulent, I wish to broaden our Holy
Father's request. I am encouraging all parishes in
our diocese to recite **We Fly to Thy Protection**
and the **Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel** at
the end of each Mass throughout 2019. These
prayers for protection will not be said out of fear.
They will be offered in faith trusting in the
goodness of God. Ultimately, this helps to
strengthen our hope during difficult times and
remind us that evil is not victorious.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,
Bishop Gerard Bergie

Awaiting Prayer Cards to begin this request.

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
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- January 28: Navigating Change

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JANUARY 19/20

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DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The Bishops of Canada and the Canadian
Catholic Organization for Development and Peace
(CCODP) continue to dialogue regarding the issue
of ensuring that the moral stance of all CCODP
partners is in conformity with Catholic moral and
social teachings. Significant progress has been
made in this area over the last number of months.
D&P and the Bishops of Canada are working
together to create a robust partnership policy that
will help to avoid problems in the future. Assurance
has been given that no money collected from the
Lent D&P "Solidarity Sunday" collection will be
used to support any project or partnership that is
currently being questioned regarding adherence to
Catholic moral and social teaching.

The Diocese of St. Catharines continues to
support Development and Peace and the 2019
Lent D&P "Solidarity Sunday" collection.

WEST LINCOLN LOAF OF BREAD 2019

The West Lincoln Loaf of Bread programme will
offer a fully home cooked meal and social every
Thursday beginning January 3, 2019 to June 27,
2019 inclusive from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Dinner is
served at 5:30 pm. Please pass this invitation
along to anyone whom you feel would benefit from
this programme.

Host Churches:

January & March St. Martin of Tours

February & April Smithville Canadian
Reformed Church

May & June St Ann's Community Church

Fall of 2019 TBA Smithville Christian Reformed