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WHO REIGNS IN YOUR LIFE?

In all the Gospels, depending on the translation you use the word "kingdom" or "reign" and the phrase "kingdom of God" or "reign of God" appear numerous times. And like today's Gospel Reading it was an important topic of Jesus' discourses, and obviously an important concept that he wanted his disciples, and future generations, to understand.

Jesus used many parables as verbal visual aids to express the immensity, nature, and value of the Kingdom or Reign of God. These word pictures, such as a woman sweeping her house until she finds the missing coin, still communicate to us today, and at the same time, like the disciples, we need a further explanation to grasp the full significance of what Jesus is teaching regarding the Kingdom/Reign of God. The Holy Spirit is ever present to illuminate our minds and give us understanding, and hopefully, we all are investing time daily to read and meditate on sacred Scripture. Fortunately, the Holy Spirit has been actively illuminating the meaning of Scripture for over 2000 years and we can draw upon this history of understanding and interpretation to enhance and focus our own meditation. Three dimensions in which the Kingdom/Reign of God can be interpreted are:

- **Christological**—Wherein the Kingdom is a person. "Jesus himself is the Kingdom; the Kingdom is not a thing, it is not a geographical dominion like worldly kingdoms. It is a person; it is he. ...Jesus leads men to realize the overwhelming fact that in him God himself is present among them, that he is God's presence."
- **Idealistic or Mystical**—Wherein the Kingdom is a reflection of God's reign in us. "It sees man's interiority as the essential location of the Kingdom of God. ... The basic idea is clear: The 'Kingdom of God' is not to be found on any map. It is not a kingdom after the fashion of worldly kingdoms; it is located in man's inner being. It grows and radiates outward from the inner space."
- **Ecclesiastical**—Wherein the Kingdom/Reign of God is expressed in the Church. "But nineteenth- and early -twentieth century theology did tend to speak of the Church as the Kingdom of God on earth; the Church was regarded as the actual presence of the Kingdom within history."

As we meditate on the different statements of Jesus these three dimensions do shed light and help us understand what Jesus was emphasizing. Through them all though, is the presupposition that a Kingdom must have a King, and that King is Jesus. It presupposes that only one person can reign in the Kingdom, and that person should be Jesus not ourselves, or another.

Many of us have been baptized into his Kingdom as infants, some later in life, consequently it is easy to miss this concept and fail to answer the question, "Who is reigning in my life?" In one sense this reign comes about in our life gradually as this week's Gospel Reading may speak of, yet for many when we ask ourselves this question there comes a sudden awakening that we need to step aside and allow Jesus to be seated on the throne of our lives—to genuinely experience "God's actual sovereignty" in our life. His rule and reign is wonderful.

Emmaus Journey Reflections

Bishop of the Diocese
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Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00 a.m.
Wed @ 6:30 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
First Sunday of the Month
Reconciliation/Confessions
Sat 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. or on request

Baptism
Catechesis and appointment necessary

Marriage
Contact the parish office

Sacrament of the Sick
Please call the office

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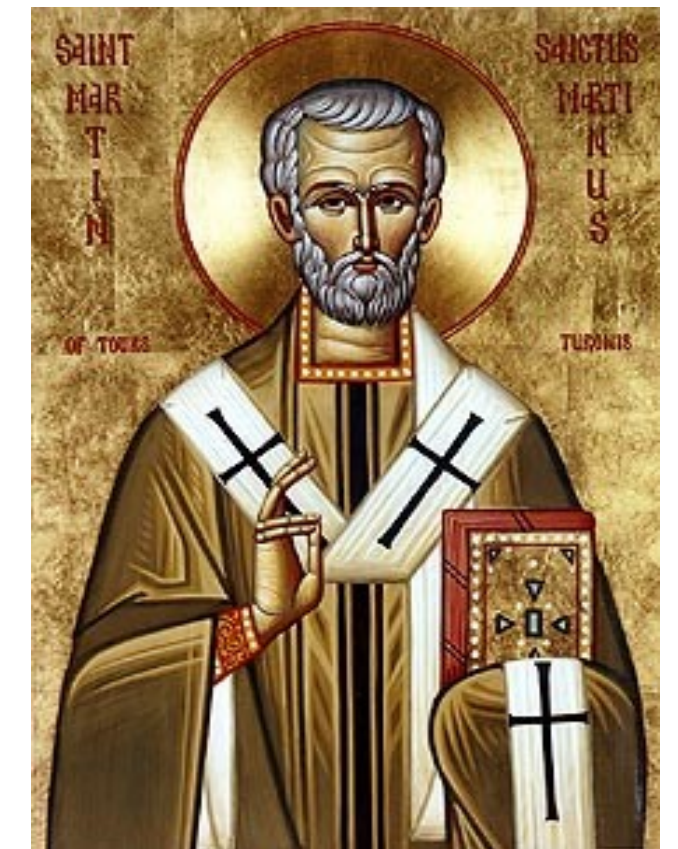
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Ministry Schedule - June 23/24

