

February 5, 2017

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Monday	Feb 6	St. Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs 9:00 am +For the peaceful rest of Ronald and Patricia Bevan	by Fr. Brian Bevan
Tuesday	Feb 7	9:00 am +For the peaceful rest of Sean Robinson 10:45 am Junior Class Mass	by Marg Van Geest
Wednesday	Feb 8	6:30 pm +For the peaceful rest of Grace and Orvil Teateao	by Fr. Brian Bevan
Thursday	Feb 9	9:00 am For the health and healing of Paul Massad 10:45 am Intermediate Class Mass	by Joyce and Rodney Ross
Friday	Feb 10	St. Scholastica, virgin 9:00 am +For the peaceful rest of all souls in purgatory	by Fr. Brian Bevan
Saturday	Feb 11	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 pm For the intentions of all cancer survivors	by Fr. Brian Bevan
Sunday	Feb 12	9:00 am +For the peaceful rest of Bernie Monger 11:00 am For the intentions of St. Martin's Parish family	by Marg Van Geest

SAINTS THIS WEEK

St. Paul Mikki and Companions, martyrs; February 6.

Christianity came to Japan in the year 1549. At first, the missionaries were welcomed, as they respected the local customs. By the year 1551 there were over a thousand converts. In the year 1588 the Emperor banned all missionaries, after he was told that missionaries worked to prepare the country for conquest.

In the year 1597 the Emperor condemned 26 people to death. Paul Miki - a Japanese national, a Jesuit and leader in his community and 25 others - 2 other Jesuits, 6 Franciscans and 17 lay Catholics - were martyred near Nagasaki on February 05 of that year. All were canonized on June 08, 1862 by Pope Pius IX.

St. Scholastica, virgin & founder; February 10.

Scholastica, the twin sister of (St) Benedict, was born in Italy in the year 480. She vowed herself in service to God, following her brother when he established his monastery at Monte Cassino. She ruled over a group of nuns, 8 kilometres from Benedict's monastery. A woman of remarkable faith and courage, she was deeply devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. She died peacefully, in the year 543.

This feast was celebrated before the end of the eighth century.

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady of Lourdes; February 11.

On this date in the year 1858 three little girls set out from the town of Lourdes, France, to pick up sticks of wood. One of the children, Bernadette Soubirous, was visited by the Blessed Virgin Mary. Between February 11 and July 16, eighteen times the Blessed Mother appeared to Bernadette. No one other than Bernadette ever

saw the Blessed Mother. No visit was made at Lourdes after July 16. The name by which the Blessed Mother identified herself was the *Immaculate Conception*. At 22 years old Bernadette joined an order of religious nursing sisters. She died in the year 1878.

In the year 1907 (St) Pope Pius X included this feast in the church calendar. St. Bernadette Soubirous has been given the day of April 16.

DAYS THIS WEEK

World Day of the Sick; February 11.

This day highlights the healing ministry of the Church. We remember that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. We ask God to help us give thanks for the work done for us by doctors, nurses, health care institutions, pastoral care givers and by emergency service personnel.

This day was instituted by Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1992.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

Generosity brought \$1,893.05 to our parish last week.

CHRISTMAS MANGER

Father Brian asked at the Masses after Christmas that we please take a look at the Christmas manger scene, on the west side of the church. He promised he would ask what we thought about it: keep it as is; keep it and attempt a restoration; replace it; or never use it again.

So he comes to ask about it today and he asks that we offer our thoughts in one of these ways: tell him or our parish secretary, Sandy, face to face; or on the telephone (289-956-0227); or in an email at st.martins@cogeco.ca

Thoughts will be accepted until the end of February 2017. Thank you.

DIVINE MERCY: IN THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD NEW DVD SERIES

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present time of mercy. This 10 week program continues to take place on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in our parish hall and will conclude on April 17th, just before Divine Mercy Sunday. If you would like to join us at this time, the DVD's are available for you to view to catch up. It is not too late to register so please add your name to the sign up sheets in the church foyer, or email the parish office at st.martins@cogeco.ca, or Yvonne at yvonne_divinemercy@outlook.com.

BREAD OF LIFE BIBLE STUDY

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. The one who comes to me will never go hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35

Quench your thirst by joining St. Martin's on going Bible Study Group, Thursday mornings from 9:45 to 11:00 am in our parish hall. Prepare ahead for next the Sundays Mass readings and grasp more thoroughly what God is trying to tell you. **All are welcome!**



OFFICE HOURS REMINDER

Our office hours here at St. Martin of Tours are as follows:

Tuesdays: 8:30am - 2:00 pm
Thursdays: 9:00am - 2:00 pm

Sandy is ready and willing to assist to your needs.

