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UNITY

In a world noted for divisions between people, Jesus' statement that, "I and the Father are one," stands out in stark contrast. Oneness is the hallmark of the Divine relationship, disunity is the hallmark of humankind's relationships. Wherever we look in the world, division and hostility is rampant; nation against nation, culture against culture, race against race, individual against individual, and even Christian against Christian. Everywhere we look people are attempting to establish their value by devaluing others, and to establish their prosperity at the cost of others. In the midst of all this hatred, Jesus stands in stark contrast declaring that unity and oneness define his eternal relationship with the Father.

From the beginning Christ offered the world a chance to unite as one. Though Christianity was born from within Judaism, Christ had forever intended to be a light for the Gentiles as well. People who previously would have had little or nothing to do with one another are made one in Christ. Jesus did not do this by making the Gentile, Jewish, nor by requiring the Jew to become like the Gentile. He brought about this unity by making of the two, one new being. When either Jew or Gentile puts their faith in Christ and accepts salvation through him, they become citizens in spirit of a New Kingdom. The Trinity's distinguishing characteristic of unity offers hope of peace to a world of fractured relationships - however the world can only learn the reality of this oneness by observing the unity that exists within his body.

The way Christians relate to one another is often more of a scandal than a testimony of hope, and often functions as a detour sign rather than a sign post pointing clearly to Christ. The roots of this disunity are planted in the soil of fear and nourished by the manure of pride and self-righteousness. In disunity our gaze is focused primarily on the differences of others, and upon the supposed perfection of our own position. However, the roots of unity are planted in the Holy Spirit and nourished by the light of the Father's love and the reality of Christ's passion. In everlasting gratitude, our gaze should be shifted both from the differences of others and from our own supposed perfection. Instead we should focus on Christ's dwelling within the other believer, and on the reality that Jesus values the other members of his body so much that he willingly died for them. To speak and act hatefully toward a believer of a different theological persuasion than our own is to speak and act hatefully towards the temple of the Holy Spirit.

We collectively are his sheep. We may have wool coats of various colors and textures but his Spirit dwells within each of us, and that is what makes us sheep. Let's determine to hear his voice and follow him, and to not focus on our non-essential differences. In so doing we will both experience and manifest that perfect unity which the Son has with the Father and we will not only provide a living message of hope for the world but also find ourselves more unified in our beliefs.

Emmaus Journey Reflections

Bishop of the Diocese
Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.
Diocesan Website: www.saintcd.com

Pastor
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.
Diocesan Social Justice Rep

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

Weekday Masses
Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
See bulletin for schedule

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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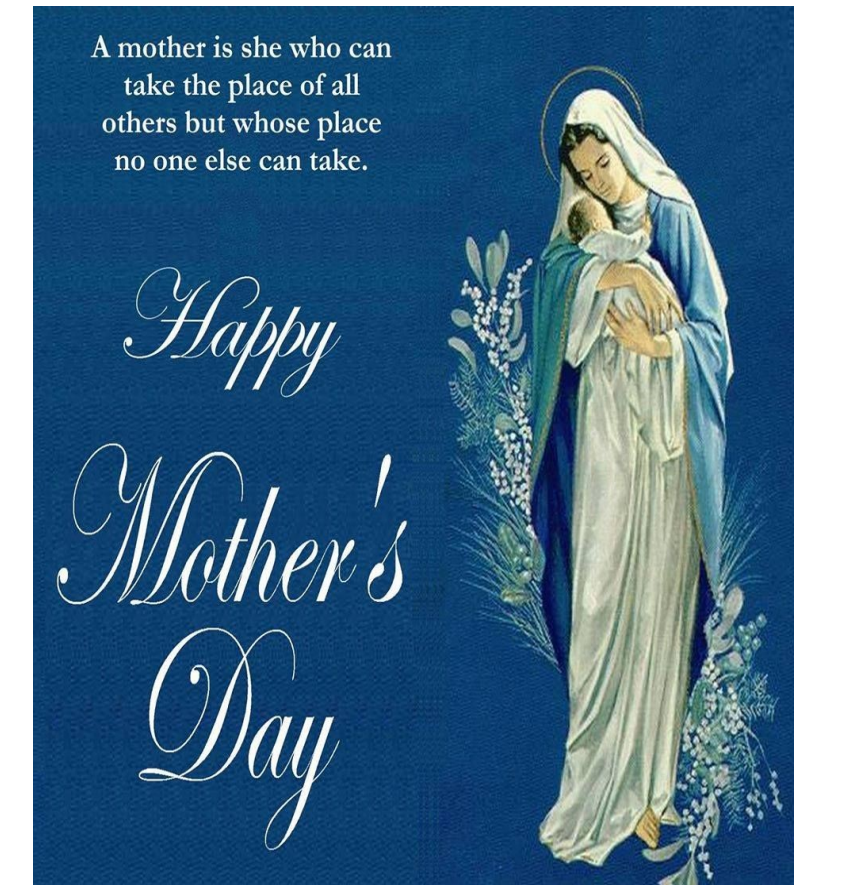
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Ministry Schedule - May 18/19

