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**TRANSFORMATIONS**

Marriage is a human relationship which through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit is elevated to a place of supreme importance to depict God's relationship with his people. In the Old Testament, Israel is described as "espoused" to the Lord, and in the New Testament, we are described as the bride of Christ. So, it is not surprising that Jesus chose a marriage ceremony to begin displaying his power and glory. It is also not surprising that the first miracle was the changing of a very ordinary element, water, into an extra-ordinary new substance, fine wine. This event and early miracle from the life of Christ provides signs that foreshadow what Jesus and his ministry intended to accomplish.

He had come to initiate, and secure for mankind, a new more intimate relationship with the Father through our uniting with him by faith. The miracle of changing ordinary, utilitarian water into the finest wine, pointed to the transforming aspect of that relationship. When we are united with Jesus by faith, it is not the simple merging of the Holy with the unholy, but rather we are transformed by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit into a holy thing, his holy people, the Bride of Christ. Even as the water was changed in appearance into fine and flavorful wine, so our union with Christ should result in the transformation of who we are into people whose appearance (character, values, behavior) is qualitatively more flavorful (holy) than what we would naturally be.

This miracle was also a sign, or glimpse into Jesus' divinity, enabling the disciples to begin perceiving what Mary already knew - that Jesus is the Messiah, Emmanuel, God with us, full of glory and power. This week's Gospel reading indicates that they did begin to recognize and believe in Christ. Each week as we observe and participate in the consecration and celebration of the Eucharist, we should be reminded of the transforming power and glory of Christ, and that Jesus wants to also change us into his likeness. To those around us we may look like just the same old person but by God's grace our character, values and behavior should reflect a miracle; his transformation of the ordinary into the extraordinary.

Emmaus Journey Reflections

Bishop of the Diocese  
 Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.  
 Pastor  
 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

Secretary  
 Sandy Johnson  
 Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday  
 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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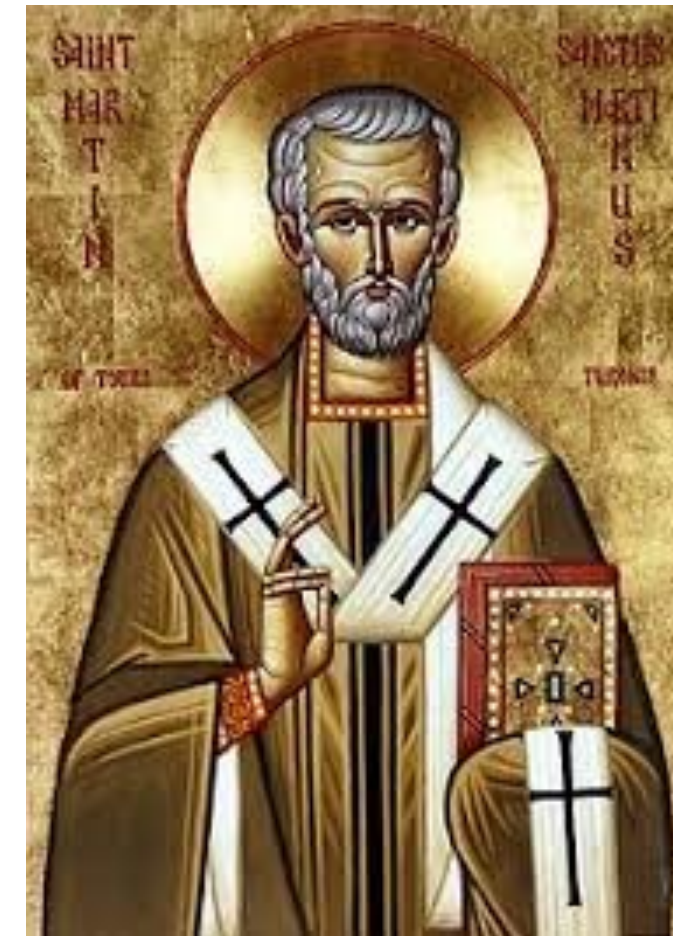
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**Ministry Schedule - January 26/27**

**Hospitality Ministers**

5:00 pm - Tony M. & Sharon R.  
 10:00 am - George Y. & Marcel P.

