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**Sixth Sunday of Easter the Scriptures**

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2,22-29  
*The early Church community determines, with the help of the Holy Spirit, not to impose the requirement of circumcision on Gentile Christians.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8  
A prayer that all the nations sing praise to God.

**Second Reading:** Revelation 21:10-14,22-23  
The vision of the splendor of the heavenly Jerusalem is described.

**Gospel Reading:** John 14:23-29  
Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way.

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Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.  
Diocesan Social Justice Rep

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

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
See bulletin for schedule

Reconciliation/Confessions  
Sat 4:00—4:30 p.m. or on request

Baptism  
Catechesis and appointment necessary

Marriage  
Contact the parish office

Sacrament of the Sick  
Please call the office

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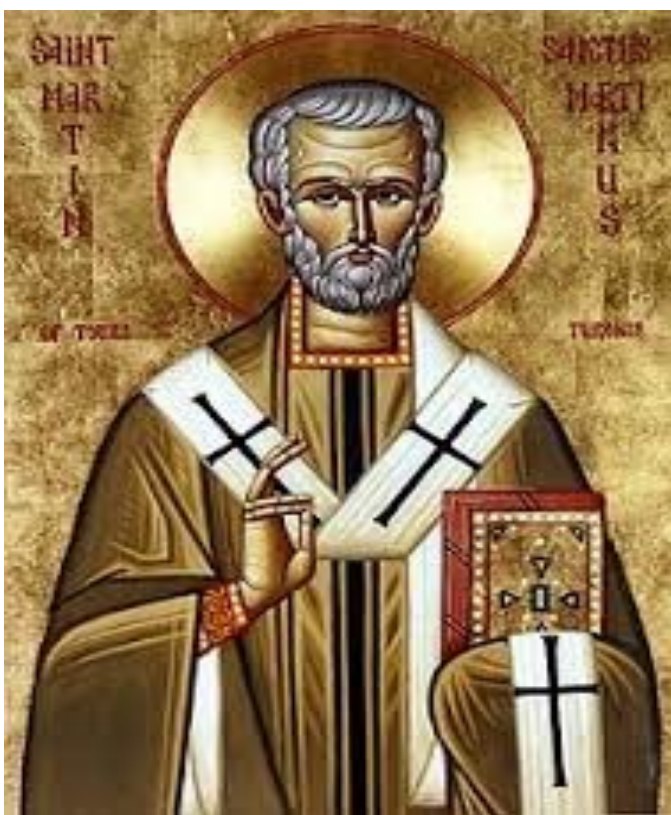
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**Ministry Schedule - June 1/2**

**Hospitality Ministers**  
5:00 pm - Dosseh & Claudette S.  
10:00 am - Mike & Mark Hornak

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

**Children's Liturgy**  
Jenn Ewing

**Next Hospitality Sunday**  
June 2

**May 26, 2019**

**The 6th Sunday of Easter**

**Lectors**  
5:00 pm #1 - Katrina Shields  
#2 - Kelly Ann Staples  
10:00 am #1 - Sue Armstrong  
#2 - Heather Tomascin

**Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers**  
5:00 pm - Tom Shields  
10:00 am - Dick, Andrew, Caroline

**Stewardship Counting**  
Halina G. & Mary Ann P.

# May 26, 2019

## The 6th Sunday of Easter - Year C

### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 27</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	For the health & healing after surgery of Jim Vaughan	by Josie & Vern Dell
Tuesday	May 28	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of John Fedorik Jr.	by family
Wednesday	May 29	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of John Morreale	by Jake & Judy Sulyma
Thursday	May 30		<b>NO PARISH MASS TODAY</b> - Fr Christopher's at ACTS Retreat	
Friday	May 31		<b>NO PARISH MASS TODAY</b> - Fr Christopher's at ACTS Retreat	
Saturday	June 1		<b>The 6th Sunday of Easter</b>	
		5:00 pm	For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sunday	June 2	10:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Henry Pikula	by Lisa Susi
			For God's blessings upon Heather Belmont & Family	by Anita & Bernie Duggan

#### (NEW) YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. MARTIN'S

##### **Youth Group Ages 12-14**

Group will meet bi-weekly centered around the 5:00pm Mass and engage in a number of activities following Mass in the parish hall and in the community.

#### **Next Gatherings:**

- May 25 Hike, Pizza, Picnic Activity Planning**
- June 1 Mass, BBQ, Outdoor Games**
- June 15 Mass, Laser Tag, Pizza**
- June 23 Mass, Parish Picnic, Run Activities**

#### CATHOLIC MEN'S

##### "BIG BREAKFAST EVENT IN THE TENT"

Saturday, June 15 (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)  
Club Roma, 125 Vansickle Rd., St. Catharines

This is co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name Society, Branches Catholic Ministries, and various men's groups in the diocese.

