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WHAT IS LOVE?

Several young children were asked, "What does love mean?" They received humorous and insightful answers; "I let my big sister pick on me because my Mom says she only picks on me because she loves me. So I pick on my baby sister because I love her." "If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." "When you tell someone something bad about yourself and you're scared they won't love you anymore, but then you get surprised because not only do they still love you, they love you even more." "Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." "When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth." "God could have said magic words to make the nails fall off the cross, but he didn't. That's love."

These responses reflect the simplicity of Paul's love list in 1 Corinthians 13. These children, unconfused by the sophistication of maturity, were able to accurately perceive the presence of real love. Jesus was ever aware of his mission and calling to both bring about man's salvation and to usher in his Kingdom by spreading the awareness of it throughout the world. He was concerned that after he was physically gone from the earth, there should remain a real physical witness of salvation and its power. Christ intended that witness to be - disciples who love.

Love began with the incarnation. The Father, motivated by love for us, sent his Son to live and dwell among us. The Son in complete agreement with the Father's love laid aside his divine rights and humbly accepted the mission when he was implanted in Mary's womb as a vulnerable babe. This is what is meant when John says, "God so loved the world that he gave his only son."

Love came to completion through Christ's passion on the cross. That is what Jesus meant when he said, "Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified." As the child recognized "God could have said magic words to make the nails fall off the cross, but he didn't," - that's love. Sacred Scripture explains it this way, "Greater love has no man than this that he lay down his life for his friend." Love culminated with Christ's passion on the cross, it defines and establishes what true love really is - sacrificing your well-being for the well-being of another so that the Father is glorified.

That which makes Jesus' statement to "love one another" so powerful is the qualifying phrase, "as I have loved you." Jesus was not talking only of the way he related to these disciples while walking on earth, but also of his ultimate act of love, his sacrifice on the cross. That is the way they, and we, are to love one another. Jesus is building his Kingdom. People, though they may not know it, are deeply longing to be loved by God and to be a part of his Kingdom. They are looking for evidence that Jesus and his Kingdom are real. We, by our love for one another, are the witnesses as to whether these things are true.

Emmaus Journey Reflections

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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

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Contact the parish office

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Ministry Schedule - May 25/26

Hospitality Ministers
5:00 pm - Janet & Ron Roscovich
10:00 am - Anita D. & Joan H.

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

Children's Liturgy
Zoe Gunn

Next Hospitality Sunday
June 2

May 19, 2019

The 5th Sunday of Easter

Lectors
5:00 pm #1 - Heather Tomascini
#2 - Kelly Ann Staples
10:00 am #1 - Tom Richardson
#2 - Marg Van Geest

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 pm - Yolanda & Tom
10:00 am - Helen, Andy & Vern

Stewardship Counting
Beth Davis & Antonella Presta

May 19, 2019

The 5th Sunday of Easter - Year C

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Monday	May 20	NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Fr Christopher's day off - Private Mass celebrated.	
Tuesday	May 21	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Henry Pikula 6:30 pm CWL Convention Mass St. Alfred's Parish St. Catharines	by Anne Fedorik
Wednesday	May 22	9:00 am For a Mass of Thanksgiving of Marg & Dick Van Geest Diocesan Catholic Women's Convention All Day Event.	by Sandra Mactaggart
Thursday	May 23	9:00 am For a Mass of Thanksgiving of Vern & Josie Dell 5:00 pm 10: 00 pm Acts Men's Retreat Team Mississauga	by Sandra Mactaggart Father Christopher
Friday	May 24	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Ted Wisniewski 7:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal	by Sandra Mactaggart
Saturday	May 25	The 6th Sunday of Easter 5:00 pm +For the repose of the soul of Ted Wisniewski For God's blessings upon Rose Koshy 2:00 pm Wedding - Paul Grant & Anna Steger	by Vern & Josie Dell by Koshy Alex
Sunday	May 26	10:00 am For the special intentions of Marcel Pouliot, Bob Paquin, Dick Van Geest, Fr. Christopher and all the ACTS Team 2:00pm- 4:00 pm Acts19 Women's Retreat REUNION Queen of Apostles Mississauga	by Marg Van Geest Father Christopher

UPCOMING IMPORTANT CELEBRATIONS

1. **CWL Diocesan Convention Mass**
Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m.
St. Alfred Church
2. **Convention: Wednesday, May 22**
Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway
Conference Centre.
3. **Wedding Celebration - May 25, 2:00 pm**
Anna-Maria Steger & Paul Robert Grant.
4. **Acts19 Men's Retreat - May 30 - June 2**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Parishioners are thanked for supporting the Rose Sunday Appeal last Sunday. Total raised was \$226.80 for Right To Life. Thank you!