Hospitality Ministers

5:00 pm - Tony Mous
9:00 am - Marcel Pouliot
11:00 am - Helen & Andy Lipiec

Altar Servers

5:00 pm - Needed
9:00 am - Needed
11:00 am - Needed

Children's Liturgy

Alicia Tompkins

Next Hospitality Sunday

September 3rd

June 17, 2018

**The 11th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time**

Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Kelly Staples
#2 - Mitch Pogoda
9:00 am #1 - Sue Armstrong
#2 - Tom Richardson
11:00 am #1 - Mary Pikula
#2 - Deanne Long

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm - Doug, Maeve & Tom
9:00 am - Andrew, Caroline & Bea
11:00 am - Helen, Andy & Vern

Stewardship Counting

Helen Lipiec & Sandy Johnson

June 17, 2018

The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



*Lord, may the request of your people
rise before you like a fragrant offering*

Monday	June 18	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Fr. Obioma Anyanwu	by Vern & Josie Dell
		7:00 pm	Diocesan Council for Development and Peace Meeting, St. Catharines.	
Tuesday	June 19	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Louis Zych	by John & Mary Mojeski
Wednesday	June 20	6:30 pm	+For the reposes of the souls of departed loved ones	by Norrie Franko
Thursday	June 21	St. Aloysius Gonzaga		
		9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Annie Herbatck For the health and healing of Robert Schnaar	by Nancy Sawchuk by John & Ricky Mulder
Friday	June 22	9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Sean Robinson	by Marg & Dick Van Geest
Saturday	June 23	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist		
		5:00 pm	+For the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Mallia	by son Winston & Maria
Sunday	June 24	9:00 am	For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family	
		11:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Frank Modrzejewski	by family

FREE ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH PICNIC

Sunday June 24th after 11am Mass

Please join us for food, fellowship and fun for the entire family. An attendance sheet along with a volunteer list will be located in the church foyer after mass until June 17th. Volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated for the day of the event. We hope to see everyone there. Blessings for a safe and enjoyable summer holiday. This event is sponsored by PEG.

Please remember to bring your lawn chair.

Thank you, Parish Events Group.

YEAR END DEANERY MEETING

The Haldimand Deanery will gather Thursday, June 21, beginning at 5:00pm, at St. Michael The Archangel Church in Dunnville. Deanery meetings are opportunities to share and pull together our pastoral ideas for parish ministry.

WEEKEND MASSES SUMMER HOURS

On the weekend of July 1st we will begin our Summer Weekend Mass Time Schedule:

Saturday at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 10:00 am

SUMMER PARISH BULLETIN

We will be publishing one bulletin each month for July and August. If you would like anything in the July bulletin please have it sent to the office by June 26. A weekly bulletin is costly. We do need to trim expenses. Thank You.

ST. MARTIN'S WEBSITE

Don't forget to visit our website. You can find the bulletin, the Ministry Schedule and upcoming events there. It is updated every Thursday.

EDUCATION OF SEMINARIANS AND CLERGY

There will be a special diocesan collection is this weekend. For those who don't use offertory envelopes, special diocesan envelopes for this collection are made available at the front foyer. Your envelope can be dropped next weekend in the regular collection. Thank you.

