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PERSISTANT IN PRAYER

The four pillars of parish stewardship are hospitality, prayer, formation and service. Today's readings show us the immense value of prayer and the privileged place it must have in our individual lives and our in parish community.

Our Lord Himself calls us to prayer — and persistence in prayer — in the Gospel passage from Luke. Jesus tells the parable of the nagging widow who finally wears down the judge with her unrelenting persistence in her pursuit of a just ruling from him on her behalf. Jesus goes to great lengths to describe this judge, saying he "neither feared God nor respected any human." Yet even this corrupt judge responds with a just judgment because of the widow's persistence.

Jesus uses this outlandish example to draw a vivid contrast between a reluctant, dishonest judge and our loving, all-merciful Father. If even a bad judge will give a good result in response to a persistent request, how much more (infinitely more) eagerly and perfectly will our good Father respond to our persistent prayers to Him.

If he delays in responding, if he provides a different response from the one we were expecting, we can remain confident and trusting in His goodness, knowing that His response, whenever it comes and in whatever form, will be the very best one for us.

Our job then, as Christian stewards, is simply to remain faithful to our relationship with God through prayer. We must lean on each other in our communities — family and parish — as we support each other in prayer. A strong pillar of prayer will make all our other stewardship efforts fruitful.

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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

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Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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Sandy Johnson

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

Requesting Sacraments
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Ron Roscovich at 905-386-0648

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Parish Groups
Children's Liturgy, Youth Ministry
West Lincoln Loaf of Bread
Parish Events Group
Parish Financial Council
Responsible Faith Ministry
ACTS Retreat Teams

Ministry Schedule - Oct 26/27

Hospitality Ministers
5:00 pm - Ron Roscovich
10:00 am - Chuck Parry

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

Children's Liturgy
Andrea & Michelle

Next Hospitality Sunday
November 3

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**Oct. 20, 2019
The 29th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time**

Lectors
5:00 pm #1 - Mary Pikula
#2 - Kelly Ann Staples
10:00 am #1 - Marg Van Geest
#2 - Tom Richardson

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 pm - Tom S. & Yolanda B.
10:00 am - Nick, Paula & Victoria

Stewardship Counting
James Gunn & Mary Anne Paradis

October 20, 2019

The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Oct 21	NO PARISH MASS TODAY 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Diocesan Council for Development & Peace St. Catharines Fr. Christopher
Tues	Oct 22	9:00 am For a Mass in thanksgiving & God's blessings upon Fr. Christopher 7:00 pm Facility Maintenance Meeting by Joan Wisniewski Fr. Christopher
Wed	Oct 23	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of John Fedorki Sr. For the health and healing of Tori Whitaker by family by Pauline Lewis
Thurs	Oct 24	9:00am For the special intentions of Deanna Robbins For the health and healing of Ken Wharton 5:00 pm - 10 pm ACTS Retreat Ministry Men & Women Teams by Caroline & Andrew Steger by Marg & Dick Van Geest Fr. Christopher
Fri	Oct 25	9:00am +For the repose of the soul of Dawn Ricker +For the repose of the soul of Pat Casey by Mike & Mary Hornak by Anna Armstrong & Lou Mucci
Sat	Oct 26	<i>The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 5:00pm +For the repose of the soul of Ted Wisniewski +For the repose of the soul of Dawn Ricker by the Newman family by Bruce & Cheryl Dell
Sun	Oct 27	10:00am For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family

CATHEDRAL APPEAL PARISH UPDATE UPDATE ON APPEAL FROM PARISHIONERS

Target Appeal Amount \$6,500.00

2 Pledge. \$600.00

23 Donations from Parishioners	\$5,651.00
Catholic Women's League Donation	\$500.00
Knights of Columbus Council 16421	\$500.00
Father Christopher Gillen	\$1,000.00

