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Pastor Reflects

Interestingly, the words *pandemia* and *pandemic* don't originally have a negative meaning or connotation. They come from the Greek word *πάνδημος* (*pándēmos*, from *pan* 'all' + *dēmos* 'people'), meaning "of or belonging to all the people, or public." It's true that with time, the words *pandemia* and *pandemic* became associated with a disease prevalent over a whole country or the world, such as COVID-19. And other words with the prefix *pan*, such as *pandemonium* ("abode of all demons!"), of course do have a negative connotation.

On Sunday, May 23, we celebrated Pentecost, the birth of the church as dwelling or temple of the Holy Spirit. The church has been thus empowered to engage in God's mission in the world in the name and the manner of Jesus Christ ... to witness "to the ends of the world" (Acts 1:8). We can therefore say that in Pentecost we celebrate the church's call to become truly *pandemic* — in the original sense of "belonging to all the people." The effective, malignant work of the coronavirus is undoubtedly a manifestation of evil. At the same time, the current COVID-19 pandemic has exposed our human fragility and vulnerability together with the limitations, shortcomings, and injustices of political-economic systems around the world. So, the manifold manifestations of the virus also call our attention to the sinfulness and structural evil in the systemic structures that govern our daily life.

The church is entrusted to become a global community serving the whole world to partner in God's holy mission: "... all people on earth will be blessed through you" (Gen. 12:3). I see our vocation, therefore, as truly, boldly, generously *pandemic*! May we be faithful ministers of the gospel of God's reign — that is, the good news preached and taught by Jesus, and the good new reality enacted in his ministry of healing and reconciliation. As Jesus was sent so are we, endowed with the Spirit's wisdom, grace, and power.

Ordinary Time begins this week, as we conclude our Easter season on Pentecost. The time between Pentecost (usually in late May) and the beginning of Advent (late November/early December) is known as Ordinary Time. It's called "ordinary" because these are counted weeks (think of "ordinal" numbers — that word comes from the same Latin root), but I still like the association with the more common definition of ordinary. These are the weeks to take all of the things you've learned in the special seasons and work them out in your everyday routines. Ordinary time challenges us with the question: If Christ is who he says he is, then what?

We have thirty-something weeks left in the year left to study the epistles, the historical books, the prophets, the poetry, to get a notion of how the truth of Christ plays out in all the categories of our thoughts and actions. The challenge of my home liturgy is to bring the question of Ordinary Time into my ordinary days: How does the Gospel change the way I homeschool, the way I spend my ordinary moments?

Pastor
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.

Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Masses
See Schedule on the inside of the bulletin

In Office Hours
CLOSED DURING LOCKDOWN
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Administrative Assistant
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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	May 24	NO PARISH MASS TODAY	
Tues	May 25	9:00 am +Graziella Montemurro 12 Noon NEW! Communion Service. Readings of the Day, Our Father. Holy Communion.	by Andrew & Caroline Steger
Wed	May 26	8:50 am PLEASE NOTE THE EARLY START For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family 9:30 am- 12 Noon ZOOM Meeting Assembly of Ontario Bishops' Social Affairs Commission. Father Christopher	by Julie Notarianni
Thurs	May 27	9:00 am Intention Available	
Fri	May 28	9:00 am Intentions Available 10:00 am - 12: Noon Home/Front Door Visitations - Call office to Register. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm By Zoom Only Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre	Fr Christopher
Sat	May 29	8:30 am - 10:00 am The Case for Jesus : Bible Study 8:30 am - 9:00 am Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus Virtual Rosary 4:00 pm 1st Reconciliation of Landen Bannister 4:15 pm 1st Reconciliation of Eva LaRocca The Most Holy Trinity	Fr. Christopher
Sat	May 29	5:00 pm Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	May 30	10:00 am For the special intentions and God's blessings upon Joan Hignett	by Heather Belmont

ONLINE EUCHARIST

Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria

Sunday Mass live stream at 11:30 am.

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Mon - Sat - 6:30 am, 11:00 am,

3:00 pm, 10:30 pm

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PRE- REGISTRATION FOR MASS AND COMMUNION SERVICES

Please call or email the parish office before each Thursday at Noon to schedule for any Mass or Communion Service you wish to attend. We are only allowed to accommodate 10 people which includes the priest. We are booking now two weeks in advance. You need to be booking at least a week ahead for weekday Masses.

"VIRTUAL" CHILDREN'S LITURGY "

Our Children's Liturgy, under the direction of Mrs. Noseworthy is posting videos, lessons and the parish bulletin every Sunday at 10 am, to our catholic education community. Thank you; and God bless! We appreciate your ministry immensely.

WORLDWIDE ROSARY TO END THE PANDEMIC

This has been initiated by Pope Francis to the 30 Marian Shrines around the world to pray the Rosary to end the pandemic. LIVE each day at noon. Go to YouTube: Shalomworld.org

POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS (May 16)

This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as "Peter's Pence": donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world, as well as for the support of the Holy See and its activities. Thank You!

A PRAYER FOR MARY'S MONTH

Mother Mary, during this the fairest month of all the year, may we always remember that you reveal to us the mother love of God and that the image of Madonna and child is also an image of God and us. Help us to see that God loves each of us with a mother's passion, even greater than the one you experienced when you held Jesus in your arms. And, should St. Peter lock us out of the front door of heaven, please be on guard at the back door so that we may be safe with you, as the Irish say, a half hour before the devil knows we're dead. Amen

DIOCESAN PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

DATE: May 14, 2021

Dear Clergy, Religious and faithful of the Diocese:

All pastoral appointments noted below take effect August 4, 2021 unless otherwise indicated.

Appointment of Pastors

Father Peter Rowe – St. Vincent de Paul Parish,
Niagara-on-the-Lake

Father Randy Gallant – St. Mary of the Assumption
Parish, St. Catharines

Father Mathew Pendanathu – St. Thomas More Parish,
Niagara Falls

Father Janusz Roginski, S.A.C. – St. Therese of Lisieux
Parish, Port Colborne

Father Stephen Bruzzese – St. Denis Parish,
St. Catharines

Appointment of Parochial Vicars

Father Chad Grennan – Cathedral of St. Catherine of
Alexandria, St. Catharines (June 30, 2021)

Father Stephen Innamorati – Our Lady of the Scapular
Parish, Niagara Falls

Appointment of Administrator

Father Jacek Kryn, S.A.C. – St. Ann Parish, Fenwick
(June 30, 2021)

New Clergy to the Diocese

Father Jacek Kryn, S.A.C. (Fr. Kryn has served in the
Diocese of Hamilton since 2007, most recently at St.
Gabriel Parish, Burlington)

Father Janusz Roginski, S.A.C. (Fr. Roginski has
served in the Diocese of Hamilton since 2006, most re-
cently at St. Gabriel Parish, Burlington).

I wish to welcome Father Jacek Kryn, S.A.C. and
Father Janusz Roginski, S.A.C. to the Diocese of St.
Catharines and wish them many blessings in their new
assignments.

Retirements Father Michael Andrysiak I am most
grateful to Fr. Michael Andrysiak for his dedicated
service to the Diocese of St. Catharines and wish him
many blessings as he begins his retirement.

For Your Information

Seminarian Daniel Corso – Summer Intern at the
Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catharines
(May 1, 2021 – August 20, 2021)

Seminarian Brian Izzard – residing at St. Stephen
Parish, Cayuga for the summer months.

Seminarian Yohander Sanchez Mora – residing at St.
Joseph Parish, Grimsby for the summer months.

I sincerely thank all those who agreed to these transfers
and assure them of my prayerful best wishes.

+Gerard Bergie.

Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines