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**FOR GOD'S GLORY**

We have been given so many gifts and blessings by our Heavenly Father. Yet, in our fallen state it is all too easy to take them for granted. Our readings today teach us that we must live with an intentional awareness of our many blessings and use them gratefully to glorify God.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus uses the image of a vineyard to teach the importance of using our blessings well. He tells the story of a landowner who plants a vineyard and leases it to tenants before he goes on a journey. Instead of tending the vineyard, the tenants mistreat the servants in the vineyard and even the son of the landowner, whom they kill. When the landowner realizes what the tenants have done, he puts them to death and leases his vineyard to tenants who "will give him the produce at the proper times."

By Baptism, we have received the gift of salvation and membership in Kingdom of God - we are now "tenants" called to work in the "vineyard" and produce fruit for its owner, our Heavenly Father. Jesus makes it clear that we if we squander the gift of salvation, we will lose it. It is a sobering truth.

So, let us use our intellect to think on these gifts throughout the day and resolve to use all our gifts for God's glory.

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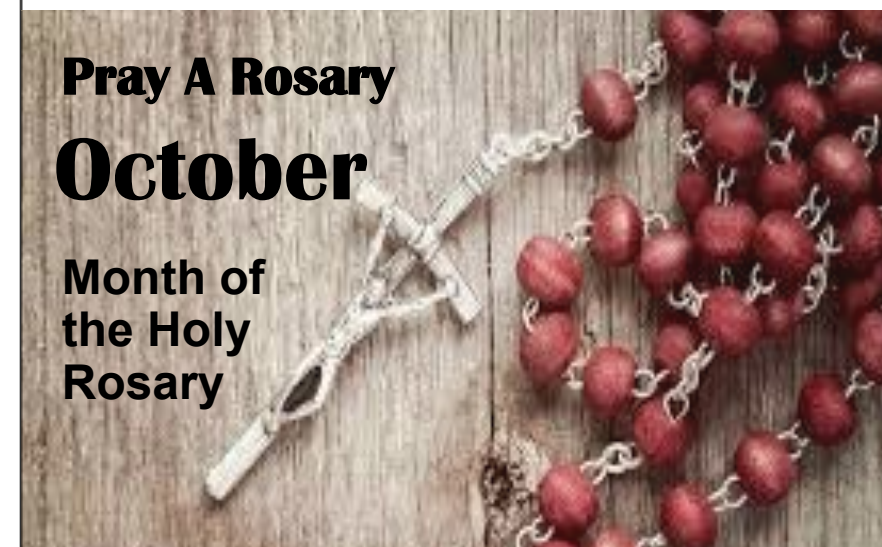
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**Pray A Rosary  
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**Month of  
the Holy  
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**October 4, 2020 - Year A**

**The 27th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

# October 4, 2019

## The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Oct 5	9:00 am	+Don Tylter	From St. Alfred's Parish
Tues	Oct 6	9:00 am	For the Salvation of the Lewis Family	by Pauline Lewis
Wed	Oct 7	9:00 am	+Sean Robinson	by Marg Van Geest
		10:30 am	- 5:00 pm - Gethsemane Center Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
			Father Christopher celebrant. Confessions and Counselling if required.	
Thurs	Oct 8	9:00 am	+Yvonne Vanderbraak	From St. Alfred's Parish
Fri	Oct 9	9:00 am	Intention Available	
		7:30 pm	- 9:30 pm Praise and Worship Gethsemane Centre Wellandport - Register if attending	
		10:30 am	12 Noon Pastoral Visits to the Homebound.	
Sat	Oct 10	<b>The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
		5:00 pm	Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Oct 11	10:00 am	For God's blessings upon Anita Duggan	by Heather Belmont
		2:00 pm	Celebration of Baptism: Amelia Ganly	

### 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](http://www.saintcd.com) or on YouTube

#### **St. Joseph's Parish Grimsby.**

Follow on Face Book or their website:  
[Stjosephgrimsby.ca](http://Stjosephgrimsby.ca)

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[www.youtube.com/dailytvmass](http://www.youtube.com/dailytvmass)

### MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are requested as there are many dates available for intentions. Please email your intentions to the parish office. Thank you.  
[st.martins@cogeco.ca](mailto:st.martins@cogeco.ca)

### LIVE STREAM CAMERA

We continue the discussion. No decision has been made. Now that our school Masses are to be virtual we are not able to participate. With a limited number of guest for baptisms and funerals it would be wonderful to have this technology. Live Stream enables others to go online and participate. The total cost would be around \$5,000. We are seeking donations for this vital technology that we now require.

