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GET READY

Welcome to Advent, the season to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus - born to us as Savior and Brother. It is a season to prepare for His return at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our individual judgment day is coming, too, when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our lifetimes. In other words, Advent is a steward's season!

Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, "Wake up! Get ready!" and offer us some practical advice as we enter into this season.

The Gospel, from Luke, warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord?

Get ready Christian stewards! He's coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder.

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Pastor
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen
Parish Priest

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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Sandy Johnson
Reconciliation/Confessions
By Appointment Only in COVID-19

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This position is now available.
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Parish Organizations
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SPECIAL YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH (Concludes December 8, 2021)

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

The Holy Rosary is recited before each weekday Mass beginning at 8:35 am.

Mon	Nov 29	9:00 am	+From the Book of Remembrance		
Tues	Nov 30	9:00 am	+From the Book of Remembrance		
		10:00 am	- 2:30 pm Priests of the Diocese Advent Day of Recollection	Virtual	Fr. Christopher
Wed	Dec 1	9:00 am	+Darren Mayhew	by Andrew & Verena Mayhew	Fr. Christopher
		10:30 am	- 12:pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions		Fr. Christopher
		6:30 pm	- 7:30 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour/Confessions/ Benediction		Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm	- 9:00 pm - Knights of Columbus General Meeting		
Thurs	Dec 2	9:00 am	+James Mayhew	by Andrew & Verena Mayhew	
		9:30 am	- 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group in the upper meeting room		
		7:00 pm	- 8: 00 pm Centre for Mental Health & Addiction (CMAH) Zoom Meeting		Fr. Christopher
Fri	Dec 3	7:30 am	- 8:30 am Paradisus Dei - That Man Is You: Virtual Rosary		Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am	For the health and healing of Mike Hornak	by Joan & Bob Hignett	
		9:30 am	- 10:30 am First Friday Eucharistic Holy Hour - Adoration and Benediction		Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm	- 9:00 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre		Fr. Christopher
Sat	Dec 4	8:30 am	- 10:00 am That Man is You - by Zoom. Paradisus Program (TMIY):		Fr. Christopher
		11:00 am	Sacrament of Confirmation		Bishop Bergie
			<i>The 2nd Sunday of Advent</i>		
Sat	Dec 4	5:00 pm	+Bruce Ecker	by the Newman Family	
Sun	Dec 5	10:00 am	+Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family		

E-TRANSFERS

These transfers are often referred to as **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.

Thank you for your stewardship.

Stewardship is given by in-person, E-Transfer and by mail. Unfortunately, not all are currently supporting our parish with their stewardship. Perhaps this gentle reminder will motivate you to give. Again, we continually thank those who are supportive weekly or monthly with their stewardship.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory Envelopes will be printed out next week. If you currently do not have a set of envelopes and would like a set, please call or email the office. Please do not use last years envelopes as your number may have been given to someone else.

ATTENTION: HOSPITALITY/COVID MINISTRY

Due to retirement, illness and surgery, we are in **dire** need of Hospitality/Covid Ministers. It is not a difficult task. If you could assist with this ministry, please call the office. Hospitality/COVID Ministers are required to be at Mass 30 minute prior to the beginning of Mass.

We can't open our doors to the public without this ministry in place.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling religious Christmas Cards outside of the church after the Masses on November 27 and 28 and December 4 and 5. Cards are \$10/Box of 10 cards.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE AND CARITAS PEOPLE AND PLANET FIRST

This year, Development and Peace's **"People and Planet First"** campaign invites you to stand in solidarity with them and celebrate their work! Engaging and informative resources can be found on the website, devp.org.

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Saturday December 4, 2021 - 11 am.

Parent(s) and Candidate only in attendance. Seating must be completed by 10:50 am. All are requested to arrive on time and maintain your physical distance. Masks are required.

A stewardship offering is asked for to help defray the costs of Confirmation. Thank you for your co-operation with all of the above.

COVID PROTOCOLS FOR MEETINGS IN THE HALL

As churches are now allowed to have meetings, the following Covid Protocol must be adhered to during Phase 3 of Ontario's reopening plans:

- Capacity restricted to 25 indoors and 100 outdoors.
- Face Masks must be worn at all times.
- 6 feet physical distance must be maintained before, during and after all meetings.
- Sanitize hands upon entering the building
- One person to sign people in with date, name and phone number of all attendees. This Covid contact list must be kept for 6 years.
- The kitchen cannot be used.
- All tables & chairs to be returned to the storage area.
- Proof of vaccine is not required for closed
- Meeting with a maximum of 25 people.
- Proof of vaccine and photo ID is required for open meetings and receptions.
- As we slowly move into the late fall and early winter months we are highly recommending meetings to take place virtually, by zoom.
- We are also troubled that individuals will attend a meeting but not attend Sunday Mass?
- Gathering after Mass outside the physical distance
- protocol (6 Feet) must be maintained.
- Please refrain from hugging others even if outside

ONLINE CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS BACK!

This weekly email contains a reading, video and more, right to your inbox every Sunday. We are monitoring the situation and are hopeful to return to in person in the new year – stay tuned. If you would like to receive the online Children's Liturgy, please send an email to the parish office at st.martins@cogeco.ca to get added to the list!