GRIMSBY LIFE CENTRE

2018 LIFE CHANGE CAMPAIGN

Every day is Happy Father's Day when a Dad walks into the Centre, because fathers need help too. Healthy Moms and Dads make healthy, happy families. A growing 40% of our clients are male. Thank you so much for your participation in the Life Change campaign and for returning your baby bottles today or next week.

ACATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

"Maker Fun Factory:

July 23-27 from 9am - 12am

St. Martin of Tours will once again be running the Summer Vacation Bible School. This program is free for children between the ages of 5 to 10 years.

The Registration Forms are available at the St. Martin's Elementary School and here at the front church foyer.

The deadline for registration is June 25.

"Maker Fun Factory" gives the children: Bible-learning experiences, team-building games, cool Bible songs, creative crafts, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities. Children will discover how to see God in everyday life! Save the dates and come, experience the joy.

SUNDAY (WEEKEND) MINISTRIES

We apologize for the over-lapping of Ministries. Better if one serve only one ministry at a given Mass. We shall correct this for future scheduling.

As Summer approaches we realize that personal schedules change. If you are not able to fulfil your scheduled ministry, please do try to find a replacement.

Dress code is in effect for all Ministers. Please wear "Sunday Best" and dress appropriately for your given ministry. Thank you.

ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2017- JUNE 2018

ACADEMIC YEAR COMES TO A CLOSE

Final Upcoming School Events:

- Graduation Mass, Ceremony and Dance.
Tuesday, June 26, at 6:00pm.
- Year End School Mass
Thursday, June 28, 1:00pm

BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

Birthdays:

Krista Zonruiter – June 18
Carol Sorbara – June 19
Rick Legge/Amanda Abrams – June 20
Caitlyn Hutchinson – June 21
John Mataseje – June 23
Brook Gingras/Audrey Pogoda – June 24

Anniversaries:

Paul & Gayle Hutton – June 21
Chad & Carlee Alderson – June 22

PARISH STEWARDSHIP JUNE 9/10, 2018

Sunday Offering (74 Env): \$2,065.00
Loose: \$ 59.25
Late Facility Maintenance (2 Env): \$ 30.00

*Thank you for your tithe/stewardship.
God Bless.*

DIOCESAN PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Bergie has announced the following nominations, to take effect August 1 unless otherwise indicated:

Appointment of Pastors:

Fr. Michael Basque -- Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish, Thorold
Fr. Philip English -- St. Stephen Parish, Cayuga
Fr. Robert Hetu -- Paroisse Saere - Coeur, Welland, Paroisse Saint - Jean-de-Brebeuf, Port Colborne, and Paroisse Immaculee - Conception, St. Catharines. (November 1, 2018)

Fr. Stanley Ksciuk - St. Elizabeth Parish, Wainfleet
Fr. Krzysztof Szczepanik - St. Helen Parish, Beamsville
Also, Seminarian Daniel Corso has begun his internship at St. Joseph Parish, Grimsby (May 1, 2018 - August 19, 2019).

EUTHANASIA & ASSISTED SUICIDE

Are Laws allowing Euthanasia & Assisted Suicide Leading Society Down A Dangerous Path?

Assisted death is legal in five countries and six U.S. states. The state of Oregon was the first in 1997. In 2002 the Netherlands decriminalized voluntary euthanasia. Belgium legalized euthanasia the same year. Canada more recently in 2016. What is the long-term effect of these laws on society? Even Boudewijn Chabot, the grandfather of euthanasia in the Netherlands, speaks of a "worrisome culture shift."

Filmmaker Kevin Dunn travelled to the Netherlands, Belgium, the U.S. and Canada to speak with patients, doctors, lawmakers, and advocates from both sides of the debate. Should we be giving medical professionals the legal right to end their patient's lives? "Fatal Flaws" is a powerful tool to spread awareness about a dangerous culture shift that affects us all. Visit www.fatalflawfilm.com for more information and advance previews.