**Altar Servers**

5:00pm -  
 10:00 am -

**Children's Liturgy**

Michele Mullins

**Next Hospitality Sunday**

February 3

**January 20, 2019**

**The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Lectors**

5:00 pm #1 - Andrew Steger  
 #2 - Caroline Steger  
 10:00 am #1 - Marg Van Geest  
 #2 - Theresa Wilson

**Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 pm - Yolanda & Tom  
 10:00 am - Mary, Mike & Theresa

**Stewardship Counting**

Halina Grzybek & Antonella Presta



# January 20, 2019

## The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

|           |        |   |   |
|-----------|--------|---|---|
| Monday    | Jan 21 | NO MASS. Father Christopher's Day Off<br>6:30pm - 8:30pm Diocesan Council for Development & Peace St. Catharines  |   |
| Tuesday   | Jan 22 | 9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Andy Wirth<br>10:00 am - 11:00 am Father Christopher at Tai Chi  | by Vern & Josie Dell                        |
| Wednesday | Jan 23 | 9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Riky Mulder  | by Ted & Joan Wisniewski                    |
| Thursday  | Jan 24 | 9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Riky Mulder<br>10:00 am - 11:00 am. Father Christopher at Tai Chi<br>5:30 pm - 7:00 pm West Lincoln Loaf of Bread Dinner Parish Hall<br>7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Financial Council Rectory | by Atie Huitema                             |
| Friday    | Jan 25 | 9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Riky Mulder  | by Vern & Josie Dell                        |
| Saturday  | Jan 26 | <b>The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>5:00 pm For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family  |   |
| Sunday    | Jan 27 | 10:00 am For the special intentions of Doug & Maeve Devlin<br>For the special intentions of Ted Wisniewski<br>5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Alpha Course Christian Reformed Church Smithville   | by Heather Belmont<br>by Joan & Bob Hignett |

### NEW PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL

Reports have all ready been distributed in order to free up quality time for the meeting. Tracy our bookkeeper has offered an email feedback as she's unable to gather with us. Review, update, budget for 2019. Follow through on Stewardship education for all parishioners.

**First Meeting Tuesday, January 24, at 7:00pm.**

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Application Form is contained in today's bulletin.

This is a discerning process and could take us a few months to full implement.

### PARISH DISCERNMENT

Presentation (rescheduled from Dec 16,2018) on the Discernment Report weekend of February 2,3 after each Mass. The next Parish Discernment Team meeting will be February 12, at 7:00 pm.

### GREAT OPPORTUNITY EXPLORE ALPHA...

**Smithville Christian Reformed Church**  
on Sunday nights from 5:30 pm to 7:30pm  
beginning this SUNDAY Jan 20, 2019.

Dinner, talk, discussion.  
Come, and be part of ALPHA.

### ACTS19 RETREAT

#### Adoration, Community, Theology, Service

A parish ACTS Retreat strives to achieve the directives of the Second Vatican Council.

***It is a powerful community building experience.***

**Next Men's Acts Retreat is Thursday May 30, at 7:00pm, to Sunday June 2, 2019 ,1:00 pm  
Queen of Apostles Mississauga.**

**Next Women's Acts Retreat is Thursday May 2, at 7:00pm, to Sunday May 5, 2019, 1:00 pm  
Queen of Apostles Mississauga**

If you are interested in the Men's Retreat speak with Father Christopher or email him at:  
fr.christopher@hotmail.com

If you are interested in the Women's Retreat speak with Sandy at the parish office or email:  
st.martins@cogeco.ca

### (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 Gathering:**

- **January 26 Mass: Hamburgers/Hot Dogs, Tobogganing at local hill, hot chocolate.**

### A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BERGIE

As we look back over the past year (2018), and the many issues that we have faced as a Church, one cannot be faulted for thinking that evil seems to be gaining an upper hand. Pope Francis recognized this fact when he asked all Catholics to pray the rosary daily during the month of October, asking Mary and St. Michael the Archangel to intercede for the protection of the Church during this time of "spiritual turbulence".

