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**HERE I AM LORD, SEND ME**

Our readings today remind us of the great privilege we have in calling ourselves both children and disciples of the Most High God.

The First Reading from Isaiah describes a vision of the prophet in which angels surround the Lord proclaiming, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" Our God invites us to such deep intimacy and friendship with Him that sometimes we can forget just how majestic and unspeakably holy He truly is.

In the Gospel passage, from Luke, Jesus instructs Simon to lower his nets for a catch despite an unsuccessful night of fishing. Peter is skeptical but obeys and is amazed at the catch of fish that he makes. He kneels down before Jesus in astonishment.

This sense of awe and reverence before God should motivate us to deepen our stewardship way of life. As we contemplate the holiness of God, we come to a heightened awareness of what a privilege it is that He has chosen to include us in His work of spreading the Gospel to others through the grateful sharing of the gifts He has given us. Aware of this privilege, we will then make the words of Isaiah our own: "Here I am Lord, send me!"

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P.P.

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

**Weekday Masses**  
See Schedule  
on the inside of the bulletin

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

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Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

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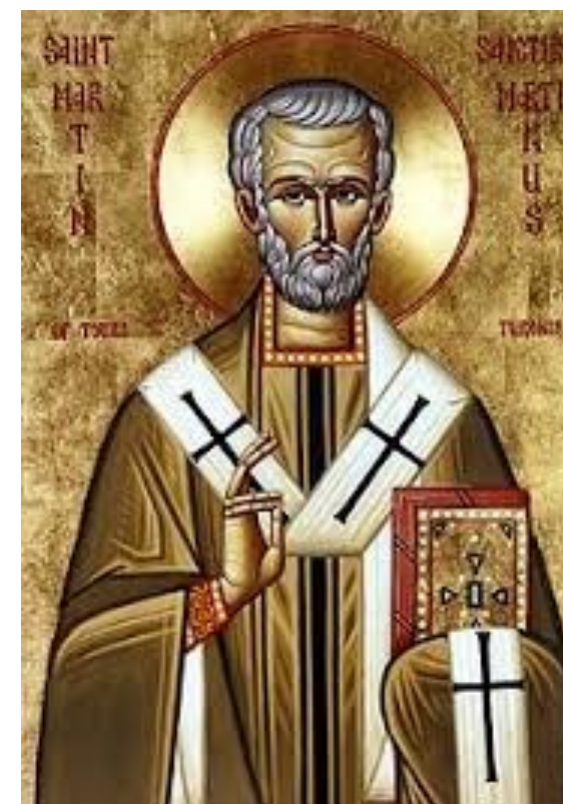
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**February 6, 2022 - Year - C**  
**The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



# February 6, 2022

## The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Recitation of the Holy Rosary takes place before each Weekday Mass beginning at 8:35 am

Mon	Feb 7	NO PARISH MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Feb 8	<b>St. Josephine Bakhita</b> 9:00 am For the health and healing of Julie Notarianni by Vern & Josie Dell 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Synod Preparation Meeting 3 Fr. Christopher and Team 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm ACTS Monthly Meeting. Speaker this month is Fr. Christopher	
Wed	Feb 9	9:00 am +Christina Terpstra by Pierre & Maryanne Paradis 10:30 am - 12:pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions Fr .Christopher	
Thurs	Feb 10	<b>St. Scholastica</b> 9:00 am For the health and healing of Julie Notarianni by Pierre & Maryanne Paradis 9:30 am - 10:30 am Bible Study Group in the Crying Room	
Fri	Feb 11	<b>World Day of the Sick. Our Lady of Lourdes</b> 7:30 am - 8:15 am That Man Is You- Paradisus Dei -Men's Rosary Group Fr. Christopher 9:00 am For the special intentions of Richard Newman by the Newman Family 10:30 am - 12 Noon Pastoral Home Visits for those who registered. Fr. Christopher 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre Fr. Christopher	
Sat	Feb 12	<b>The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) available at this time. 5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Feb 13	10:00 am +Norbert Mota by Paula Melo	

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### MASS INTENTIONS

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul.

We have only a few Mass Intentions for February and going forward. Please consider requesting a Mass for a loved one. Call the office or leave your requests in the collection basket. Thank you

### A GENTLE REMINDER

**Masks must be worn at all times when in our buildings. That includes all gatherings and meetings. Food & Drinks are not permitted.**  
Thank you.

