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**CALL TO BE A SAINT**

On this Feast of All Saints, we have the profound joy of celebrating our big brothers and sisters in Christ: the saints! This is an especially meaningful feast for us as Christian stewards.

At our Baptism, we all receive the call to holiness and discipleship - in other words, the call to sainthood. If we wish to go to Heaven, we must strive to become saints! Thankfully, through the stewardship way of life, we can each discover our unique path to do just that.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus reveals His Beatitudes. In them, our Lord lays out the characteristics that mark His disciples, His saints-in-the-making. As we examine, tweak, and update our commitments to the stewardship way of life, we must always keep these Beatitudes in mind as a measure of our progress towards saintliness.

The "blessed" that our Lord speaks of are not the different types of good people who get to go to Heaven. Rather, the "blessed" are the characteristics of the disciples of Christ. These characteristics - poor in spirit, mourners, meek, hungry and thirsting for righteousness, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers, persecuted for the sake of righteousness, and insulted - can only be obtained with an abundance of grace. But we are children of God, so we have access to the infinite treasury of God's grace.

Armed with that grace and the stewardship way of life, we can have firm hope that one day we will join our big brothers and sisters in the never-ending joys and celebration of Heaven.

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**Pastor**  
 Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.

**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

**Office hours**  
**Tuesday & Thursday**  
**9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Administrative Assistant**  
 Sandy Johnson

**Financial Recorder**  
 Tracy Piggott

**Reconciliation/Confessions**  
 By Appointment Only

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

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

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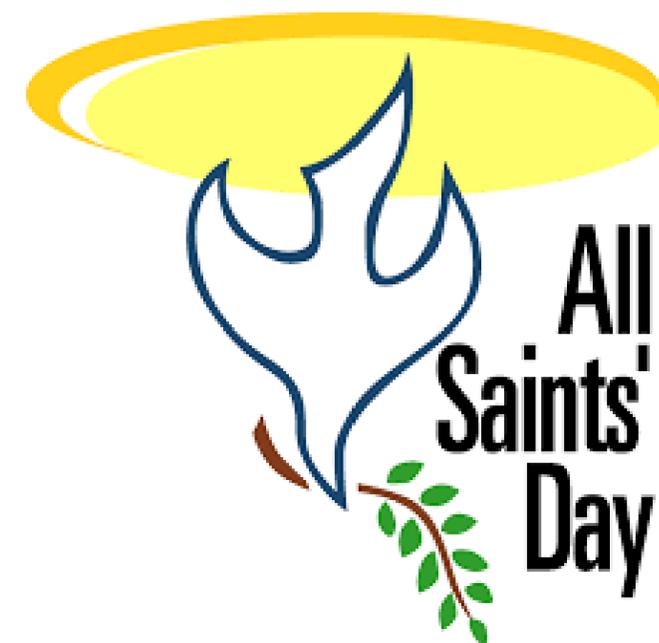
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**November 1, 2020 - Year A**

**All Saints**

# November 1, 2020

## All Saints - Year A

### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Nov 2	9:00 am +For All Souls - Book of Remembrance - All Souls Envelopes) 11:00 am All Souls Day - Memorial Service at Victoria Lawn Cemetery	Fr. Christopher by Rose Koshy
Tues	Nov 3	9:00 am For a Mass of Thanksgiving	by the Newman family
Wed	Nov 4	9:00 am +John & Regina Newman 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 5	9:00 am +For the repose of All Souls named in our Book of Remembrance - All Souls Envelopes)	
Fri	Nov 6	9:00 am +Jose Martins 10:30 am - 2:30 pm Pastoral Home Visits 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Praise and Worship Gethsemane Centre Wellandport - Register if attending	by Maria Martins Father Christopher
Sat	Nov 7	<b>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5:00 pm Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Nov 8	10:00 am +Joe Terpstra 11:30 am <b>FAMILY MASS</b> - (For All Souls - Book of Remembrance - All Souls Envelopes) 2:00 pm Celebration of Baptism of Alanah Hantal-Ganen and Adrian Gonzalez	by Sherri DeWilde

#### 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](http://www.saintcd.com) or on **YouTube**

##### **St. Joseph's Parish Grimsby.**

Follow on **Face Book** or their website:

[Stjosephgrimsby.ca](http://Stjosephgrimsby.ca)

##### **Vision TV:**

Sun - 8:00 am

Mon - Fri - 8:00 am & 12:00 pm

Sat - 8:00 am & 9:30 am

##### **Salt + Light:**

Sun - 11:00 am & 10:30 pm

Mon - Sat - 6:30 am, 11:00 am,  
3:00 pm, 10:30 pm

##### **yesTV:**

Sun - 10:30 am

Mon - Sat - 1:00 pm

##### **Internet :**

[www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com)

[www.youtube.com/dailytvmass](http://www.youtube.com/dailytvmass)

#### 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](mailto: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.

#### ADORATION/EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

We thank those individuals that availed of our time of Eucharistic Adoration before weekday Masses. This is now discontinued as we enter into late fall and the coming winter and with that comes flu season. In keeping with Public Health protocols it is best that we not gather for long durations of time before the public celebration of Mass. There will be other opportunities for prayer as we move forward.

#### CHURCH OPENINGS DURING THE WEEK

A gentle reminder that church doors open during the week at 8:50 am.

#### COVID-19 AND PARISH STEWARDSHIP

While the situation of COVID-19 continues to develop in our Olives 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.

#### PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The 2019 Financial Statement is available upon request. We can send it to you via email. Due to Covid-19 and Lockdown we are late in offering you this annual statement.

#### 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.

#### 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

#### 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.

#### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

##### CARITAS CANADA

As there was no formal "Share Lent" collection this year due to the pandemic, Development & Peace is "running on fumes." Bishop Bergie has agreed to hold a collection in our diocese on the weekend of Oct. 31 - Nov. 1. D&P's main theme is **"Recovering Together."** Better still, become a monthly donor ("Share Year Round"); visit [www.devp.org/give](http://www.devp.org/give) or call 1-888-235-8533 - the predictability of this income helps with planning programs farther into the future and even through disruptions. Also, there is an appeal for Lebanon and everyone can donate on the D&P website; the Canadian government will be matching funds. Ignore this notice if you have already donated last April of 2020. Thank you.

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We have now completed the celebration of First Holy Communion which was postponed due to lockdown last Spring. First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for Grade 2 will be addressed in the new year of 2021.

#### 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.**

**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.