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PAYING HOMAGE

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. The Gospel account of the three magi traveling to meet Baby Jesus is one that we know well. Yet, when we pause to reflect on this moment when these men met Christ for the first time, we recognize that there is much to be said for us still today.

When the magi entered the house, it says, "they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage." Clearly these men knew that they were in the presence of their King. They also came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, which symbolize Christ's kingship, divinity and humanity.

Christ is still manifesting Himself to us today. We enter God's house weekly, and we are in His presence. When we meet Him, do we offer Him our gifts — our time, talent and treasure? As Christian stewards, we are called to respond with love, reverence and gratitude.

Let us prepare our hearts to receive Christ's many manifestations in our lives. We just need a grateful disposition to receive them.

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Pastor

Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.
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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

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

Administrative Assistant

Sandy Johnson

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Reconciliation/Confessions

By Appointment Only

Requesting Sacraments

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St Martin School

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Parish Groups

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Jan 4	9:00 am	For the healing of mind, body & soul of David Eeley	by Anna & Louis Mucci
Tues	Jan 5	9:00 am	+Mr & Mrs McKeever	by Anna Armstrong
Wed	Jan 6	9:00 am	For the special intentions of Stephen & Caelan Armstrong	by Anna Armstrong
		2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Diocesan Council for Development and Peace Zoom Mt	Father Christopher
Thurs	Jan 7	St. Andre Bessette		
		9:00 am	For the special intentions of Martha Devlin	by Julie Notarianni
Fri	Jan 8	9:00 am	+Dorothy Covello	by Pierre & Mary Anne Paradis
		7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Hamilton Drug Rehabilitation Zoom Mt	Father Christopher
Sat	Jan 9	The Baptism of the Lord		
		5:00 pm	+John & Regina Newman	by the Newman Family
Sun	Jan 10	9:00 am	Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
		10:00 am	+ James Mayhew	by the Family
		11:00 am	Intentions Available	

ONLINE EUCHARIST

Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria

Sunday Mass live stream at 11:30 am.

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3:00 pm, 10:30 pm**

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PARISH OFFICE CLOSED IN LOCKDOWN

Please call the office or e-mail your concerns, or Mass intentions. Sandy will work at times in the office and from home during the lockdown. The office will not be open to the public.

"VIRTUAL" CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children's Liturgy, under the direction of Mrs. Noseworthy is posting videos every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Thank you; and very much appreciated.

PASTORAL HOME VISITS

Many remain uncomfortable with going to Vigil Mass Saturday and Sunday Mass. Again, we invite you to attend weekday Masses as the numbers attending are very low. If you cannot come and still desire a pastoral visit I'm more than available to bring you Holy Communion, Anointing and Sacramental Confession.

Throughout this pandemic I've also shared the Good News with many of you on the phone. 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.

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. Stewardship Envelopes for 2021 are available for pickup at either the parish office or the church building. Call ahead to arrange a safe time for pickup. Thank you.

E-TRANSFERS

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

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PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord, make the New Year a happy one...

Not by shielding us from sorrow and pain,
but by strengthening us to bear it if it comes.

Not by taking hardship from us,
but by taking cowardice and fear from our hearts
as we meet hardships.

Not by making our paths easy,
but by making us sturdy enough to tread any path.

Not by granting unbroken sunshine,
but by keeping our faces bright
even in the shadows.

Not by making our lives always pleasant,
but by showing us where others
and your cause need us most
and by making us zealous to be there and to help.

God, make our year a happy one!

FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

On the first day of each year, the Church consecrates a special solemnity to celebrate Mary, the Mother of God. January 1, 2021, is also a day dedicated to peace. The universal Church invites the world to pray so that peace and harmony will reign among nations.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Oh God, lead us from the unreal to the Real. Oh God, lead us from darkness to light. Oh God, lead us from death to immortality. Oh Lord God almighty, may there be peace in celestial regions. May there be peace on earth. May the waters be appeasing. May herbs be wholesome. May trees and plants bring peace to all. May all beneficent beings bring peace to us. May thy peace itself bestow peace on all. May peace also come to me.

MANY THANKS

I express my deep appreciation to all the volunteers who have helped during the pandemic for the past year especially those who have helped clean, sanitize, greet and usher, read. Thank you as well to all those who continue to drop off your stewardship envelopes at the office, through e-transfer, and through the Sunday collection, and through Canada Post. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. I also extend a sincere **"THANK YOU"** to all those who have sent cards, gifts and baked goods and meals at Christmas. May God bless you for the kindness you have shown me. For the few who make it a point in connecting with me through a simple phone call, email or text, all your efforts of concern and outreach are deeply felt. We face the coming New Year with continued caution and concern. Change will continue to affect us. Right now, another lockdown brings disruption of our home, church and school. As members of the Church we are feeling the pain on being limited to ten people attending Mass, as well as the isolation of our family members across cities and provinces. Let's stay focused on serving one another in love and charity. Let us especially pray for our healthcare workers and first responders during this continued crisis. We can be the light in the darkness if we don't let the flame of faith waver. God is with us - Emmanuel.

Shalom, Christopher+