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LIVE OUT YOUR CALL TO HOLINESS

Our readings this week speak to each of our domestic churches - the little churches that we call our families.

The First Reading from the book of Genesis takes us to the beginning of creation when God made man and woman. When Adam sees the woman he says, "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman.'"

We can almost hear the longing, gratitude, and appreciation in Adam's voice when he meets Eve as he says, "at last." She was a gift because she was an equal partner to him.

This was before the fall of man, meaning sin had not entered the world. Adam and Eve only viewed each other in total acceptance and love.

Our Gospel brings us to life after sin had entered the world - a time that is familiar to us. As the Pharisees questioned Jesus about divorce, He expressed that Moses permitted it because of the hardness of man's heart. However, Jesus was calling them to deeper holiness. He was calling them to restore the original plan God had intended for marriage, "A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

Jesus' words still apply to us here and now in each of our domestic churches. It is the task of families to tirelessly work to restore God's original plan for marriage and family life - homes filled with gratitude, acceptance, and love.

It takes a daily commitment to live out our call to holiness to restore our families to this beautiful image.

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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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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

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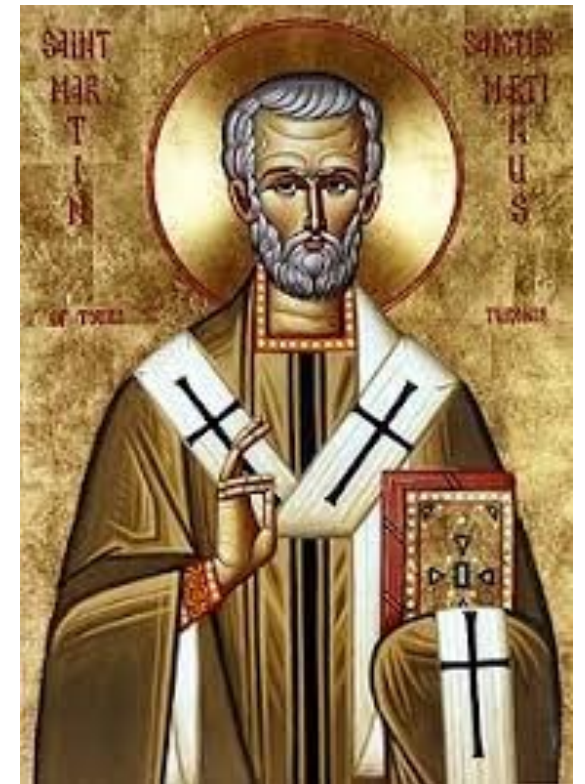
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Mon	Oct 4	9:00 am +James Mayhew	by Andrew & Verena Mayhew
Tues	Oct 5	9:00 am +Bill and Maria Fonseca 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Monthly Acts Gathering: Prater, Talk, Sharing	by Maria Martins Fr Christopher
Wed	Oct 6	9:00 am +Brent Masterson 10:30 am - 12: pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions	by the Newman Family Fr .Christopher
Thurs	Oct 7	9:00 am +Bruce Ecker 9:30 am -10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group in the upper meeting room 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Centre for Mental Health & Addiction (CMAH) Zoom Meeting	by Anita & Bernie Duggan Fr. Christopher
Fri	Oct 8	7:30 am - 8:30 am That Man is You - Virtual Rosary 9:00 am +Slavica Sorman 9:30 am - 10:30 am Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction 10:45 am - 12:30 pm Pastoral Home Visits Call office if you wish to register 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre	Fr. Christopher by Family Fr. Christopher Fr .Christopher
Sat	Oct 9	The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) 5:00 pm +Martha Devlin	
Sun	Oct 10	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family by Sandy Johnson	

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,

3:00 pm, 10:30 pm

Yes TV: Sun - 10:30 am

Mon - Sat - 1:00 pm

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://usccb.org/bible/readings/index.cfm>.

