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GIVING YOUR ALL

Today's readings are part pep talk and part marching orders for us Christian stewards. They offer wonderfully clear guidance on what matters most to God in the way we prioritize our lives and the way He intends for us to use the gifts He has given us.

The first reading, from the prophet Isaiah, gives us very straightforward instructions: "Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own." The Lord gives no wiggle room here - care for our brothers and sisters in need is a "must do" for the Christian steward.

But note how generous our God is to us when we do these things. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your wound shall quickly be healed." The more we give ourselves away the more we will find ourselves, and "light shall rise" for us in the form of more of God's grace in our lives and more joy and peace in our hearts.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew sends us out on our stewardship way with a bang as Jesus declares to us, His disciples, that we are the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." But, He adds, salt no longer gives flavor if allowed to go stale - light cannot bring its blessed brightness if left hidden. Therefore, we must act! We must live our lives so that others will see the things that we do - the ways that we serve others, care for the vulnerable, prioritize our family relationships and above all, our love for God - and then give Him glory.

This is the stewardship way of life. Let's give it our all!

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Pastor
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.

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

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Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00am

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9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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Parish Groups
Children's Liturgy, Youth Ministry
West Lincoln Loaf of Bread
Parish Events Group
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Responsible Faith Ministry
ACTS Retreat Teams

Ministry Schedule - Feb 15/16

Hospitality Ministers
5:00 pm - Tony M. & Tom S.
10:00 am - Gille A. & Mateo N.

Altar Servers
5:00pm -
10:00 am -

Children's Liturgy
Andrea & Heather

Next Hospitality Sunday
March 1

Feb 9, 2020

**The 5th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time
Year A**

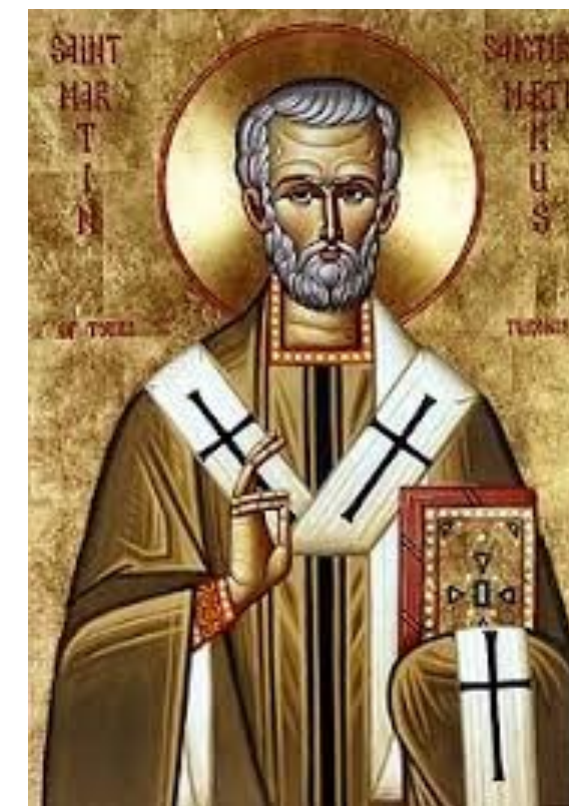
Lectors
5:00 pm #1 - Mary Pikula
#2 - Tom Shields
10:00 am #1 - Heather Tomascin
#2 - Marg Van Geest

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 pm - Tom Shields
10:00 am - Andrew Steger

Stewardship Counting
Lisa Poort & Adam Gryzbek

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February 9, 2019

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

Mon	Feb 10	NO MASS TODAY - Fr. Christopher's Day Off	
Tues	Feb 11	9:00 am	For God's blessings upon Joshua Koshy by Rose Koshy
Wed	Feb 12	9:00 am	For the special intentions of Cathy & Frank Cartaginense by Pauline Lewis
		10:30 am	Mass at Gethsemane Centre Fr. Christopher
		12:00 pm -2:00 pm	Deanery Meeting St. Helen's Parish Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm	Catholic Women's League Meeting parish hall
Thurs	Feb 13	9:00 am	For the special intentions of Bruno & Rosina Cartaginense by Cathy & Frank Cartaginense
		9:30 am - 10:30 am	Scripture Study Group in parish hall
Fri	Feb 14	9:00 am	+Barbara Houlahan + Ross Moniz by Joyce & Rodney Ross by Brenda Moniz
Sat	Feb 15	The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Retreat Day Gethsemane Centre; Mass 10:30 am Father Christopher Celebrant and Preacher. 5:00 pm Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family 6:00 pm Parish Events Group Pasta Night	
Sun	Feb 16	10:00 am	For the special intentions of Joyce & Rodney Ross For the health and healing of Matthew Palumbo by Martha Devlin by Anita & Bernie Duggan

