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**ETERNAL CONSEQUENCES**

Today's readings challenge us to focus on the "why" of stewardship. Why embrace this challenging way of life when it seems hard enough just to meet the demands of our daily lives and responsibilities? Because this life is not all there is. While we cannot earn our way into Heaven, what we do now with the life God has given us has eternal consequences. Stewardship living helps us to keep focused on our hoped-for destination in the choices we make each day.

In our Gospel passage from Luke, Christ reminds us we were made for more than just this life, and our choices have eternal consequences. In this passage our Lord corrects some Saducees for their mistaken notion that there is no resurrection. He instructs that "those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead... can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise.

Stewardship is not about the particular amount or kind of time, talent and treasure that we offer. It is about the conviction that everything we have is a gift from our loving God. Revisiting these three aspects of our lives on a regular basis, prayerfully discerning the best use of our gifts, and putting this down in writing clarifies and strengthens our conviction to put God first.

That is the "why" of stewardship.

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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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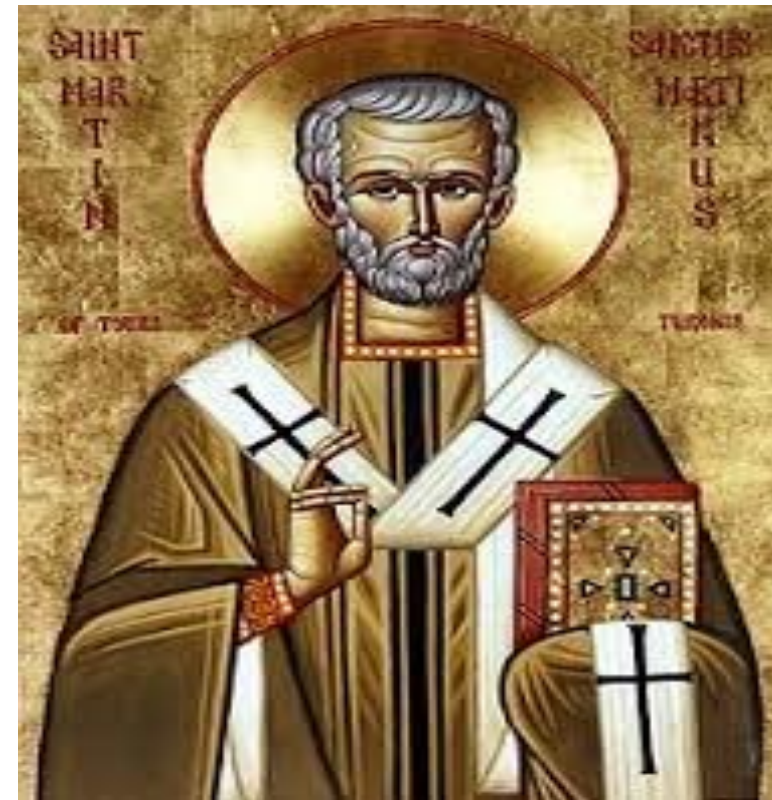
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**Parish Groups**  
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**Ministry Schedule - Nov 16/17**

**Hospitality Ministers**  
5:00 pm - Tony Mous  
10:00 am - Deanne & Justin Long

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

**Children's Liturgy**  
Jenn. E. & Heather

**Next Hospitality Sunday**  
December 1

**Nov 10, 2019  
The 32nd  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time**

**Lectors**  
5:00 pm #1 - Kelly Ann Staples  
#2 - Mary Pikula  
10:00 am #1 - Andrew Steger  
#2 - Caroline Steger

**Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers**  
5:00 pm - Tom S. & Yolanda B.  
10:00 am - Andrew, Caroline & Marcel

**Stewardship Counting**  
Elaine Parry & James Gunn



# November 10, 2019

## The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Nov 11	9:00 am	Parish Feast Day of St. Martin of Tours/ Remembrance Day	
		10:45 am - 11:15	School Remembrance Day Service in School Gym	
Tues	Nov 12	9:00 am	+Maria & Bill Fonsceca +Pat Casey	by Maria Martins by Stephen & Andrea Armstrong
Wed	Nov 13	9:00 am	For the special intentions of the Women's ACTS Team and Retreatants this coming weekend	by Sandy Johnson Father Christopher
		10:30 am	Gethsemane Centre Mass, Adoration, Confessions	
		7:00 pm	Catholic Women's League Meeting parish hall	
Thurs	Nov 14	9:00 am	NO OFFICE AND NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Women's ACTS Retreat	Fr. Christopher
Fri	Nov 15	9:00 am	NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Women's ACTS Retreat	Fr. Christopher
Sat	Nov 16	<b>The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
		5:00 pm	For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
		7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	ACTS Retreat Candlelight Service Mississauga	Father Christopher by the Newman Family by Josie & Vern Dell
Sun	Nov 17	10:00 am	+Ted Wisniewski +Antonietta Carbonara	

### SPECIAL NOTICE

With the upcoming ACTS Retreats for both women and men we require your cooperation and understanding as we adjust slightly our pastoral schedule. No Parish Office this coming Thursday, as Sandy serves on the Women's Acts Team; and no Weekdays Masses Thursday and Friday as Father Christopher serves on both women's and men's teams. Thank you.

