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### PRAYING TO BECOME HUMBLE SERVANTS

Our readings today remind us that Christ came to serve. Jesus' entire life was focused on others. He came to fulfill His Father's mission - the salvation of mankind. He labored for this mission by becoming the humblest of servants.

In today's Gospel, Simon says to Jesus, "Everyone is looking for you." Jesus did not seek after the praise. Rather, He responded by saying, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also." Jesus was already looking to whom He could serve next.

As Christian stewards, we are also called to be humble servants who labor for our Father's mission. We should strive to imitate the Perfect Steward, Who was constantly aware of the needs of those around Him and put His gifts to good use. For us, this begins right here in our homes, parish and community. We are called to live each moment in awareness of our Father's mission and in gratitude for all He has given us.

Jesus tells us that the way to be attentive is through prayer. Before Jesus made the decision to go to the nearby villages to preach, He first went off to pray. It is through prayer that Jesus could hear what His Father was asking of Him. We, too, are called to spend time in daily prayer - we will then become aware of the opportunities to serve the Lord.

Let us commit to finding some quiet time this week to pray. Let us ask the Lord - how can I serve You better throughout my days? And let us pray, "Make me humble, Lord."  
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#### Pastor

Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.  
Diocesan Social Justice Office Rep.  
Member of Ontario Bishops' Social Affairs Commission.  
Spiritual Chaplain to Diocesan D&P  
Spiritual Director to Acts Retreat Ministry Men & Women.  
Intern to Mental Health/ Addiction Counselling Hamilton.

#### Sunday Masses in Lockdown

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am. 10:00 am. 11:00 am

#### Weekday Masses

See Schedule on the inside of the bulletin

#### In Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
**CLOSED IN LOCKDOWN**

#### Administrative Assistant

**Financial Recorder**  
Sandy Johnson

#### Reconciliation/Confessions

By Appointment Only in COVID-19

#### Requesting Sacraments

Must be registered and practicing  
Call office for details

#### St Martin Elementary School

Phone 905-957-3032

#### Cemetery

Ron Roscovich at 905-386-0648

#### Parish Organizations

Catholic Women's League  
President - Carolyn Vaughan

#### Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight - Pierre Paradis  
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#### Facility Maintenance

Tom Diletti - tom.diletti@gmail.com

#### Parish Groups

Children's Liturgy. Youth Ministry  
West Lincoln Loaf of Bread  
Parish Events Group  
Parish Financial Council  
Responsible Faith Ministry  
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# February 7, 2021 Year B

## The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Feb 8	9:00 am +Jacob & Hendrika Van Geest 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Diocesan Council for Development and Peace Workshop	by Marg & Dick Van Geest Father Christopher
Tues	Feb 9	9:00 am +Alex & Jean Finlay	by Marg & Dick Van Geest
Wed	Feb 10	<b>St. Scholastica</b> 9:00 am +Stan Soukup & Halina Studzinski & for strength and comfort for the Family 10:30 am Mass at Gethsemane Center	by Ursula Jasinski & Rick & Mary Korol Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Feb 11	9:00 am For the health & healing of Barb & Henry Kolodziej & Zofia Common and for the special intentions of Ursula Jasinski 2:00 pm - 3:00pm Centre for Mental Health CHM Hamilton Zoom Meeting	by Ursula Jasinski Father Christopher
Fri	Feb 12	9:00 am +Christina Terpstra	by Marg & Dick Van Geest
Sat	Feb 13	8:40 am - 10:00 That Man Is You - Zoom Meeting <b>The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5:00 pm +Vincenzo & Caterina Fodero	Fr. Christopher
Sun	Feb 14	9:00 am For the special intentions of the children & grandchildren of Marg and Dick Van Geest 10:00 am For the special intentions of all the sick and their caregivers 11:00 am Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	by Marg & Dick Van Geest by Halina Lubera

### 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:

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**Vision TV: Sun - 8:00 am**

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**Sat - 8:00 am & 9:30 am**

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

**3:00 pm, 10:30 pm**

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### INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2020

Are now available for pickup in the front foyer.

Please call the office to arranged a pickup time.

### PASTORAL HOME VISITS

Throughout this pandemic I've shared the Good News with many of you on the phone, email and text. Please call the parish office to setup a home visit or call my cell. Remember, you are not alone. Connection and prayer is only a phone call away. **Home visits will continue during the lockdown with all the necessary protocols being in place. These visits are restricted to our seniors who are already in our bubble.**

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED IN LOCKDOWN

Please call the office or e-mail your concerns

### E-TRANSFERS

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

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### ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY / WEEKDAY MASS

While the Province and Niagara live through this next phase of restrictions meant to curtail the spread of the coronavirus, we are permitted to have no more than ten people at Mass - radically reducing attendance. Please read and be informed.

- All must register for every Mass they wish to attend. You can do that by email or phone on the days Sandy is in the office Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am - 12 Noon. (Office is closed to the public) Full name and phone number are recorded for tracking purposes.
- Please do not call on the weekend or the morning of or day before as its too late for registration.
- Avoid Father's personal email or cell phone, text for Mass registration or for cancellation.
- Do not give another person your space. You, are registered and not that person.
- To reduce cleaning responsibilities, all are asked to sit as close to the front as possible and on the left side only.
- A reader is required for each Mass along with a volunteer to light the candles and prepare for the next Mass. One person required for sanitizing will be greatly appreciated.
- Other measures may be implemented as the parish pastoral team sees fit.
- Please show pastoral sensitivity in allowing others the opportunity to attend Mass. You might consider not attending every weekday Mass or weekend Mass. Currently, we have not turned anyone away.
- If you register and are unable to attend for whatever reason, please call the office asap and inform us. We can then offer your place to others.
- No walk-ins will be permitted as the government fines start at \$10,000. Thank you so much.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

And the holy season of Lent begins February 17.

Three parish Masses will be celebrated.

9:00am, 12 pm and 6:30 pm.

Kindly register by phone or email.

### "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 10:00 a.m., to our catholic education community. Thank you; and God bless!

### 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.

A special thank you to those who send in their weekly/monthly stewardship.

Also, to those who have begun with E-Transfers, we thank you. Stewardship Envelopes for 2021 are available for pickup at the front foyer of the church building. Call ahead to arrange a safe time for pickup.

### ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

We are living through a period of deep disruption, chaos and anxiety. The things and people we hold most dear have been separated from us and the normal order of life has been utterly upended. The prophet (*1 Kings 19, NIV*). Elijah was in a similar place. Rejected by his people, chased by his government, he was the last prophet in the land of Israel. Lonely and afraid, disconnected and heartbroken, Elijah waits for God.

God does not arrive in wind. God does not arrive in an earthquake. God does not arrive in a fire. The creator of all that is and was and is to come, is present in the gentle whisper.

God is in the gentle whisper. Though the wind rages, the earth shakes and fire scorches all we see, God will be there, close enough to whisper peace to our weary hearts. As we navigate this pandemic, may we remember the absolute tenderness and perpetual closeness of God. In all the chaos and fear, God is always close enough that we can hear the divine whisper in our hearts.

God of silence and stillness, we trust you are with us in this time of noise and chaos. We pray for an end to this pandemic. Whisper your words of comfort, encouragement and hope to all who need them in these days of fear. Draw close to those who are sick and all those who risk illness, caring for them, protecting and uplifting them. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

Have a good coming week. Fill your hours and days with positive thoughts and be motivated by hope, light and grace. Listen for the whispers of God...

Shalom, Christopher+  
Parish Priest