Hospitality Ministers
5:00 pm - Tony M & Sharon R
10:00 am - Helen & Andy Lipiec

Altar Servers
5:00pm -
10:00 am -

Children's Liturgy
Rose Koshy

Next Hospitality Sunday
June 2

May 12, 2019

The 4th Sunday of Easter

Lectors
5:00 pm #1 - Mitch Pogoda
#2 - Katrina Shields
10:00 am #1 - Tom Richardson
#2 - Mary Pikula

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 pm - Yolanda & Tom
10:00 am - Nick, Paula & Bianca

Stewardship Counting
Elaine Parry & James Gunn

May 12, 2019

The 4th Sunday of Easter - Year C

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Monday	May 13	NO PARISH MASS TODAY - Fr Christopher's day off / Private Mass + Joy Leask (Ann)	
Tuesday	May 14	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Henry Pikula +For the repose of the soul of Dave Harris	by Mary Leo by Bob & Joan Hignett
Wednesday	May 15	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Mary Fedorik	by family
Thursday	May 16	9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Andy Wirth and the special Intentions of Pat Wirth 5:00 pm 10:00 pm Acts Men's Retreat Team Mississauga	by Sandra Mactaggart Father Christopher
Friday	May 17	9:00 am For the salvation of the Lewis family St. Martin Catholic Elementary School Staff participating at Mass - Welcome!	by Pauline Lewis
Saturday	May 18	The 5th Sunday of Easter 5:00 pm For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family	
Sunday	May 19	10:00 am For the special intentions of Vern Dell +For the repose of the soul of William Ross	by Josie Dell by the Chorley family

UPCOMING IMPORTANT CELEBRATIONS

- CWL Diocesan Convention Mass**
Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m.
St. Alfred Church
- Convention: Wednesday, May 22**
Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway
Conference Centre.
- Wedding Celebration - May 25, 2:00 pm**
Anna-Maria Steger & Paul Robert Grant.
- Acts19 Men's Retreat - May 30 - June 2**

THANK YOU PAULINE LEWIS

Since 2006, Pauline Lewis has been instrumental in making our sanctuary beautiful through her talent with floral decorating. After a making a painful decision due to health challenges Pauline has had to resign from this ministry. We would like to thank her for all her many years of dedicated serve to St. Martin of Tours; and for all she has given of her time, talent and treasury.

She's a shining witness and an example of a Disciple of Christ. We suggest that Pauline be honoured this weekend at our "Fellowship Sunday Gathering" (former Coffee Social) in the parish hall. We invite you to personally give her a card of thanks. A parish gift will be given as a sign of our thanks and continued affection for Pauline.

*The Lord, bless and keep you Pauline .
The Lord, let His face shine upon You; and be
gracious to You. May He give You His Peace.*

(NEW) YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST.MARTIN'S

Youth Group Ages 12-14

Group will meet bi-weekly centered around the 5:00pm Mass and engage in a number of activities following Mass in the parish hall and in the community.

