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THROUGH THE LENS OF HOSPITALITY

In this day and age, it is all too easy to view each other with suspicion or at least a certain guardedness. Of course, it's wise to be prudent in our dealings with people. But stewardship living calls us to a different outlook towards others. It calls us to approach everyone with an open heart; not through a lens of suspicion but quite the opposite — through the lens of loving hospitality.

This is the attitude our heavenly Father has when He looks upon creation, as we see in our first reading, from the Book of Wisdom. "For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made... (Y)ou spare all things, because they are yours, O Lord and lover of souls, for your imperishable spirit is in all things!" God's "imperishable spirit" is in every person because every person is made in God's own image and likeness.

Far deeper than good manners or a superficial exchange of pleasantries, the virtue of hospitality is the outward expression of this way of seeing people as God sees them.

Jesus models this transforming hospitality in His encounter with Zacchaeus, the tax collector, in today's Gospel reading from Luke. Not content with just exchanging a friendly hello with Zacchaeus, Jesus seeks him out of the crowd and insists on having dinner in his home. This was a gesture of intimacy and true fellowship in that day and culture. Jesus saw the goodness within the man. Our Lord's open and welcoming attitude (His hospitality) called forth that goodness and Zacchaeus was transformed instantly.

If we are willing to practice true, radical Christian hospitality in our daily lives, our families, workplaces, and our parish can be transformed, too.

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Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.

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Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

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

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

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

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Ministry Schedule - Nov 9/10

Hospitality Ministers
5:00 pm - Janet & Ron Roscovich
10:00 am - Julie & Mateo Notarinni

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

Children's Liturgy
Mary Ann & Deanne

Next Hospitality Sunday
December 1

**Nov 3, 2019
The 31st
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time**

Lectors
5:00 pm #1 - Katrina Shields
#2 - Mitch Pogoda
10:00 am #1 - Sue Armstrong
#2 - Heather Tomascini

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 pm - Tom S. & Yolanda B.
10:00 am - Vern, Dick & Sherri

Stewardship Counting
Cheryl Dell & Sandy Johnson

November 3, 2019

The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Nov 4	9:00 am	NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Fr. Christopher's Day Off		
Tues	Nov 5	9:00 am	+For those named in the Book of Remembrance		
Wed	Nov 6	9:00 am	+Ursula & Andrew Koenig	by Family	
		10:30 am	Gethsemane Centre Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration/ Confessions	Father Christopher	
		7:00 pm	Catholic Women's League Meeting	Parish Hall	
Thurs	Nov 7	9:00am	+Eva, Jacob & Maria Schmee	by the Newman Family	
		9:30 am	- 10:30 am	Scripture Group Gathers in Parish Hall	
		11:00 am	- 4:00 pm	Assembly of Ontario Bishops' Social Affairs Commission	Toronto Father Christopher
		6:30 pm	- 10:00 pm	ACTS Retreat Ministry Men and Women Teams	Fr. Christopher
Fri	Nov 8	9:00 am	+Lucinda & John Cruz	by Maria Martins & Family	
			For the health and healing of Carol McNulty	by Pauline Lewis	
Sat	Nov 9		The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
		5:00 pm	+Angelina Medeiros	by Melo & Mikhail Families	
			+Dawn Riker	by Bruce & Cheryl Ecker	
			+Dominic Baldasara & Martina and John Lenart	by Mark & Yolanda Baldasara	
Sun	Nov 10	10:00am	For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family		
		2:00 pm	- 3:00 pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour	

CATHEDRAL RESTORATION APPEAL

www.saintcd.com/appeal

Why is the cathedral important to our parish? It is our central place of worship, the "mother church" of 44 parishes that make up our diocese. If the cathedral is the mother church, then we, as members of the diocese, are "her children." Together now, as a diocese, we need to look to the future, and look forward in faith! As we 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.

DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS

Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria

Honouring priests, religious, and married couples celebrating significant anniversaries.