CATHEDRAL RESTORATION APPEAL

www.saintcd.com/appeal

DIOCESAN UPDATE

In 1995 Bishop Thomas Fulton wrote: "From the day of its founding 150 years ago, the Parish of St. Catharine of Alexandria was destined to become one of the premier parishes in Ontario. Not only was it one of the original parishes established in the Niagara Peninsula, but from the outset it assumed a position of prominence in the wider community of Upper Canada. This auspicious position was given further recognition when the parish church was chosen as the cathedral of the new Diocese of St. Catharines at the time of its creation in 1958." As we now prepare for the 175th anniversary of our cathedral, we invite you to play a part in history with our renovation and rejuvenation project. Visit www.saintcd.com/appeal or pick up a brochure and pledge form in the church foyer today. Thank you.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." - John 14:3

November is a privileged month that the Church all over the world unites in "Prayers of the repose of the Souls" for our loved ones who have passed on. If you wish to have your loved one's name written in the **Book of Remembrance**, which will be kept at the altar for daily prayers and Masses throughout November, please fill out the **All Souls Offertory Envelope** and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office before the end of October.

We will be celebrating All Souls Day on Saturday, November 2nd with the (3) traditional Masses at 9:00am, 12 Noon and (VIGIL) 5:00pm; and will remember ALL Souls those who are register in the Book of Remembrance throughout the month of November.

Those whose funerals were celebrated here at St. Martin will be named in our parish Book of Remembrance.

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OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Voting as Catholics: Federal Election Guide

<http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/2019>

Federal Election Guide.pdf

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today, October 20, at 11:30 am.

We welcome Anthony Remo Bonazza

PRIESTS STUDY DAYS

October 28th, 29th, 30th

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

No celebration of weekday Masses for those dates.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

EDUCATION / MOTIVATION CAMPAIGN

A future for the Amazon, a future for all!

The Amazon is home to half of all the plants and animals in the world. It is also home to more than 30 million people, nearly 3 million of who belong to 380 Indigenous groups. Logging, industrial farming, and mining companies threaten their way of life and their survival. Act now by signing the "Solidarity Letter" to defend the defenders and take the "Intergenerational Pledge for Our Common Home," www.devp.org/pledge.

Change starts with each and every one of us! Please read and respond to the material provided for you today.

MOUNT CARMEL GRIEF WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 2 (9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre.

Cost \$65 (includes buffet lunch)

Are you experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one, loss of a marriage, or a breakup of a relationship? Understanding the grief you are feeling is the first step to healing. Using various methods, we will explore the many facets of grief. Through group work and personal reflection you will be guided through the stages and the impact that grief and loss have on our lives. This is an opportunity to share your grief story in a safe and supportive environment where you will be provided with tools to move forward. For more info and to register call 905/356-4113 or visit:

www.carmelniagara.com

PARISH STEWARDSHIP - Oct 12/13, 2019

Regular Sunday Offering (60 Env) \$ 1,570.00

Loose Collection \$ 189.30

Facility Maintenance (3 Env) \$ 45.00

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OCTOBER 2019: MISSIONARY MONTH

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Every parish across the globe will celebrate this event. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and mission. On this day, Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for the Propagation of the Faith. Your support will help missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of joy and peace around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics from all over the world through prayer and care for the Church's mission. Your donation will support churches, hospitals, schools -- and train seminarians and religious brothers and sisters in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Oceania, and some of our Canadian Dioceses. Thank you. God bless!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Registration forms along with sponsor form and guidelines have been presented to Grade 8. All forms MUST be returned before or on Thurs. Oct. 24, 2019. Late registrations will not be accepted. Bishop Bergie will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sat. Dec. 7, at the evening vigil Mass

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

- TBD - Financial Council Meeting
- Tues. Oct. 22 - 7:00 pm Facility Maintenance Meeting
- Mon. Oct. 28 - Wed. Oct. 30 - Diocesan Priestly Study Days at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre. NO MORNING MASSES THOSE DAYS
- Thurs. Nov. 14 - 17 - Women's ACTS Retreat
- Thurs. Nov. 21 - 24 - Men's ACTS Retreat