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POWER MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS

Our readings today remind us that, even in our weakest and toughest moments, God has a plan.

In our Second Reading, St. Paul describes a "thorn" that had been given to him. He believed this thorn to be the thing that kept him grounded as he said, "to beat me, to keep me from being too elated."

At first, he asked the Lord to remove this cross, but the Lord replied, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." Through this explanation, St. Paul resolved to believe, "I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

We all bear crosses in this life, whether they seem to be little thorns or sharp daggers. The easiest thing to do, as St. Paul did, is to pray for the cross to be taken. It would be great if all of our struggles just magically faded away! But listen to the Lord's words, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

Stop and reflect on your cross. Instead of wishing it to go away, look at it as an opportunity to grow and to allow God to work in your life. God permitted this cross in your life for a reason. Do not let the opportunity for Christ to work on your heart pass you by.

Today, recall that God loves us more than we could ever imagine. There is not a moment that goes by that He does not have us in mind. He has a specific plan for our lives. Therefore, may we encounter life's challenges with confidence in Christ.

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

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July 4, 2021 - Year -B

The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	July 5	NO MONDAY MORNING MASS JULY AND AUGUST	
Tues	July 6	9:00 am For the health and voice of Donna & Martin Ivancj grandson Johnathan 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm ACTS Monthly Praise and Worship and Talk	by the Ivancj Family Fr. Christopher
Wed	July 7	9:00 am +Martha Devlin 10:30 am - 12:pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions	by the Newman Family Fr .Christopher
Thurs	July 8	9:00 am For the health and healing of Gladys Harris	by Jennifer Lipiec
Fri	July 9	9:00 am For the health and healing of Chris Cheeseman 10:30 am 12: Noon Home Communion Visits - Call office to Register. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre	by Joanne & Jamie Raposo Fr Christopher Fr .Christopher
<i>The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
Sat	July 11	5:00 pm +Martha Devlin	by Pat McFarlane & Marnie Kervin
Sun	July 12	10:00 am Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

REOPENING: STEP 2

The province of Ontario has announced Step 2 in the reopening plan. We will be allowed a capacity of 25% at all Masses starting June 30. This increase will allow for just over 55 people in attendance, dependent upon available seating.

The 25% capacity applies for wedding and funerals, and baptisms as well.

The 25% allowance includes the celebrating priest, music ministers, reader, ushers, cleaners, and parishioners in attendance.

Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass. Protocols for mask wearing, physical distancing, and hand sanitizing still apply. Seating is still at the direction of the ushers. Thank you.

ONLINE EUCHARIST

Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria

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St. Joseph Grimsby:
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