Monday, November 25 (5:30 p.m. Mass)

Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria

67 Church St., St. Catharines.

Names can still be submitted, but they are needed as soon as possible. Please call the parish office this week.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

On November 1 and 2 we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls. At all the Mass celebrations for the entire month of November, we will pray for the souls of your loved ones in purgatory. Please submit the names of those deceased for whom you wish Parish Prayers and Masses offered. We ask that you submit the names at your earliest convenience. All Souls envelopes are available at front foyer.

CALLING ALL

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERS

The CWL (early) Christmas Dinner November 27th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Martins Church includes a full Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings plus a fun night with the ladies. Deadline to signup is November 10th. Contact for tickets or further information is Pat Wirth at: patwirthm@yahoo.ca or 905-957-3826

POINSETTIA SALES

Parish Events Group (PEG) will be sell Poinsettias again. Orders will be taken in November and the pick-up dated is Dec 1st.

ACTS RETREATS

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
Mississauga.

- Women's ACTS Retreat Thursday to Sunday November. 14 - 17
- Men's ACTS Retreat - Thursday to Sunday November . 21 - 24

Retreat brochures and registration forms are available at main entrance. Call parish office if interested in attending or speak with Father Christopher directly. Thank you. Please pray for ACTS Teams and Retreatants and their Families.

YOUTH MINISTRY AND CHRISTMAS BAKING

Let St. Martin's Youth Group do your Christmas Baking! Our Youth Group will be baking & selling buttery shortbread cookies. Order yours after all masses in November. All funds to support a trip to Niagara Indoor Waterpark \$5 per dozen. Pick Up is December 1st after the 10 am Mass.

OCTOBER 2019: EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH

"Thank you very much" for your generous contribution to World Mission Sunday collection. This support is a blessing for the bishops, priests, religious sisters and brothers, and lay Catholics who depend on this help from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Please continue to pray for those who serve in mission countries so that they may remain steadfast in their vocation to bring Christ's message of love to those they serve.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

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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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP - Oct 26/27, 2019

Regular Sunday Offering (69 Env)	\$ 1,765.00
Loose Collection	\$ 213.05
Facility Maintenance (1 Env)	\$ 10.00
World Mission Sunday (2 Env)	\$ 30.00

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DEO GRATIAS COLLECTION

Please support the *Deo Gratias* Collection of November 16/17, 2019. All revenue will go to our Clergy Aid Society. We are grateful to God, and to our retired clergy in the Diocese of St. Catharines who, from the time of their ordination, have cared for us and our spiritual needs. In thanksgiving to God for them and their years of faithful service, your generous support of the *Deo Gratias* collection will enable us to care for those who have dedicated their lives to caring for us. The revenue from this collection does not go into an endowment fund but goes directly to the Clergy Aid Society which provides an income for our retired clergy. Collection is weekend of November 16/17. Thank You!

REGENERATE(D)

Are you aware that as a baptized Catholic YOU have a calling (or a vocation) in life? This is YOUR unique purpose. Do you live with this purpose in mind? On **Sat, Nov 23rd** join Branches Catholic Ministries at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, as it hosts **Regenerated 2019** with an urgent theme, "You Are Called". Keynote speakers will address the responsibility each of us has to discern this and how urgently we must heed the call! **Regenerated Youth** will run concurrently for ages 12 to 18. If you are interested in purchasing "early-bird" tickets or for more information about these Conferences visit branchestheword.org or call Branches at 905-685-7000.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

- Wednesday, November 6 at 7:00 pm Catholic Women's League Meeting
- November 14 - 17 - Women's ACTS Retreat
- November 21 - 24 - Men's ACTS Retreat
- November 25 - Diocesan Anniversary Mass at 5:30 pm, followed by Dinner at Club Roma.
- Tuesday, November 26 - Facility Maintenance Meeting at 7:00 pm.