### CATHEDRAL RESTORATION APPEAL

[www.saintcd.com/appeal](http://www.saintcd.com/appeal)

Why is the cathedral important to our parish?

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! As we prepare for the 175th anniversary of our cathedral, we invite you to play a part in history with our renovation and rejuvenation project.

Visit [www.saintcd.com/appeal](http://www.saintcd.com/appeal) or pick up a brochure and pledge form in the church foyer today. Thank you.

### DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS

Diocesan Anniversary Mass Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria - honouring priests, religious, and married couples celebrating significant anniversaries Monday, November 25 (5:30 p.m. Mass) Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria 67 Church St., St. Catharines All are welcome to attend!

### INVITATION TO ALL LADIES IN THE PARISH

The CWL (early) Christmas Dinner November 27th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Martins Church includes a full Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings plus a fun night with the ladies. Deadline to signup is November 10th. Contact for tickets or further information is Pat Wirth at: [patwirthm@yahoo.ca](mailto:patwirthm@yahoo.ca) or 905-957-3826

### YOUTH MINISTRY AND CHRISTMAS BAKING

Let St. Martin's Youth Group do your Christmas Baking! Our Youth Group will be baking & selling buttery shortbread cookies. Order yours after all masses in November. All funds to support a trip to Niagara Indoor Waterpark \$5 per dozen. Pick Up is December 1<sup>st</sup> after the 10 am Mass.

### POINSETTIA SALES

Parish Events Group (PEG) will be selling Poinsettias again. Orders will be taken in November and the pick-up dated is Dec 1st.

### ACTS RETREATS

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre  
Mississauga.

- Women's ACTS Retreat Thursday to Sunday November. 14 - 17
- **REGISTRATION NOW CLOSED FOR THE WOMEN'S RETREAT. ( 35 Retreatants)**
- Men's ACTS Retreat - Thursday to Sunday November . 21 - 24 **REGISTRATION OPEN**  
Retreat brochures and registration forms are available at main entrance. Call parish office if interested in attending or speak with Father Christopher directly. Thank you. Please pray for ACTS Teams and Retreatants and their Families.

### DEO GRATIAS COLLECTION

Please support the *Deo Gratias* Collection of November 16/17, 2019. All revenue will go to our Clergy Aid Society. We are grateful to God, and to our retired clergy in the Diocese of St. Catharines who, from the time of their ordination, have cared for us and our spiritual needs. In thanksgiving to God for them and their years of faithful service, your generous support of the *Deo Gratias* collection will enable us to care for those who have dedicated their lives to caring for us. The revenue from this collection does not go into an endowment fund but goes directly to the Clergy Aid Society which provides an income for our retired clergy. Collection is weekend of November 16/17.

Thank You!

### REGENERATE(D)

Are you aware that as a baptized Catholic YOU have a calling (or a vocation) in life? This is YOUR unique purpose. Do you live with this purpose in mind? On **Sat, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>** join Branches Catholic Ministries at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, as it hosts **Regenerated 2019** with an urgent theme, "You Are Called". Keynote speakers will address the responsibility each of us has to discern this and how urgently we must heed the call! **Regenerated Youth** will run concurrently for ages 12 to 18. If you are interested in purchasing "early-bird" tickets or for more information about these Conferences visit [branchesoftheword.org](http://branchesoftheword.org) or call Branches at 905-685-7000.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP - Nov 2/3, 2019

Regular Sunday Offering (83 Env)	\$ 2,755.00
Loose Collection	\$ 236.60
Facility Maintenance (48 Env)	\$ 816.00
Loose	\$ 73.70
World Mission Sunday (1 Late Env)	\$ 20.00

*Thank you for your consistent stewardship*

### PRAYING FOR OUR DEAD

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven (1030). The Catechism goes on to say, "The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the doomed" (1031). It seems today that many of our faithful assume that immediately after death our loved ones are in heaven. If everyone is in heaven then there is no need to pray for the dead or offer Masses for the repose of their souls. To pray for the dead is not morbid, but hope filled, as we are able to assist those we love even after death. We pray these souls to heaven.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Commission for Justice and Peace has prepared a document entitled Poverty in Canada: Ensuring Safe, Secure, and Affordable Housing. You can find it on the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' website. <https://www.cccb.ca/site/eng>

### UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENT

- Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00 pm Catholic Women's League Meeting
- November 14 - 17 - Women's ACTS Retreat
- November 21 - 24 - Men's ACTS Retreat
- November 25 - Diocesan Anniversary Mass at 5:30 pm, followed by Dinner at Club Roma.
- Tuesday, November 26 - Facility Maintenance Meeting at 7:00 pm.
- Saturday, December 7, Confirmation at the vigil Mass at 5:00 pm. (You may wish to attend Sunday Mass rather than the vigil?)