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### DISCIPLESHIP LAUNCH DAY

On this Feast of the Ascension, we celebrate Christ's triumphant return to the Father after perfectly accomplishing His mission on earth. But we also can also view this Feast as a celebration of the "launch day" of our commissioning as Christ's disciples.

Today's Gospel draws our attention to the clear instructions that Jesus gave His disciples (and to us) just before ascending to the Father: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Embracing a stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the use of time, talent and treasure, helps us to live in such a way that our very lives speak as a witness of the Good News of the Gospel. While we take time to reflect and renew our commitments in these three areas annually as a parish family, it is of great benefit to take some time individually throughout the year to take stock of the commitments we have made — looking at both our strengths and our need for continued growth in each area.

On this Feast of our "launch day," take some time to celebrate your victories as Christ's disciples and renew your commitment to remain faithful to Him and the unique mission He has entrusted to you!

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**Pastor**  
Very Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen  
Parish Priest / Vicar Forane  
(Dean of Haldimand)

**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**  
**Financial Recorder**  
Sandy Johnson

**Reconciliation/Confessions**  
Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

**Requesting Sacraments**  
Must be registered and practicing  
Call office for details

**St Martin Elementary School**  
Phone 905-957-3032

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**May 29, 2022 - Year C**  
**The Ascension**  
**of the Lord**

May 29, 2022

## The Ascension of the Lord - Year C MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Recitation of the Holy Rosary takes place before each Weekday Mass beginning at 8:35 am

Mon	May 30	NO PARISH MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - PRIESTS RETREAT	
Tues	May 31	NO PARISH MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - PRIESTS RETREAT	
Wed	June 1	NO PARISH MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - PRIESTS RETREAT	
		7:00 pm	KOC General Meeting
Thurs	June 2	9:00 am	+Sean Robinson (25th Anniversary) by Marg & Dick Van Geest +Martha Devlin (1st Anniversary) by Fr. Christopher
		9:30 am	- 10:30 am Bible Study Group in the Crying Room
Fri	June 3	7:30 am	- 8:15 am That Man Is You- Paradisus Dei -Men's Rosary Group Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am	For the special intentions of the people of Ukraine by the Newman family
		8:30 am	- 10:00 am First Friday Holy Hour with Adoration, Exposition and Benediction
		10:30 am	- 12 Noon Pastoral Home Visits for those who registered. Fr. Christopher
		7:30 pm	- 9:00 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre Fr. Christopher
Sat	June 4	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	
		4:00 pm	- 4:30 pm Sacrament of Penance ( Confessions) Please wear a mask in the confessional
		5:00 pm	+Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family
Sun	June 5	10:00 am	For the special intentions of Barb Joyner by Julie Notarianni

### 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.

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY: FAITH-FILLED YOUNG PEOPLE

"We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, at 1 pm the courage that faith generates and the dedication to service."

### MASS INTENTION REQUESTED DATE.

Please give at least three months notice for special dates as we try to accommodate your request. Some dates are a year in advance. Thank you.

### DIOCESAN PRIESTLY RETREAT

**Monday, May 30 TO  
Wednesday June 1, 2022**

No parish Masses will be celebrated these days. Week Mass will return on Thursday, June 2. Please remember Bishop Bergie and the Priests of our Diocese in your prayers for a successful retreat. Two days are virtual and the last day is in-person.

Retreat director is Dr. Josephine Lombardi Ph.D. Associate Professor, Systematic and Pastoral Theology, Director of Lay Formation, St. Augustine Seminary.

### UPCOMING BAPTISMS

Declan Hore - June 5 at 11:15 am  
Alexandria Lukafzyk - June 12 at 12 noon  
Benjamin Grant - June 12 at 1 pm  
Athena Vieira - June 26 at 1 pm

### SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass has now been reinstated for the first time since March 2020. Most people have resumed a wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. Therefore, the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays no longer apply.

The 'Virtual viewing' of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation, yet live-streamed Masses may be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example, those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply.

The Church's Canon Law 1247 obliges Catholics "to participate in the Mass on Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church subsequently adds exceptions to this prescription: "unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their pastor."

We now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person. Come Home, to the Mass.

### THE POPES PASTORAL WORKS May 26

This Collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's pence: donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need. Two thirds of the collections is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church. Information about how Peter's pence is used, as well as donations in response to Canon 1271, is available in the Holy See's yearly financial report.

### VOTING AS CATHOLICS: Election Guide Voting: A Right and Responsibility.

Please visit the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops website for guidelines on voting.

[https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/2019\\_Federal\\_Election\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/2019_Federal_Election_Guide.pdf)

### WEARING OF MASKS SANITIZING OF HANDS

We are appealing to all who attend Mass here, in the public space that is St. Martin Church, to consider wearing their masks and sanitizing their hands.

While it is not compulsory to do so, we are making it a justifiable recommendation out of respect for the safety of, and sensitivity toward other worshippers who have health issues.

Thank you for your und