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STAY AWAKE

Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, key to living the stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us.

Jesus teaches the importance of wisdom in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of ten virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them in to the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The stewardship way of life - with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our Time, Talents and Treasure - is the "oil" that we keep with us at all times. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom.

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Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am
Sunday 11:30 am Family Mass

Weekday Masses

See Schedule on the inside of the bulletin

In Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Father Christopher personally continues
office hours after this period

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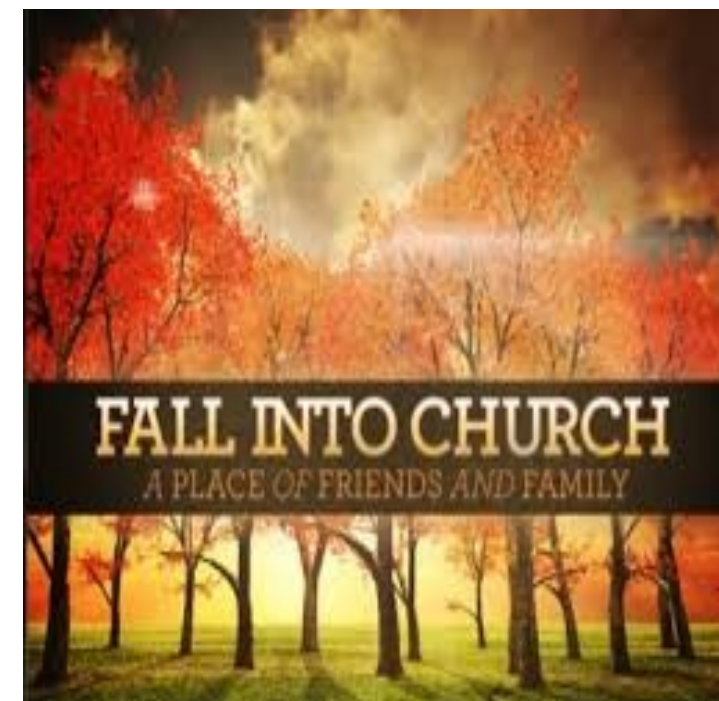
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November 8, 2020
Year A
**The 32nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

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The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Nov 9	9:00 am	For the health and healing of Bob Hignett	by Andy & Helen Lipiec
Tues	Nov 10	9:00 am	For a Mass of Thanksgiving	by Rose Koshy
Wed	Nov 11	9:00 am	+John & Regina Newman	by the Newman family
		10:30 am	- 5:00 pm - Gethsemane Center Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
			Father Christopher celebrant. Confessions and Counselling if required.	
Thurs	Nov 12	8:45 am	For the health and healing of Bob Hignett	by Joan Hignett
		9:30 am	- 11:30 am Ontario Bishops' Social Affairs Commission Zoom Meeting	Fr. Christopher
Fri	Nov 13	9:00 am	+For the repose of "All Souls" named in our Book of Remembrance	
		10:30 am	- 12:30 pm Pastoral Home Visits by Father Christopher	
		7:30 pm	- 9:30 pm Praise and Worship Gethsemane Centre Wellandport - Register if attending	
		8:00 pm	- 9:30 pm. Addiction Counselling meeting East Hamilton - Father Christopher	
Sat	Nov 14	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
		5:00 pm	+Jose Cordeiro & Escolastica & Jacinto Melo	by Mr & Mrs Melo
Sun	Nov 15	10:00 am	Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
		11:30 am	Family Mass Intention available.	

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.

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Sat - 8:00 am & 9:30 am

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www.dailytvmass.com

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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. Also, to those who have begun with E-Transfers.

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.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE IN NOVEMBER

Due to Covid -19 our Book of Remembrance will not be displayed in public view. It will be placed on the altar. Several Masses throughout November will be celebrated for All Souls. We thank you for offering your loved ones to our prayers and Eucharist.

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS

Religious Christmas Cards are available this year through the Knights of Columbus. If interested please call Ron Roscovich at:

905-386-0648

CONFIRMATION 2020

Under strict Covid-19 protocols the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Saturday, November 28, at 10:00 am. Confirmation candidates and parents only will take part in the celebration. Sponsors are required but will not be allowed to attend.

Thursday, November 26, at 7:00pm there will be a rehearsal. Candidates and parents MUST attend. A letter to the candidates and parents will be sent next week. Thank you.

CATHEDRAL APPEAL UPDATE

As we move into the final month of our eighteen-month Cathedral Appeal, it is timely that we take a look at where we have been as a diocesan family and count our blessings, in the midst of the world that looks very different from when we began.

We launched our Cathedral Appeal in May of 2019, and as of October 30, 2020, our appeal has raised \$1,217,018.88 in cash donations and \$21,690.00 in pledges. This brings our **total raised to \$1,238,708.88** or 103% of our \$1,200,000 goal. We continue to thank God for the generosity of so many and for this wonderful achievement.

As with every project, unexpected expenses did arise along the way as necessary repairs were only discovered once the work began. Early on it was discovered that the exterior stonework required repair as there was water leaking into the Cathedral, preventing restoration work from moving forward. This expense was approximately \$200,000. There was also the break-in at the Cathedral and the removal of the tabernacle, requiring the installation of video cameras. These are just a couple of examples.

So, we appeal to you again, in these challenging times. Could this be the time that you too play a part in this historic event and undertaking in our diocese?

Visit us at www.saintcd.com/appeal or make a donation at your church marked "Cathedral Appeal." Once again, thank you to all and may God bless 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 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 pews are 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>

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.