As we begin a New Year that promises to be just as turbulent, I wish to broaden our Holy Father's request. I am encouraging all parishes in our diocese to recite **We Fly to Thy Protection** and the **Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel** at the end of each Mass throughout 2019. These prayers for protection will not be said out of fear. They will be offered in faith trusting in the goodness of God. Ultimately, this helps to strengthen our hope during difficult times and remind us that evil is not victorious.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,  
Bishop Gerard Bergie

**Awaiting Prayer Cards to begin this request.**

### WEST LINCOLN LOAF OF BREAD 2019

The West Lincoln Loaf of Bread programme will offer a fully home cooked meal and social every Thursday beginning January 3, 2019 to June 27, 2019 inclusive from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Dinner is served at 5:30 pm. Please pass this invitation along to anyone whom you feel would benefit from this programme.

Host Churches:

**January & March St. Martin of Tours**

February & April Smithville Canadian  
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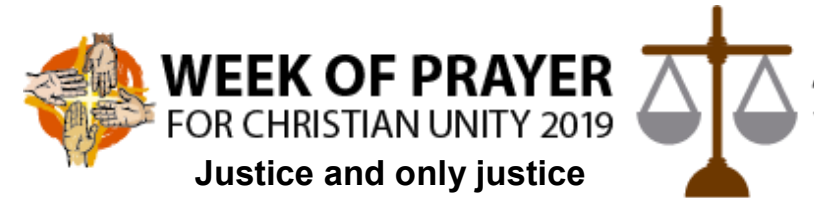
May & June St Ann's Community Church  
Fall of 2019 TBA Smithville Christian Reformed

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

JANUARY 12/13

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday Offertory (71 Env):         | \$ 2,490.00 |
| Loose:                             | \$ 121.05   |
| Late Facility Maintenance (6 Env): | \$ 1,060.00 |
| Late New Years Day (1 Env)         | \$ 20.00    |
| Initial Offering (5 Env):          | \$ 35.00    |
| Loaf of Bread (4 Env):             | \$ 160.00   |
| CWL Youth Program Donation:        | \$ 1,000.00 |

*Thank you for your faithful stewardship*



## WEEK OF PRAYER

FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019

**Justice and only justice**

**you shall pursue.**

(Deuteronomy 16:18-20)

### 8 DAY BIBLE STUDY FOR JUSTICE

One of the resources available for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 18-25) is a very thoughtful eight-day bible study guide prepared by the Christian Churches of Indonesia.

This resource could be for individual use, or for small study groups. The eight daily themes are: *True Worship leads to Action, Standing Up For Truth, Called to Be Gracious and Merciful to Everyone, Living Simply and Contentedly, Bringing Good News to the Poor, Caring For Creation, Empowering Women in Our Communities, Summing Up Our Conversations.*

This resource is available at: [wpcu2019.ca](http://wpcu2019.ca)  
or by emailing [mprindiville@golden.net](mailto:mprindiville@golden.net)

### ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

The Church calls us to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity between Jan 18 and Jan 25. Please join with Bishop Bergie for a 'Service of Prayer for Christian Unity' at the Cathedral, on Sunday Jan. 20, at 3:00 p.m. followed by coffee and cookies.

The themes and materials for this year's world-wide prayer were prepared by the Christian Churches of Indonesia. Their key verse is: "*Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue.*" *Deuteronomy 16:18-20* and the theme of the prayer service is "*Moving from words of justice, to actions that establish justice.*"