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**ALL YOUR HEART, MIND, SOUL AND STRENGTH**

Robert Munger wrote a helpful little booklet called *My Heart, Christ's Home*. In it he compares our lives to a house with many rooms. He raises the question, does Christ have access to every room (every area) in our life or only to those areas where we feel comfortable having him visit? Though written over thirty years ago Munger hit upon a phenomenon of contemporary society, the compartmentalizing of the various aspects of our lives. This tendency is also very present within the Christian segment of society and is often expressed by the position that "it isn't what I do that is important but what I believe."

Jesus, in this week's Gospel reading, does not accept this dichotomy. When Jesus was asked what is the greatest commandment, he replies, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." Interestingly, Jesus characterizes our lives as having four segments, heart, soul, mind, and strength. Frequently, though, we do not love God comprehensively in this way but rather amplify our love for God in one of these four segments to the detriment of the others. And so we find some that love devotedly but are weak on understanding, or others who have great knowledge about God, but lack deep love. Still there are some who express their love very emotionally while failing to attend to people's physical needs, and still others who go about doing all kinds of good but who have little interest in increasing their understanding. It seems like we all want to love God on our terms and in the way we choose.

Jesus teaches that this partial response is not sufficient. He repeatedly uses the word "all" to communicate that our love for God should encompass all parts of our being; all our affections, all our emotions, all our understanding, and all our actions. Then Jesus goes one step further and says that we should also love our neighbor, his creation, as ourselves. This type of love is an all-consuming love, beyond our capabilities, and requires the giving of all that we are to him. Munger challenges us in his booklet that instead of allowing Jesus to simply be a guest in our home (life) we should turn ownership over to him, giving Jesus both the deed and the key to our home (life). This abandonment of ourselves in love to Jesus is both the beginning act of loving God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and the means by which we will be able to love our neighbor as ourselves.

The ability to love God with our all, inasmuch as it is beyond our natural abilities, requires yielding to the Holy Spirit, for the first fruit of the Spirit is love. It is the Holy Spirit who opens our mind and heart to increasingly understand the depth of the Father's love, and the extent to which it was expressed in Christ's incarnation and passion. For in the final analysis our ability to love God with our all is a reciprocal action that mirrors and reflects the extent to which we have grasped God's love. It is that love which compels us to stop living for ourselves and to begin living for Christ.

St. Theresa understood well the compelling nature of love to change our behavior. "Perhaps we do not know what love is: it would not surprise me a great deal to learn this, for love consists, not in the extent of our happiness, but in the firmness of our determination to try to please God in everything, and to endeavor, in all possible ways, not to offend Him, and to pray Him ever to advance the honour and glory of His Son and the growth of the Catholic Church. Those are the signs of love..."

Without this compelling love, inviting Jesus to no longer simply be a guest in our lives but instead to live and rule there as the rightful owner, is very difficult. So let's begin asking the Holy Spirit to show us the Father's love and to reproduce it in our hearts. We then will say with the Psalmist, "I love thee, O LORD, my strength."  
 Emmaus Journey Reflections

Bishop of the Diocese  
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Sunday Masses  
 Saturday 5:00 pm  
 Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Masses  
 Tues, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00am  
 Wed @ 6:30 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 To be Re-scheduled

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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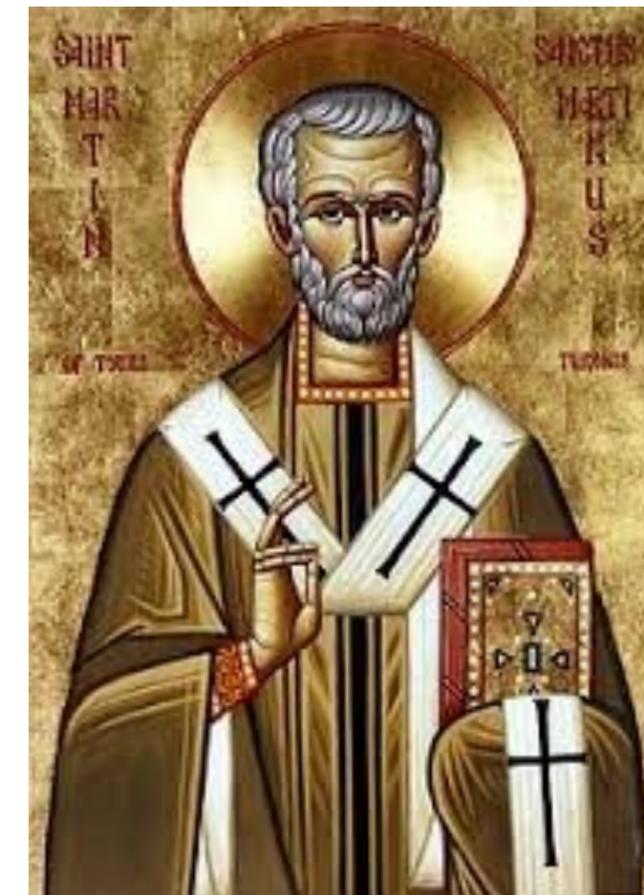
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**Ministry Schedule—Nov 10/11**

**Hospitality Ministers**

5:00 pm - Janet & Ron Roscovich  
 10:00 am - Elaine & Chuck Parry

**Altar Servers**

5:00pm - Needed  
 10:00 am - Needed

**Children's Liturgy**

**Next Hospitality Sunday**

November 4th

**November 4, 2018**

**The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Lectors**

5:00 pm #1 - Katrina Shields  
 #2 - Tom Shields  
 10:00 am #1 - Andrew Steger  
 #2 - Caroline Steger

**Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 pm - Tom S. & Yolanda B.  
 10:00 am - Nick, Victoria & Marcel

**Stewardship Counting**

Sandy J. & Beth D.

