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FOCUS ON ETERNITY

Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward - hope. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817)." In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life - focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his hope-filled disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded, and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope - the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.

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Pastor
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen
P.P.

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

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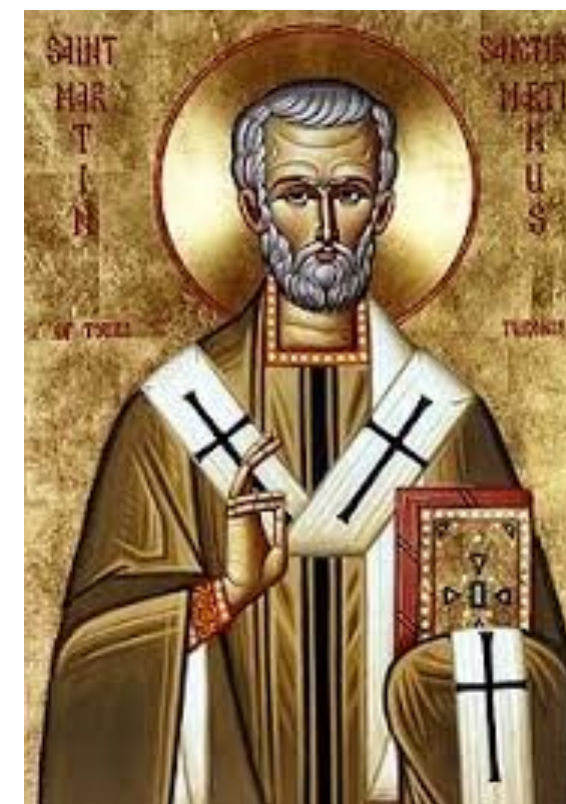
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February 13, 2022 - Year - C
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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Feb 14	NO PARISH MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Feb 15	9:00 am +Maria deFatima Pais 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Synod Preparation Meeting 4	by Family Fr. Christopher & Team by the Newman Family
Wed	Feb 16	9:00 am +John & Regina Newman 10:30 am - 12:pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions	Fr. Christopher by the Newman family
Thurs	Feb 17	9:00 am +James & Teresa Bolton 9:30 am - 10:30 am Bible Study Group in the Crying Room	
Fri	Feb 18	7:30 am - 8:15 am That Man Is You- Paradisus Dei -Men's Rosary Group 9:00 am +Marie Hrycko 10:30 am - 12 Noon Pastoral Home Visits for those who registered. 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre	Fr. Christopher by Helen & Andy Lipiec Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Sat	Feb 19	The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) available at this time. 5:00 pm +Ted & John Wisniewski by Joan Wisniewski	
Sun	Feb 20	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

E-TRANSFERS

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul.

We have only a few Mass Intentions for February and going forward. Please consider requesting a Mass for a loved one. Call the office or leave your requests in the collection basket. Thank you

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

CARITAS CANADA

"People and Planet First." In the fall, Canadians learned how environmental and human rights activists in the Global South are often criminalized when they oppose powerful business interests. A petition was signed calling on the government to enact a law compelling companies to prevent and remedy human and environmental rights violations across their global operations. This Lent, let us stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who have long suffered the effects of the climate crisis. SHARE LENT is Development and Peace's moment of solidarity, when we raise funds in parishes across Canada to support our mission.

Save the Date for the upcoming diocesan workshops: St. Catharines - Saturday, February 12, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Hamilton - Wednesday, February 16, 7:00 p.m. London - Thursday, February 17, 7:00 p.m. People are welcome to join another region's workshops. To register for the St. Catharines workshop, go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcuc-CrQTMtEtY40fkI91-R0Hdeg275LxJM>

2021 PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

We thank the Parish Financial Council for approving the Financial Report for 2021. Again, thank you for your stewardship. The Report is available this weekend after Mass and can be requested by email.

THE SYNOD AT ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

Pope Francis has invited you to participate in a Synod Listening Session and now, Synod Listening Session Dates are available for you to Sign Up! There are both online and in person sessions (in line with Provincial requirements). You are asked to only sign up for ONE session only.

Got Questions, we got answers:

1. What's involved in a Synod Listening Session? Listening sessions involve 6 – 9 participants sharing their answers to 6 core questions. Sessions take about 2.5 – 3.5 hours to complete and will either be online or in person.

2. How is this different than the Diocese Discernment Process?

The Discernment process focused on very tactical objectives parishes could employ to move from maintenance mode to mission. These objectives are still alive today, although some have been hindered by the pandemic. The Synod questions are focused on understanding the connection of our faith journey with the Universal Catholic Church.

3. What's in it for me?

This is YOUR opportunity to share your thoughts and feelings about the Catholic Church as a whole. Rarely are we afforded this opportunity and have been delivered to the Pope. By participating in these sessions, you may also find a renewed sense of the Holy Spirit and a rekindled hope in the Church.

4. Who can participate?

Any Catholic!

5. I am new to St. Martin's or I'm not a practicing Catholic – can I still sign up?

Yes! All Catholics – practicing and non-practicing, new and old can participate. We ask only that you participate in one session.

6. How do I sign up?

To sign up, please click on the following [Sign Up Link](#) and sign up for one session, or call the office at 289-956-0221 or email at st.martins@cogeco.ca

Parish Synod Facilitators are:

Lisa Poort, Paula Verrecchia, Sandy Johnson.

A GENTLE REMINDER

Masks must be worn at all times when in our buildings. That includes all gatherings and meetings. Food & Drinks are not permitted.

Thank you.

JANUARY 20, 2022 - COVID-19 UPDATE

Yesterday, the Government of Ontario announced a three-phase timeframe for decreasing COVID-19 restrictions. In light of the announcement:

- As of Mon. Jan. 31, 2022, Chancery and parishes offices will re-open.
- Since we are not requiring proof of vaccination for church attendance, capacity limits will remain unchanged (33%). This capacity limit will remain in place at least until March 14, 2022.
- For church attendance, physical distancing and face coverings are required. Contact tracing is required where necessary.
- COVID tests kits are currently unavailable. Every one is responsible to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms. If a person is symptomatic, they are to assume they are infected with COVID-19 and must self-isolate.
- Anyone who is fully vaccinated must self-isolate for a min. of 5 days; anyone not fully vaccinated must self-isolate for a min. of 10 days. The self-isolation may end after this time provided the person is symptom-free.
- Ash Wednesday (Mar. 2, 2022) must proceed as they did last year. The Vatican guideline is that the ashes be sprinkled on each person's head rather than the local custom of making the sign of the cross on the forehead with ashes.

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.