### THE SYNOD AT ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

Our St. Martin's Synod team is working hard to make sure everyone has an opportunity to be heard! Planning continues and dates for Synod Listening Sessions will kick off shortly. This is an exciting time in the history of the Catholic Church as Pope Francis invites every single Catholic to participate in this Synod. The process is aimed to light the flame of the Holy Spirit in each of our hearts as we share our faith journey together. Please continue to check the bulletin, parish website and parish Facebook for details and updates! Dates are listed below:

Feb 26 & 27<sup>th</sup> – In person

March 17, 24 – Online

To sign up, please click on the following [Sign Up Link](#) and sign up for one session, or call the office at 289-956-0221 or email at [st.martins@cogeco.ca](mailto:st.martins@cogeco.ca)

**Parish Synod Facilitators are:**

**Lisa Poort, Paula Verrecchia, Sandy Johnson.**

### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

#### CARITAS CANADA

"People and Planet First." In the fall, Canadians learned how environmental and human rights activists in the Global South are often criminalized when they oppose powerful business interests. A petition was signed calling on the government to enact a law compelling companies to prevent and remedy human and environmental rights violations across their global operations. This Lent, let us stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who have long suffered the effects of the climate crisis. SHARE LENT is Development and Peace's moment of solidarity, when we raise funds in parishes across Canada to support our mission.

Save the Date for the upcoming diocesan workshops: St. Catharines - Saturday, February 12, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Hamilton - Wednesday, February 16, 7:00 p.m. London - Thursday, February 17, 7:00 p.m. People are welcome to join another region's workshop. To register for the St. Catharines workshop, go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212693>

### JANUARY 20, 2022 - COVID-19 UPDATE

Yesterday, the Government of Ontario announced a three-phase timeframe for decreasing COVID-19 restrictions. In light of the announcement:

- As of Mon. Jan. 31, 2022, Chancery and parishes offices will re-open.
- Since we are not requiring proof of vaccination for church attendance, capacity limits will remain unchanged (33%). This capacity limit will remain in place at least until March 14, 2022.
- For church attendance, physical distancing and face coverings are required. Contact tracing is required where necessary.
- COVID tests kits are currently unavailable. Every one is responsible to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms. If a person is symptomatic, they are to assume they are infected with COVID-19 and must self-isolate.
- Anyone who is fully vaccinated must self-isolate for a min. of 5 days; anyone not fully vaccinated must self-isolate for a min. of 10 days. The self-isolation may end after this time provided the person is symptom-free.
- Ash Wednesday (Mar. 2, 2022) must proceed as they did last year. The Vatican guideline is that the ashes be sprinkled on each person's head rather than the local custom of making the sign of the cross on the forehead with ashes.

### PROOF OF VACCINATION INFORMATION FOR PARISHIONERS

- No proof of vaccination is required for anyone
- attending Mass or other liturgical service in any church in the Diocese of St. Catharines.
- Physical distancing and face masks are required for the entire time someone is in the church building, except to receive Holy Communion.
- Parishioners who are elderly or may be medically compromised may decide to stay home and
- participate in a livestreamed Mass.
- No proof of vaccination is required for closed
- parish meetings in a parish hall (parish council, CWL, etc.) with a maximum of 25 people.
- Proof of vaccination (double vaccination plus 14 days) is required for anyone over the age of twelve attending a reception or social event (e.g. parish pasta dinner, wedding or funeral reception, etc.) in a parish hall.

Proof of vaccination requirements do not apply to:

- Funeral services including rites, ceremonies, visitations, receptions, or social gatherings held in places of worship.
- Funeral services including rites, ceremonies, visitations, receptions, or social gatherings held in funeral establishments, cemeteries, crematoriums and similar establishments.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

This latest set of provincial COVID safety protocols has restricted the size of in-person gatherings but with hope and innovation, the plans set out by the Diocesan Synod Team to use small discussion groups can move forward. Starting in February 2022 you will have the opportunity to sign up to be part of a small group Parish Listening Session, perhaps run online or fingers crossed, face to face. Spread the word about the Listening Sessions and invite your family members and friends to join you. Help advertise the dates, times and participate one of special interest focus groups that will be meeting. Ensure that all voices are heard.

Dates to be determined.