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RADICAL LOVE

Today's readings are all about the radical love of God for His people and the radical love we are called to live out in response. The stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the practical application of loving God and neighbor in our daily lives.

Jesus sums up the message of all the prophets, as well as the purpose of all God's laws in today's Gospel passage, from Matthew. It is a message we have likely grown up hearing — but it is so beautiful and so challenging, it bears repeating again and again. It is Christ's response to a question about which commandment is greatest. His answer reveals both the greatest and the second greatest commandments.

He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

How is the second like the first? What do the two commands have in common? Love.

Love God first and love neighbor as self. This is the heart of the stewardship way of life — simple enough for a child to understand, challenging enough to be the life's work of every "grown-up."

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Pastor
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.

Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am. 11:30 am

Weekday Masses
See Schedule on the inside of the bulletin

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

Administrative Assistant
Sandy Johnson

Financial Recorder
Tracy Piggott

Reconciliation/Confessions
By Appointment Only

Requesting Sacraments
Must be registered and practicing
Call office for details

St Martin School
Phone 905-957-3032
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West Lincoln Loaf of Bread
Parish Events Group
Parish Financial Council
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**St. Martin of Tours
Roman Catholic Church**



**A Special Welcome Back To Families
Special Mass for Families Only Beginning
Sunday, November 1, at 11: 30 am.**

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October 25, 2020 - Year A

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Mon	Oct 26	NO MASS TODAY	
Tues	Oct 27	NO MASS TODAY	
Wed	Oct 28	10:30 am	Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:00 pm 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Clergy Study Day - Webinar. Theme: Moving Forward With COVID-19
Thurs	Oct 29	NO MASS TODAY	
Fri	Oct 30	NO MASS TODAY	
Sat	Oct 31	11:00 am	First Holy Communion Mass - Group 2. <i>Solemnity of All The Saints</i> 5:00 pm +Joe Terpstra by Sherri deWilde
Sun	Nov 1	10:00 am	Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family
		11:30 am	NEW FAMILY MASS - For the special intentions of all Families present today.

ONLINE EUCHARIST

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

St. Joseph's Parish Grimsby.

Follow on Face Book or their website:

Stjosephgrimsby.ca

Vision TV:

Sun - 8:00 am

Mon - Fri - 8:00 am & 12:00 pm

Sat - 8:00 am & 9:30 am

Salt + Light:

Sun - 11:00 am & 10:30 pm

Mon - Sat - 6:30 am, 11:00 am,

3:00 pm, 10:30 pm

yesTV:

Sun - 10:30 am

Mon - Sat - 1:00 pm

Internet :

www.dailytvmass.com

www.youtube.com/dailytvmass

PRAYERFUL TIME OUT

Fr. Christopher will be taking some time out for recharging of his batteries. He is also attending to some health challenges and procedures. The office will continue to be open. If you need anything, please call or email the office. Phone messages and parish emails will be checked often. No administration will be done by Fr. Christopher this week- yet, Emergency Calls are covered.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES

You can pick up an envelopes from the office and return them to the collection basket on or before November 1st.

REGISTRATION FOR CERTIFICATE

Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have celebrated or will celebrate a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60th+ anniversary in the year 2020. To receive a certificate, please contact the parish office and complete a registration form by November 13. Thank you.

E-TRANSFERS

These transfers are often referred to as **Interac e-Transfers** and done through your online banking, website or app. To transfer funds to St. Martin Parish e-Transfer to:

st.martinsdonation@gmail.com

Please do not enter a security question and answer. You will be informed that your transfer to "The Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation" has been completed

This is a first for us, so bear with us as we begin this new way of accepting tithe/ stewardship/donations. We thank you for your patience and generosity during this pandemic.

COVID-19 AND PARISH STEWARDSHIP

While the situation of COVID-19 continues to develop in our lives and communities, it is increasingly evident that the pandemic has had, and will continue to have for some time to come, a far reaching impact on all of us. We appeal to your generosity as we need the weekly stewardship of one and all, to maintain our financial commitments. A special thank you to those who send in their weekly/monthly stewardship.

PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The 2019 Financial Statement is available upon request. We can send it to you via email. Due to Covid-19 and Lockdown we are late in offering you this annual statement.

