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DO YOUR PART

In St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, it states "If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is there are many parts, yet one body" (1 COR 12:18-20).

What does this teach us as Christian stewards? It shows us that we all have equal dignity and worth in God's sight, and that if God sees us as equally precious, we should view each other in this same light. It teaches us to humbly recognize our own gifts as well as the giftedness of every member of our parish family. And, while God designed us to be ultimately dependent on Him, it seems He has also designed us to need each other!

This is part of the beauty and richness of a stewardship way of life. No one person can "do it all" in life — whether in family life or parish life. But God does not ask us to do it all. He simply asks us to share the gifts and talents we do have in the season of life we find ourselves right now. It might feel uncomfortable at first. But the good news is you don't have to do it all. Do your part, let your brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ do theirs, and know that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us all as we live out this stewardship way of life.

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Pastor
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen
P.P.

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

Weekday Masses
See Schedule
on the inside of the bulletin

In Office Hours
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Administrative Assistant
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Reconciliation/Confessions
By Appointment Only in COVID-19

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January 30, 2022 - Year - C
The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The 4th 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	Jan 31	NO PARISH MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Feb 1	9:00 am For the health and healing of Julie Notarianni 6:30 pm Synod Preparation Meeting	by Heather Belmont Fr. Christopher
Wed	Feb 2	The Presentation of the Lord and World Day for Consecrated Life 9:00 am +Henry Franko 10:30 am - 12:pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions	by Norrie Franko Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Feb 3	9:00 am +Claude Pouliot	by Vern & Josei Dell
Fri	Feb 4	First Friday of the Month 7:30 am - 8:15 am That Man Is You- Paradisus Dei -Men's Rosary Group 8:30 am - 9:00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am +Lloyd Bell 9:30 am - 10:00 am Continued...Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/ Benediction 10:30 am - 12 Noon Pastoral Home Visits for those who registered. 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre	Fr. Christopher by the Terpstra & deWilde Families Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Sat	Feb 5	The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) available at this time. 5:00 pm +Maris deFatima Pais	by Family
Sun	Feb 6	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

E-TRANSFERS

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Thank you for your stewardship.

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

THE SYNOD AT ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

Synod planning has kicked off at St. Martin of Tours! 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! **Stay tuned!**

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 Monday, January 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%). Based on the government's current projections, 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, including rapid test kits are currently unavailable. Everyone 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 minimum of 5 days; anyone who is not fully vaccinated must self-isolate for a minimum of 10 days. The self-isolation may end after this time provided the person is symptom-free.
- The distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday (March 2, 2022) must proceed as they did last year. The Vatican guideline during this time of pandemic is that is that 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.

SYNOD 2021-2023, JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Prayer for the Synod

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.*

*With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;*

*Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.*

*Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey
together to eternal life and not stray from the way
of truth and what is right.*

*All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.*

Amen.

Parish Synod Facilitators are:

Lisa Poort, Paula Verrecchia, Sandy Johnson