# November 4, 2018

## The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



*Lord, may the request of your people rise before you like a fragrant offering*

Monday	Nov 5	9:00 am	Mass celebrated today because of NO MASS Thursday - ALL SOULS	
Tuesday	Nov 6	9:00 am	For Gods blessings upon Ted & Joan Wisniewski +For the repose of the soul of Jose Martins	by the Newman family by Maria Martins & family
		7:00 pm.	Parish Discernment Team Meeting at Rectory	
Wednesday	Nov 7	6:30 pm	For Gods blessings upon Alviya Syrah Koshy	by Alviya Koshy
		7:00pm	Knights of Columbus General Meeting	
Thursday	Nov 8	No Mass.	Social Affairs Commission of Ontario Catholic Bishops Father in Toronto	
		7:00pm.	Diocesan- Deanery Gathering: Annulments: Facts and Myths Parish Hall	
Friday	Nov 9		<b>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b>	
		9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Robert Schnaar +For the repose of the soul of Kathleen Finlay	by John Mulder by Vern & Josie Dell
		10:30 am	School Remembrance Day Service at School Gym +For the repose of the soul of William Klunder +For the repose of the soul of Riky Mulder	by John Mulder by John & Mary Mojeski
Saturday	Nov 10		<b>The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
		5:00 pm	For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family	
Sunday	Nov 11	10:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Andy Wirth +For the repose of the soul of Geraldine Bell For Gods blessings upon Maria & Rebecca deWilde	by Heather Belmont by Sherri deWilde & family by Sherri deWilde

### PARISH DISCERNMENT GROUP V

Next Parish Team Meeting is  
Saturday November 17, 2018  
9:30 am to 12 noon  
At Gethsemane Centre Wellandport.

### PARISH MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 6th—7:00 pm  
Thursday, November 15—7:00 pm

### ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

**Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 7:00 pm**  
Interview, Confessions and Rehearsal to be scheduled.

**Ministers of Hospitality required.**  
**Please speak with Father or calling the parish office. Thank you.**

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, December 11 & 18, 2018 - 7:00 pm

### PARENT MEETING

Thursday, November 15 at 7pm in the Church

### REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES

November is a privileged month that the Church all over the world unites in "Prayers for the Repose of the Souls" for our loved ones who have passed on. If you wish to have your loved one's name written in the **Book of Remembrance**, which will be kept at the altar for daily prayers and Masses throughout November, please fill out the **All Souls Envelope** and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office before the end of October. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS URN WORKSHOP

St. Martin's CWL is hosting a Christmas Urn Workshop on Wednesday, November 21 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome. Please sign up after mass or contact Helen for more information at 289-956-0148 by November 4 or before class fills up. Approximate cost \$40.00.

### PARISH WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

We would like to once again start a weekly Bible Study on Thursday mornings following the 9 am Mass. The study material is quite simple and relates to the Liturgical Readings for the Upcoming Sunday. Refreshments and treats are offered in making it a time of encounter and fellowship as well as learning.

If you would be interested in attending, please call Marg Van Geest at 905-957-2803 in the next week or so. Thank you, Marg.

### SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

#### HEALING MINISTRY

The Diocesan SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY support group monthly meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays from 7pm to 9pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave. Niagara Falls. For a pamphlet or information:

Call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154 or email [separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com](mailto:separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com)

No preregistration required.

November Topics are:

- Nov 12: Pastoral Care
- Nov 26: Sadness and Depression

### DEO GRATIAS COLLECTION

Please support the *Deo Gratias* Collection of November 17/18, 2018. 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.

### POINSETTIA SALE

Once again PEG will be selling Poinsettias to fund raise for parish activities.

Orders will be taken after all Masses starting next weekend.

Stay tuned for more information.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

#### OCTOBER 20/21

Sunday Offertory (67 Env):	\$1,885.00
Loose:	\$ 291.00
World Mission (33 Env):	\$ 430.00
Loose:	\$ 68.60
Late Facility Maintenance (3):	\$ 60.00

#### OCTOBER 27/28

Sunday Offering (72 Env):	\$1,755.00
Loose:	\$ 75.70
Late World Mission (2 Env):	\$ 40.00
Memorial Donation (Andy Wirth)	\$ 50.00

*Thank you for your faithful stewardship*

### DIOCESAN DEANERY EVENT ANNULMENT FACTS AND MYTHS

Fr. Ben Weber and Margaret Jong, canon lawyers from our diocesan Marriage Tribunal, will discuss true facts and false claims about Catholic marriage annulment. The presentation will be offered once in each deanery, and is open to anyone interested in applying for an annulment of learning about annulments and the ministry of the Marriage Tribunal. For more information, call 905-687-8817 or email: [tribunal@saintcd.com](mailto:tribunal@saintcd.com).

All meeting are 7pm to 8:30pm. For the Haldimand Deanery our parish will be host on Thursday, November 8, 2018. Parish Events Group (PEG) will be providing refreshments and preparing the hall for this diocesan/deanery gathering. Thank you.

### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

**Share the Journey!** Every minute, 31 people are forced to flee their homes because they fear for their lives and safety. Rehana and her family had to find refuge in Bangladesh: "The army opened fire on our village. Our children were terrified. Each day they asked if we would be attacked, tortured, or burned by the army."

Participate in the "Share the Journey" campaign to learn more about the causes of forced migration and show your solidarity with those forced to flee their homes. You will find a pamphlet in the bulletin this week giving more information about this cause. In the following weeks you will have the opportunity to sign the action cards. [devp.org/campaign] Information to be given next weekend due to the insert of the Diocesan Vineyard this weekend.