Next Gatherings:

- May 25** Hike, Pizza, Picnic Activity Planning
- June 1** Mass, BBQ, Outdoor Games
- June 15** Mass, Laser Tag, Pizza
- June 23** Mass, Parish Picnic, Run Activities

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The staff and Grade 2 students of St. Martin Catholic School would like to sincerely thank all those involved in the First Holy Communion celebrations. We are thankful for the guidance from Father Christopher and the help of Norrie Franko, the altar servers, Eucharistic and Hospitality Ministers. We also appreciate the special receptions hosted by the PEG Committee and the lovely Communion pins gifted by the CWL.

Kate Jeffrey

LOAF OF BREAD PROGRAMME

West Lincoln Loaf of Bread Programme is currently at St. Ann's Community Church. Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Chris Frere at cfrere@vaxxine.com or call 905-957-1760.

CATHEDRAL APPEAL

FORWARD IN FAITH

Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria

An extensive restoration project for our Cathedral has been underway since the Fall of 2018. Since the Cathedral is the "Mother Church" of the 44 parishes that make up our diocese, you have an opportunity to play a part in restoring, revitalizing, renewing and rejuvenating our Cathedral. This weekend, across the diocese, we are launching our Cathedral Appeal. This appeal for our Cathedral needs the support of many to reach it's overall target of \$1.2 million.

The set target for St. Martin of Tours Church is \$6,500.00.

With Bishop Bergie, we ask that you prayerfully consider donating to this project. As you leave our church today, you will be personally handed a Cathedral Appeal Brochure and everything you need for your consideration in making a pledge/donation. Thank you for your generosity.

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR PLEDGE FORM
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. GOD BLESS.**

RECENT BAPTISMS MAY 12, 2019

Amy Elizabeth Mous-Hili
Carsyn Bea Hardy

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, May 12, 3:00pm

HOLY HOUR to PRAY for VOCATIONS

Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria.

Sunday, May 12 is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We will gather, under the leadership of Bishop Bergie, from all over the diocese, to pray for vocations to the priesthood, especially from and for our diocese and for vocations to the diaconate. And we shall intercede for vocations to the religious life. May the Lord touch the hearts of many young men and women to consecrate themselves completely and exclusively to Christ and the service of His holy people. May the Lord bless all married and single persons in their vocations.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

May 4/5

Sunday Offertory (81 Env):	\$ 2,090.00
Loose:	\$ 84.00
Facility Maintenance (50 Env):	\$ 700.00
Loose:	\$ 28.40
Late Easter Offering (1 Env)	\$ 20.00
First Holy Communion (2)	\$ 749.30
Weekly Budget	\$ 2,100.00
Parish Debt	\$ 23,774.25

Thank you for your faithful stewardship

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

**Where would we be
without our mother's love?
Lord, bless our mothers with wisdom
to teach and guide their children
in a way that will help them to follow You
and to become men and women
who will be pleasing in Your sight.**

**Give all mothers the patience
to deal with the difficulties of their job
and most of all, give them a special
blessing as they care so lovingly
for the gifts that You have allowed them
the honor of raising. Amen**

ACTS19 RETREAT

Adoration, Community, Theology, Service

A parish ACTS Retreat strives to achieve the directives of the Second Vatican Council.

*It is a powerful community
building experience.*

Next Men's Acts Retreat

**Thurs May 30, 7:00pm to Sun June 2, 1:00 pm
Queen of Apostles Mississauga.**

If you are interested in the Men's Retreat speak with Father Christopher or email him at:

fr.christopher@hotmail.com

GENTLE REMINDERS

Bulletin notices or pulpit announcements must be submitted in writing by Tuesday of each week. Bulletin and pulpit announcements are prepared Thursday morning. Please give us notice of upcoming events weeks in advance so that we can encourage full participation. Appointments with Father Christopher need to be scheduled. Before Mass is preparation; and after Mass is meet and greet only. Thank You!