I AM A CATHOLIC

These "I Am A Catholic" cards are now available in the foyer of our church. They are meant to be filled in and carried in a wallet or purse where they can be found in an emergency situation.

The card would alert those in emergency care requesting an immediate visit from a priest. Hopefully this request would be met by someone attending to you.

NAME

ADDRESS

I am a Catholic

In the event of an accident
please call a priest

St. Martin Catholic School Council Presents...

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Saturday February 11th, 2017
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BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

Birthdays:

Melissa Brajer/Matthew Noseworthy – Feb 4
Kyle Romm/Andrew Pouliot – Feb 5
Maureen Flaherty – Feb 6
Andrew Steger/Michael Urban – Feb 7
Diane McSweeney/Robert Blokhuis – Feb 8
Riky Mulder/Pat Wirth – Feb 9
Maeve Devlin/Paul Zdichavsky - Feb 10
Ron Nardini – Feb 10
Ethan Diletti/Hannah Whitelaw - Feb 11
Jack Tracey – Feb 11
Dave MacNiven – Feb 12

Anniversaries:

Zoli & Deborah Rakonjac – Feb 5
Scott & Daniela Pearson – Feb 6

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Bright Lights

Saint Paul says he came to the Corinthians in weakness and that he didn't use eloquent or persuasive words; rather he evangelized them in humility and with signs of the power of God. He doesn't claim to be a powerful or influential preacher. He was a humble and convinced apostle; thus, it was the power of God at work in him.

This doesn't mean he didn't make the best case possible for the faith. On the contrary, we are all called to profess and witness to the truth and to develop and use all our gifts and talents. Paul is simply stating that what is most important is that we remain open to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within us and maintain our confidence

in God and not in our own qualities or abilities.

If we are humble servants of the truth, then God's power will be shown. Isaiah prophesies that if we live charity in a real way—offering food to hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked—then our light will shine strongest. Not only that, but our own personal wounds, whatever they are, will be healed.

Truly, loving others is the best way to heal our own soul.

Isaiah proclaims further that if we live this way, God will have our backs. In biblical terms, “the glory of the Lord shall be [our] rear guard.” The Lord will be a soldier who walks behind us, covers our blind spots, curtails our weaknesses, and protects and defends us. If God is for us, who can be against us? Let your light shine!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

How do I live out God's love at home? In my workplace? In public? How can my light shine even brighter this week?

Dear Padre,

Does the Church give guidelines for what we should and shouldn't watch on TV and in theaters?

The Communications Department of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides “Catholics, especially families, with information they can use to evaluate entertainment media programming from a Catholic perspective.” Along with its “Family Guide for Using Media,” it provides up-to-date movie reviews and ratings through the Catholic News Service (catholicnews.com) and access to archives dating from 2010 into the 1930s.

As part of forming their children in the faith, parents must educate them about the media's influence, monitor the content each member interacts with, and model appropriate media use. All our media choices—print, digital, or otherwise—should affirm and support Christian values. Consider these questions:

- Does this piece portray human life as a gift from God? Is sexuality linked to life and marriage? How is dying presented?
 - Does it promote healthy friendships and lasting commitments within marriage? Does it affirm gratitude, stewardship or charity, and obedience to proper authorities?
 - Does it connect moral consequences with the characters' actions? Is exploitation, oppression, or neglect of any group condoned? Is respect shown for a variety of cultures?
 - Does it foster a sense of the divine, of human destiny beyond this life, and of our obligation to forgive and seek forgiveness?
- It is advisable to balance your use of suitable media with human interaction.



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Sunday by appointment

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Contact Fr. Brian Bevan

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Please call the office.

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Ministry Schedule - Feb 11/12

Hospitality Ministers

5:00 pm - Bill Zonruiter & Tony Mous
9:00 am - George Y & Sharon Richard
11:00 am - Andy & Pat Wirth

Altar Servers

5:00 pm - Katie & Laura
9:00 am - Needed
11:00 am - Needed

Children's Liturgy

Deanne Long

Next Hospitality Sunday March 5

9:00 am - Eucharistic Ministers
11:00 am - Strong Catholic Families

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Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Mitch Pogoda
#2 - Tom Shields
9:00 am #1 - Heather Tomascini
#2 - Sue Armstrong
11:00 am #1 - Alex Joyner
#2 - Mary Pikula

Ministers of Communion

5:00 pm - Doug, Maeve & Martha
9:00 am - Bea, Dick & Vern
11:00 am - Helen, Andy & Barb

Counting

Andy Lipiec & Mary Anne Paradis