GENTLE REMINDERS

Bulletin notices or pulpit announcements must be submitted in writing by Tuesday of each week. Bulletin and pulpit announcements are prepared Thursday morning. Please give us notice of upcoming events weeks in advance so that we can encourage full participation. Appointments with Father Christopher need to be scheduled. Before Mass is preparation; and after Mass is meet and greet only. Thank You!

.(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 Gatherings:

- May 25 Hike, Pizza, Picnic Activity Planning**
- June 1 Mass, BBQ, Outdoor Games**
- June 15 Mass, Laser Tag, Pizza**
- June 23 Mass, Parish Picnic, Run Activities**

A DAY OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

The Diocese of St. Catharines is offering a *Day of Reflection for Women on the Gift of Hope* with Dr. Josephine Lombardi on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at Gethsemane Ministries Centre, 84008 Wellandport Road, Wellandport, from 9:45am – 3:00pm. To register please call Rose Marie at the Office of Religious Education at 905-684-0154, ext. 207 or offreled@saintcd.com. Lunch will be provided. (Free Will Offering)

Registration deadline is June 14.

CATHEDRAL APPEAL

FORWARD IN FAITH

Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria

An extensive restoration project for our Cathedral has been underway since last fall and the work is scheduled to be completed by November 2020, when our diocesan Cathedral will be 175 years old. It has been in need of significant repairs and refreshing. The major work being done includes a complete interior paint restoration, new paintings on the ceiling, restoration of mosaic floors in the sanctuary, LED lighting, sound system upgrades, high efficiency heating and cooling, and any other work needed to preserve our Cathedral for generations to come. Why is the Cathedral important to our parish? Because 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! We have an opportunity to play a part in restoring, revitalizing, renewing, and rejuvenating our Cathedral. We are now launching the Cathedra Appeal across the diocese. This appeal needs the support of many to reach its overall target of \$1.2 million. The 44 parishes in the diocese are asked to contribute a combined total of \$500,000 towards that amount; the remaining \$700,000 will be raised through corporate donations and other gifts. For the first year of the appeal the goal for the parishes is an attainable \$250,000. The first-year goal for each parish has been set at approximately 3% of ordinary income. The total contribution at the end of the Appeal will be 6% of ordinary income.

The set target for St. Martin of Tours Church is \$6,500.00. Together, we can meet this target.

UPDATE: Last Sunday we presented to you the Cathedral Appeal Brochure (76 given) and everything you need for your consideration in making a pledge/donation. For those still needing the Cathedral Appeal Brochure, they are made available at the front foyer of the church building. We do need One and All to contribute to this APPEAL as we will need to send our target amount to the Diocese over the next two years.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR PLEDGE FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE PARISH THROUGH THE OFFERTORY BASKET. YOU CAN ALSO DONATE ONLINE.

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THANK YOU! GOD BLESS.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

May 11/12

Sunday Offertory (79 Env):	\$ 1,803.90
Loose:	\$ 185.00
Facility Maintenance (3 Env):	\$ 25.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 2,100.00
Parish Debt	\$ 23,100.00

Thank you for your faithful stewardship

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE ACTS RETREAT?

An **ACTS** weekend is designed to help the retreatants enter into a new or deeper relationship with our Lord and fellow parishioners. This is accomplished through Adoration and daily prayer, the call to Community in one's parish as a member of the Body of Christ, and Theology in encouraging the study of scripture and our Catholic Faith; all of which emphasize and encourage the virtue of Service to our Lord, our parish, and one another.

The **ACTS** weekend brings the retreatants to a better understanding of God's love for them and also develops their need to share that love with others through their involvement in a faith-centered parish community.

The retreat emphasizes our call to **Service**; service to the parish community and to our world community. This results in a new or renewed dedication to the life of the parish community and a new recognition of the needs of those around us and of our obligation, as followers of Christ to help meet those needs.

Next Men's Acts Retreat

Thurs May 30, 7:00 pm to Sun June 2, 2:00 pm
Queen of Apostles Mississauga.

NO DEADLINE REQUIRED.
SIGN UP EVEN AT THE LAST MINUTE.

If you are interested in the Men's Retreat speak with Father Christopher or email him at:

fr.christopher@hotmail.com