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USING YOUR GIFTS

Throughout our readings today, we see the amazing truth that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts and guidance in a very personal way. We are meant to use these gifts to build up the Body of Christ in a way that is unique to each one of us.

Our first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, recalls the dramatic moment when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the apostles. "Suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."

Notice how personal and individual is this outpouring of the Spirit. This personalized way of "gifting" the apostles allowed them each to reach different people, sharing with them the "mighty acts of God." Embracing the stewardship way of life means that we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in the best use of the unique gifts He has given to each of us, to accomplish the particular mission entrusted to us.

Jesus gives us this mission in our Gospel passage from John. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." But we must not let this responsibility overwhelm us. Jesus Himself, tells us so - "Peace be with you."

As this Easter season comes to a close, let us be at peace. And let us resolve to lean on the Holy Spirit more and more as our guide through the stewardship way of life.

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Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.

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

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Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri @ 9:00am

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Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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May 31, 2020 - Year A

Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2019

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	June 1	9:00 am Intention Available 1:00 pm Scheduled Confessions 4 by appointment in patio - we practice physical distancing.	
Tues	June 2	9:00 am +Steve and Margaret Cizmar 10:00 am - 11:00 am Zoom Bible Study - rap up session. 2:00 pm Zoom Deanery Meeting	by Edward & Jennie Kotuza
Wed	June 3	9:00 am +Nicholas and Barbara Kotuza	by Edward & Jennie Kotuza
Thurs	June 4	9:00 am For the special intentions of the Steger family members 1:00 pm Scheduled Confessions 5 by appointment in patio - we practice physical distancing.	by Andrew & Caroline Steger
Fri	June 5	9:00 am Intention Available 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Live Stream Praise and Worship Gethsemane Centre Wellandport	
Sat	June 6	<i>The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</i>	
		5:00 pm For God's blessings & healing upon the Melo children & grandchildren	by Mr & Mrs Melo
Sun	June 7	9:30 am Live-Stream Mass from Gethsemane Centre Wellandport 10:30 am - 11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Live-Stream from Gethsemane Centre (When Father Christopher is not scheduled for Sunday Mass at Gethsemane the parish Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 pm)	

ONLINE DAILY EUCHARIST

With no public weekday or weekend Masses we offer the following: We continue to keep Holy Sabbath. In an effort to continue the practice of our faith in these trying times, I would like to invite you to [join us online](#) for daily and weekend Mass.

Gethsemane Ministries Wellandport

Sunday Mass streamed live at 9:30 am
Type in Gethsemane Ministries **Youtube**.

Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria

Sunday Mass live stream at 11:30 am. Visit the diocesan website for viewing: www.saintcd.com
Or on Youtube

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WHY IS ORDINARY TIME CALLED ORDINARY?

Ordinary Time begins this week. Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church — the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is actually the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time) always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle — the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana.

Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

Green is the colour of Ordinary Time.
Green is the colour of birth and new life.
Hope Springs Eternal.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Although we are unable to celebrate public Masses, the parish expenses for salaries, (we have maintained our staff in this pandemic) church insurance, property tax, clergy aid, maintenance, etc, all continue. While our primary concern is your spiritual and physical well-being, the weekly offertory gifts are very important for our parish.

We have been receiving parish stewardship on average between 14 and 24 (same people) envelopes through the mail or dropped off in the mail slot at the rectory, thank you. If at all possible, if others could do the same it would be greatly appreciated so that we can continue the upkeep and maintenance of our parish. We all need to take co-responsibility of our parish and contribute as best we can.

In the case of any emergency do not hesitate to contact the parish office as we check our messages daily.

Though our buildings are closed, the **CHURCH** is still **OPEN!** We are still leading others in faith although scattered rather than in a gathered way. This time of crisis requires us to maintain and strengthen our ability to minister to one another. We are so thankful to Gethsemane Ministries for enabling Father Christopher to reach out to others and to be part of a faith-filled team of players for the online Masses, Praise and Worship, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. Thank you.

PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

We acknowledge and also sincerely thank those parishioners who continue to financially support us during COVID-19 pandemic. Would you be so kind to use your offertory envelope rather than just mailing a cheque in the mail. This will help us better credit your stewardship to our accounting. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Although no public Masses are being celebrated, please know that Father Christopher is celebrating daily Mass and is honouring the Mass Intentions that had been booked. In addition, he is praying for the health and well-being of our Parishioners. Mass intentions are requested.

Please email your intentions to the parish office.
Thank you. st.martins@cogeco.ca

GETHSEMANE MINISTRIES

WELLANDPORT

The mission is to preach the Word of God and advance the teachings, religious tenets, and observances associated with the Catholic Faith. Led by lay leaders, the Ministry helps individuals develop a personal relationship with Jesus and live according to their vocation, witnessing the gospel.

Gethsemane Ministries helps the sick and the needy as a practical manifestation of the Catholic faith and love of God. The Centre is located in the Diocese of St. Catharines on the banks of the Welland River.

Surrounded by tranquil countryside, this is an ideal setting for meditation and reflection. The property was once a Christian school and has been renovated to meet the needs of an up-to-date Retreat and Conference Centre.

We invite you to visit us as often as possible, to rejoice with us in the Lord, and also to listen to the Word, so book mark it now and come back often.

<https://www.gethsemaneministries.com/>

FEAST OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS

May 24th

Pope Francis is encouraging that we pray a special prayer this year. It is a prayer to ask for the grace to care for our most fragile brothers and sisters, and for the home we all share.

Loving God, Creator of Heaven, Earth,
and all therein contained.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.
Be present to those in need in these difficult times,
especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

Help us to show creative solidarity
as we confront the consequences of the global
pandemic.

Make us courageous in embracing the changes
required to seek the common good.

Now more than ever, may we all feel
interconnected and interdependent.

Enable us to succeed in listening and responding
to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

May their current sufferings become the
birth-pangs of a more fraternal
and sustainable world.

We pray through Christ our Lord, under the loving
gaze of Mary, Help of Christians. Amen.