E-TRANSFERS

These transfers are often referred to as **e-Transfers** and done through your online banking, website or app. To transfer funds to St. Martin Parish e-Transfer to:

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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.

Thank you for your stewardship.

Stewardship is given by in-person, E-Transfer and by mail.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES

You can pick up an envelope after each Mass this week and return them to the collection basket in the next few weeks and well before November 1st. The traditional three Masses will be celebrated for All Souls: 9:00 am 12: Noon and 6:30 pm. Other Masses throughout the month of November will be for All Souls.

**PLEASE PRINT THE NAMES
OF YOUR LOVED ONES. THANK YOU.**

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

We are currently looking for a replacement for our Cemetery caretaker. This is a paid position which includes:

- Grass cutting/weed whacking,
- General lawn maintenance duties around the church and cemetery.

Timewise - maybe 6 hours a week at peak times.

The job also includes:

- Looking after the sale of burial plots.
- Some light bookkeeping for the cemetery.
- Each year to call a meeting of Cemetery Committee to discuss and approve any capital expenditures for the year.

Any Interested parties, please contact:

Parish Office 289-956-0221
or Ron Roscovich 905-386-0648.

COVID PROTOCOLS FOR MEETINGS IN THE HALL

As churches are now allowed to have meetings, the following Covid Protocol must be adhered to during Phase 3 of Ontario's reopening plans:

- Indoor capacity restricted to 25 people indoors and 100 people outdoors.
- Face Masks must be worn at all times.
- 6 feet physical distance must be maintained before, during and after all meetings.
- Sanitize hands upon entering the building
- One person to sign people in with date, name and phone number of all attendees. This Covid contact list must be kept for 6 years.
- The kitchen cannot be used.
- All tables and chairs must be returned to the storage area.
- Proof of vaccine is not required for closed meeting with a maximum of 25 people.
- Proof of vaccine and photo ID is required for open meetings and receptions.
- As we slowly move into the late fall and early winter months we are highly recommending meetings to take place virtually, by zoom.
- We are also troubled that individuals will attend a meeting but not attend Sunday Mass?

PROOF OF VACCINATION INFORMATION FOR PARISHIONERS

No proof of vaccination is required for anyone attending Mass or other liturgical service in any church in the Diocese of St. Catharines. Physical distancing and face masks are required for the entire time someone is in the church building, except to receive Holy Communion.

Parishioners who are elderly or may be medically compromised may decide to stay home and participate in a livestreamed Mass.

No proof of vaccination is required for closed parish meetings in a parish hall (parish council, CWL, etc.) with a maximum of 25 people.

Proof of vaccination (double vaccination plus fourteen days) is required for anyone over the age of twelve attending a reception or social event (e.g. parish pasta dinner, wedding or funeral reception, etc.) in a parish hall.

Proof of vaccination requirements **do not apply** to:

- Funeral services including rites, ceremonies, visitations, receptions, or social gatherings held in places of worship.
- Funeral services including rites, ceremonies, visitations, receptions, or social gatherings held in funeral establishments, cemeteries, crematoriums and similar establishments.

ROSARY RALLY FOR CANADA

The hearts of those who join the rallies, as well as the souls of those who simply pass by, are touched by Our Lady in mysterious and powerful ways. And this is happening **all across Canada on October 16th**, the Saturday closest to **the Miracle of the Sun**.

Let's gather as a community of St. Martin's parish on October 16, 2021 at 12 noon virtually and unite ourselves in prayer around the world to our Lady and pray the Rosary.

A Year of Celebration in Honour of the 175th Anniversary of our Cathedral Church

In this year of celebrating the 175th Anniversary of our Cathedral Church, for all of our Bishops who have been ordained, consecrated, and installed at our Cathedral, and for our present Bishop Gerard Bergie, that Almighty God will reward and bless them for shepherding the flock of our diocese. As a diocesan family, we pray to the Lord.