### E-TRANSFERS

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

[st.martinsdonation@gmail.com](mailto:st.martinsdonation@gmail.com)

This is a first for us, so bear with us as we begin this new way of accepting tithe/stewardship/donations. We thank you for your patience and generosity during this pandemic.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO EVERY MASS

Diocesan month of Reparation: September 14, to October 12, 2020 for the harm done to the Blessed Sacrament at our Cathedral. Please try and come early to participate.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

#### REGISTRATION

Students for the sacrament of Confirmation are to have their forms returned by October 22, to their teachers only. Due to COVID-19 "do not" drop them off at rectory mail box or at the parish office.

#### COVID-19 AND PARISH STEWARDSHIP

While the situation of COVID-19 continues to develop in our lives and communities, it is increasingly evident that the pandemic has had, and will continue to have for some time to come, a far reaching impact on all of us. We appeal to your generosity as we need the weekly stewardship of one and all, to maintain our financial commitments. No different from your own expenses and budget. Thank you; and God bless you for your stewardship.

#### PASTORAL HOME VISITS

Father Christopher will continue to visit parishioners for Confession, Holy Communion Service and 'Anointing of the Sick if needed. Kindly call the office if you would like a pastoral visit. Masks and physical distancing enforced. Please call the parish office to schedule a pastoral visit. Thank you.

#### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE CARITAS CANADA

As there was no formal "Share Lent" collection this year due to the pandemic, Development & Peace is "running on fumes." Bishop Bergie has agreed to hold a collection in our diocese on the weekend of Oct. 31 - Nov. 1. D&P's main theme is "Recovering Together." Better still, become a monthly donor ("Share Year Round"); visit [www.devp.org/give](http://www.devp.org/give) or call 1-888-235-8533 -- the predictability of this income helps with planning programs farther into the future and even through disruptions. Also, there is an appeal for Lebanon and everyone can donate on the D&P website; the Canadian government will be matching funds. Ignore this notice if you have already donated last April of 2020. Thank you.

**Pope's October Prayer Intention: We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.**

### "ETIQUETTE AT EUCHARIST"

**We update weekly given our experiences of the weekend Masses; and with Public Health Regional Bylaws and our Diocese.**

You will be asked to sanitize your hands using the new automatic dispenser (touchless) just inside the main door. The wearing a face mask or shield are now mandatory throughout Niagara (except the very young and those with breathing difficulties). Masks are available free of charge.

Please wait for a hospitality team member to escort you to your assigned pew. In order to ensure physical distancing, please remain in your seats once seated. Please move up in the pew.

Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality are updated weekly or when needed by email. This weekend we will present a floor plan for the Ushers. All are kindly asked to follow the floor plan as we need every space that is available. The doors are now locked as we begin Mass and for good reason: the TEAM have a right to worship and are not obliged to wait unnecessarily. Also, attending one Mass on the weekend is sufficient; please be mindful of others by not taking a space someone else could have.

For the reception of Holy Communion. Come to "Red Line" and remove your mask or drop below your chin. There will be no exchange of words as this will have already been done by Father Christopher when he gives the necessary directions.

Note: The washrooms are to be used only if absolutely necessary; parishioners making their way there during Mass tend to be a distraction to the others. As well, please refrain from touching any surfaces upon entering or exiting the church (anything touched has to be cleaned).

Lastly, be respectful of the ushers and cleaners and their tasks; their willingness to serve is of benefit to us all because if there are no ushers and no cleaners there can be no "open church".

All of the above is for your safety and the protection of all. It is not meant to be unwelcoming as some have written and expressed. We have entered into new pastoral challenging and will continue to do so.

**"Say Something Positive.  
If you stay Positive in a Negative Situation.  
YOU WIN!"**