Speakers include Bishop Gerard Bergie on his 2019 diocesan theme "Behold, I make all things new;" Fr. Richard Kowalchuk "Your Mission – right here, right now;" and Ante Skoko, diocese of Toronto, on "Connecting with Youth and Young Adults."

Bring a friend, bring your son (his friend as well), but most importantly bring yourself!

For further details call (905/685-7000) or visit:

[www.branchesoftheword.org](http://www.branchesoftheword.org)

#### A DAY OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

The Diocese of St. Catharines is offering a *Day of Reflection for Women on the Gift of Hope* with Dr. Josephine Lombardi on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at Gethsemane Ministries Centre, 84008 Wellandport Road, Wellandport, from 9:45am – 3:00pm.

To register please call Rose Marie at the Office of Religious Education at 905-684-0154, ext. 207 or visit: [offreled@saintcd.com](mailto:offreled@saintcd.com).

Lunch will be provided. (Free Will Offering)

**Registration deadline is June 14.**

#### POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS

A disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world. Immediately many countries rush in food, medicine, blankets, money, and trained people. Prominent among such aid is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. In the name of Catholics everywhere, he displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer.

Each year at this time, Canadian Catholics are asked to give generously to this papal collection, which is passed on to the Holy Father for his use.

**Envelopes are available at front foyer.**

**Collection at Masses this weekend, May 26-27 and open for another few weeks.**

#### CATHEDRAL APPEAL

##### **FORWARD IN FAITH**

##### **Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria**

An extensive restoration project for our Cathedral has been underway since last fall and the work is scheduled to be completed by November 2020, when our diocesan Cathedral will be 175 years old. It has been in need of significant repairs and refreshing. The major work being done includes a complete interior paint restoration, new paintings on the ceiling, restoration of mosaic floors in the sanctuary, LED lighting, sound system upgrades, high efficiency heating and cooling, and any other work needed to preserve our Cathedral for generations to come. Why is the Cathedral important to our parish? Because it is our central place of worship, the "mother church" of 44 parishes that make up our diocese. If the Cathedral is the mother church, then we, as members of the diocese, are "her children." Together now, as a diocese, we need to look to the future, and look forward in faith! We have an opportunity to play a part in restoring, revitalizing, renewing, and rejuvenating our Cathedral. We are now launching the Cathedra Appeal across the diocese. This appeal needs the support of many to reach its overall target of \$1.2 million. The 44 parishes in the diocese are asked to contribute a combined total of \$500,000 towards that amount; the remaining \$700,000 will be raised through corporate donations and other gifts. For the first year of the appeal the goal for the parishes is an attainable \$250,000. The first-year goal for each parish has been set at approximately 3% of ordinary income. The total contribution at the end of the Appeal will be 6% of ordinary income.

**The set target for St. Martin of Tours Church is \$6,500.00. Together, we can meet this target.**

UPDATE: Last Sunday we presented to you the Cathedral Appeal Brochure (76 given) and everything you need for your consideration in making a pledge/donation. For those still needing the Cathedral Appeal Brochure, they are made available at the front foyer of the church building. We do need One and All to contribute to this APPEAL as we will need to send our target amount to the Diocese over the next two years.

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR PLEDGE FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE PARISH THROUGH THE OFFERTORY BASKET. YOU CAN ALSO DONATE ONLINE.**

[www.Canadahelps.org](http://www.Canadahelps.org)

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

May 18/19

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#### **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE ACTS RETREAT?**

An **ACTS** weekend is designed to help the retreatants enter into a new or deeper relationship with our Lord and fellow parishioners. This is accomplished through Adoration and daily prayer, the call to Community in one's parish as a member of the Body of Christ, and Theology in encouraging the study of scripture and our Catholic Faith; all of which emphasize and encourage the virtue of Service to our Lord, our parish, and one another.

The **ACTS** weekend brings the retreatants to a better understanding of God's love for them and also develops their need to share that love with others through their involvement in a faith-centered parish community.

The retreat emphasizes our call to **Service**; service to the parish community and to our world community. This results in a new or renewed dedication to the life of the parish community and a new recognition of the needs of those around us and of our obligation, as followers of Christ to help meet those needs.

#### **Next Men's Acts Retreat**

**Thurs May 30, 7:00 pm to Sun June 2, 2:00 pm**  
**Queen of Apostles Mississauga.**

#### **NO DEADLINE REQUIRED.**

**SIGN UP EVEN AT THE LAST MINUTE.**

If you are interested in the Men's Retreat speak with Father Christopher or email him at:

[fr.christopher@hotmail.com](mailto:fr.christopher@hotmail.com)

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Applications are now available in the front foyer of the church. The school will receive applications the first Friday in June.

Dead line for the applications: June 21, 2019.

\$5.00 registration fee per child.

Camp dates: July 22 to 26th from 9am to Noon

**Please see all other detail on the application**