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LOVING GIFT

Today we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that the Holy Trinity is the "central mystery of the Christian faith" (261). The concept of the Triune God - Three Persons in one God - is truly a mystery, almost too lofty for us ordinary people to even begin to grasp. Can the truth of the Holy Trinity teach us anything as everyday Christian stewards? Actually, yes!

St. John Paul II described the Holy Trinity is a "Divine Family," a community of Persons Who give themselves completely to each other and Who wishes to share Its life, with us. These concepts are at the very heart of the stewardship way of life. As stewards, we too, are called to share ourselves and our lives with others.

Our Gospel passage from John reminds us that the stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the imitation of our Most Holy Trinity. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes might not perish but might have eternal life." He gave Himself, in the person of His Son, for love of us. We must love this God back now by giving ourselves, our lives, to Him.

Amazingly, the more we give of ourselves to God in love, the more we will find the "grace of the Lord, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit within us." The God of the universe - this mysterious, Triune God - invites us to an ever-deepening intimacy with Him when we make our lives a loving gift to Him and to others through the stewardship way of life.

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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

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

Administrative Assistant
Sandy Johnson

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Tracy Piggott

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

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Must be registered and practicing
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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	June 8	9:00 am	Intention Available Father Christopher's Day OFF! A day for prayer. A needed break from social media, phone calls, emails, texts etc	
Tues	June 9	9:00 am	+Oliver Joseph Gillen (Anniversary 1973)	by Father Christopher
Wed	June 10	9:00 am	In thanksgiving for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Martha Devlin and St. Martin of Tours	by Martha Devlin
Thurs	June 11	9:00 am	Special intentions of the children of Marg & Dick Van Geest	by Marg & Dick Van Geest
Fri	June 12	9:00 am	In thanksgiving for Fr. Christopher & his outreach to all of us	by Martha Devlin
		7:30 pm	- 9:30pm Live Stream Praise and Worship Gethsemane Centre Wellandport	
Sat	June 13		The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 5:00 pm Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family 7:00 pm - 8:00pm Zoom Rosary	
Sun	June 14	9:30 am	Live-Stream Mass from Gethsemane Centre Wellandport	
		10:30 am	- 11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Live-Stream from Gethsemane Centre (When Father Christopher is not scheduled for Sunday Mass at Gethsemane the parish Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 pm)	
		12:00 pm	+Stefano Carbonara	by Vern & Josei Dell

ONLINE DAILY EUCHARIST

With no public weekday or weekend Masses we offer the following: We continue to keep Holy Sabbath. In an effort to continue the practice of our faith in these trying times, I would like to invite you to [join us online](#) for daily and weekend Mass.

Gethsemane Ministries Wellandport

Sunday Mass streamed live at 9:30 am
Type in Gethsemane Ministries **Youtube**.

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**

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
yesTV	Sun - 10:30 am Mon - Sat - 1:00 pm

Internet www.dailytvmass.com
www.youtube.com/dailytvmass

WHY IS ORDINARY TIME CALLED ORDINARY?

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church — the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is actually the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time) always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle — the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana.

Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

Green is the colour of Ordinary Time.
Green is the colour of birth and new life.
Hope Springs Eternal.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Although we are unable to celebrate public Masses, the parish expenses for salaries, (we have maintained our staff in this pandemic) church insurance, property tax, clergy aid, maintenance, etc, all continue. While our primary concern is your spiritual and physical well-being, the weekly offertory gifts are very important for our parish.

We have been receiving parish stewardship on average between 14 and 24 (same people) envelopes through the mail or dropped off in the mail slot at the rectory, thank you. If at all possible, if others could do the same it would be greatly appreciated so that we can continue the upkeep and maintenance of our parish. We all need to take co-responsibility of our parish and contribute as best we can.

In the case of any emergency do not hesitate to contact the parish office as we check our messages daily.

Though our buildings are closed, the **CHURCH** is still **OPEN!** We are still leading others in faith although scattered rather than in a gathered way. This time of crisis requires us to maintain and strengthen our ability to minister to one another. We are so thankful to Gethsemane Ministries for enabling Father Christopher to reach out to others and to be part of a faith-filled team of players for the online Masses, Praise and Worship, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. Thank you.

PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

We acknowledge and also sincerely thank those parishioners who continue to financially support us during COVID-19 pandemic. Would you be so kind to use your offertory envelope rather than just mailing a cheque in the mail. This will help us better credit your stewardship to our accounting. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Although no public Masses are being celebrated, please know that Father Christopher is celebrating daily Mass and is honouring the Mass Intentions that had been booked. In addition, he is praying for the health and well-being of our Parishioners. Mass intentions are requested.

Please email your intentions to the parish office.
Thank you. st.martins@cogeco.ca

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The month June has traditionally been dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The twelve promises made to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque by Jesus for those dedicated to His Sacred Heart are:

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.
5. I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
9. I will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.
12. The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments; My heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.

"Look at this Heart which has loved you so much, and yet you do not want to love Me in return. Through you My divine Heart wishes to spread its love everywhere on earth."

GETHSEMANE MINISTRIES

You are invited to join us for the Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima LIVE STREAM Saturday June 13 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

We will begin with the recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the most Holy Rosary, followed by the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

His Excellency Bishop Gerard Bergie (Bishop of St. Catharines Diocese) will celebrate Holy Mass in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Chapel. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow, with Benediction at 8:15 pm.