CATHEDRAL RESTORATION APPEAL

CONTINUES IN 2020

www.saintcd.com/appeal

Cathedral Appeal Update We are now at the midpoint of our 18-month Cathedral Appeal. As of January 15, 2020 our appeal has raised \$777,399.49 in cash donations and \$97,068.72 in outstanding pledges. This brings our total raised to \$874,468.21 or 73% of our \$1,200,000 goal. THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY OF SO MANY who are playing a part in the restoration of the mother Church of our Diocese. Still thinking about making a donation? There is no better time than now! Visit www.saintcd.com/appeal or pick up a brochure and pledge form in the church foyer today. Thank you.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Have been mailed to you. Some have returned as we don't have your postal address. Please inform us if you have a change of address. We need to update your info. Many others are not registered.

PARISH EVENTS GROUP

Dear Parish Family, once again the Parish Events Group is preparing an authentic Italian Pasta Dinner. It is prepared for your enjoyment and fellowship. It will take place on **Saturday, Feb 15th in our Parish Hall. Doors open at 6pm and Dinner at 6:30pm.**

February 8/9 is your last chance to purchase your tickets after Mass this weekend.

Adults \$20 and children 12 and under \$10

SACRAMENTS IN 2020

First Reconciliation - March 10, 7:00 pm

First Holy Communion - May 3, 1:00 pm.

Based on numbers we now only require one celebration for First Holy Communion.

Registration forms are to be returned no later than February 11, 2020.

WEST LINCOLN LOAF OF BREAD 2019

Host Churches

March - St. Martin of Tours Roman Catholic

February & April - Smithville Canadian Reformed Church

May & June - St Ann's Community Church.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

This is a global Catholic fraternal service organization, currently led by Carl A. Anderson.

The organization was founded in 1882 as a mutual benefit society for working-class and immigrant (Irish and Italian) Catholics in the United States. It has grown to support refugee relief, Catholic education, local parishes and dioceses and global Catholic causes. The Knights promote a conservative Catholic view on public policy issues, including various political causes, and are participants in the new evangelization.

The organization provides certain financial services to affiliated groups and individuals. Its wholly owned insurance company, one of the largest in the world, underwrites more than two million insurance contracts, totaling more than US\$100 billion of life insurance in force. The order also owns the Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, a money management firm that invests in accordance with Catholic social teachings.

As of 2019, there are nearly two million members around the world. Membership is limited to practicing Catholic males aged 18 or older. The Order comprises four different "degrees", each one of which exemplifies one of the core principles of the order. There are more than 16,000 local Knights of Columbus councils around the world, including over 300 on college campuses. Its junior organization is known as the Columbian Squires.

Our Parish Knights of Columbus are holding their annual Charities Lottery. Tickets will be sold after each Mass. Ask also about membership.

WHAT'S ON AT GETHSEMANE MINISTRIES 84008 Wellandport Rd.

The night vigil is every 3rd Saturday of the month from 8:00 pm Sat. to 6:00 am Sun. and includes praise and worship, silent adoration, Divine Mercy, Rosary, and Holy Mass.

The weekly Prayer meeting is every Wednesday (7:30 - 9:00 pm) and includes praying the Rosary, praise and worship, sharing the word of God, and fellowship. Wednesday morning Mass at 10:30 am, which is followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 7:30 pm. For more information about these events, call 905-386-1111 or visit:

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February 1/2, 2020

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UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

- Wednesday February 12, Haldimand Deanery Meeting at St. Helen's Beamsville 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- Wednesday February 12, Catholic Women's League Meeting parish hall 7:00 pm.
- Saturday February 15, 6:00 pm annual Pasta Dinner parish hall.
- Saturday February 22 Diocesan Share Lent Launch St. Alfred's 9:30 am - 12 noon.
- **Ash Wednesday, February 26, 9:00 am Mass and 6:30 pm Mass. School Mass 1:00 pm Distribution of Ashes+ at all Masses**
- Tuesday, March 3, Priests Lenten Day of Recollection Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre Niagara Falls.
- Tuesday March 11, First Reconciliation 7 pm
- March break - 16 to 20.