PASTORAL HOME VISITS

Father Christopher will continue to visit parishioners for Confession, Holy Communion Service and 'Anointing of the Sick if needed. Kindly call the office if you would like a pastoral visit. Masks and physical distancing enforced. Please call the parish office to schedule a pastoral visit. Thank you.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

CARITAS CANADA

As there was no formal "Share Lent" collection this year due to the pandemic, Development & Peace is "running on fumes." Bishop Bergie has agreed to hold a collection in our diocese on the weekend of Oct. 31 - Nov. 1. D&P's main theme is **"Recovering Together."** Better still, become a monthly donor ("Share Year Round"); visit www.devp.org/give or call 1-888-235-8533 - the predictability of this income helps with planning programs farther into the future and even through disruptions. Also, there is an appeal for Lebanon and everyone can donate on the D&P website; the Canadian government will be matching funds. Ignore this notice if you have already donated last April of 2020. Thank you.

LIVE STREAM SERVICES ALL

Father Christopher has personally purchased the necessary equipment for going Live Stream from his cell phone to his Facebook account. Others can sign up to his page. (Details will be given if we get it up and running.) We are currently having issues with Wi-Fi, so this service is currently not available. We appreciate the feedback and suggestions of other options. Thank you.

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NEW FAMILY MASS

NEW ST. MARTIN'S FAMILY MASS

OPEN LETTER TO YOUNG FAMILIES.

“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.” Mark 9:37

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ.

I've already sent this welcoming invitation to you this week by the school. Here it is again in our parish bulletin. I'm delighted that our parish bulletin now reaches you through our school each Friday. We need to strengthen our triad of home, parish and school.

Our parish St. Martin of Tours will be adding a Sunday Mass just for families and children. This Mass will be geared for a child and youth audience and include youth participation. Currently Mass at 10:00 am has been filling up to the max capacity of 30%, making attendance in person difficult for families. Starting **Sunday, November 1, 2020** this new Mass will be at **11:30 am** every Sunday and will generally be between 30 – 40 minutes in length to ensure adherence to COVID protocols outlined by the Diocese.

Children's Liturgy will remain online for the time being. Mass has changed since many have last attended! As you enter the church, please wait to be seated by an usher – first come first served seating. Pews and seating are arranged to ensure distancing and the parish is disinfected after every Mass. Masks at St. Martin's are required per Niagara Region protocols. For more information, please check out the bulletin online.

<https://www.stmartinsparish.com/sundaybulletin>

God bless; and we can't wait to see you.
Shalom, Christopher+
Parish Priest.

PARISH MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED

What are Mass intentions?

One part of Catholic culture that is sometimes hard to understand and very often misunderstood is the custom of offering Mass intentions.

When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he *offers* each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention.

Similar to how we are able to intercede for others by our personal prayers, the Church is able to intercede for us through the celebration of the Mass. However, since the Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life” the Mass possess a power that our personal prayers do not.

What kind of intentions can I have?

You can have an intentions for a deceased loved one, friend or co-worker, etc.

You can have a Mass Intentions of the living, for special occasion like a birthday or anniversary.

You can have a Mass intentions of health and healing of someone who is experiencing a physical or mental health issue.

You can have a Mass intentions of said in Thanksgiving for answered prayer or anything that you are thankful for.

How do I get a Mass Intention?

You can simply write out your request and place it in an envelope labelled “**FAMILY MASS INTENTIONS**” and then place the envelope in the collection basket. Indicate if the intention if for the living or deceased, who the intention is for and from whom the intentions is from. Each Intention cost \$10, so you can place the fee in the envelope as well.

Examples:

1. RIP Jane Doe from John Doe
2. For the health and healing of Jane Doe from John Doe

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Responsibilities:

Readers: Prepare for the weekly readings by practicing the readings at home, arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass, introduce the Mass, first reading, psalm, second reading, prayers of the faithful. There can only be multiple readers if they are from the same household. (Gr 6 – 8 Students)

Ushers: Arrive to church 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass, ensure everyone who enters uses hand sanitizer at the entrance, is wearing a face mask, count the number of people coming in, ensure no one walks directly in and sits, direct families to their seats. Mask must be worn for this task. (Senior Students, Parents) Training will be provided.

Cleaners: Stay after mass, Disinfect pews where parishioners are seated. Generally takes approx. 10 – 15 minutes. (Parents) Training will be provided.

Musician: Arrive 15 to 20 minutes prior to the start of Mass to set up. Will play and sing a short opening song, preparation of the gift song, communion song and play and sing the parts of the Mass. Either a guitar or piano can be played. If you need assistance obtaining sheet music, please let us know.