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CLARIFICATION ON THE USE OF GLUTEN REDUCED HOSTS DURING EUCHARIST

On July 8, 2017 a clarification was issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, regarding the use of the bread used for the Eucharist. The clarification had been requested by Pope Francis, in part regarding the use of gluten reduced altar breads.

Several parishioners have asked me about this issue, as our parish makes use of gluten reduced altar breads. I have therefore read the clarification, and am pleased to announce that our parish is in complete accordance to the wish of Pope Francis and the requirements for using these altar breads.

The following section applies to our parish of St. Martin of Tours, and other parishes who make use of low-gluten altar breads:

“Hosts that are completely gluten-free are invalid matter for the celebration of the Eucharist. Low-gluten hosts (partially gluten-free) are valid matter. Provided they contain a sufficient amount of gluten to obtain the confection of bread without the addition of foreign materials and without the use of procedures that would alter the nature of bread.” (A. 1-2)

In other words, we can use the gluten reduced or low-gluten altar breads that we have here. The breads we use are 94 % gluten-free. They are made by the Sisters of the Precious Blood in Hamilton, Ontario. They have been properly approved for use in Canada.

We continue to use these hosts to meet the need of parishioners and visitors. By way of reminder, those who wish Holy Communion as a low-gluten host need to:

- ♦ join in the Communion line.
- ♦ approach either the Priest or a Eucharistic Minister who has a ciborium.
- ♦ say to the Priest or Eucharistic Minister either “gluten” or “gluten free”.
- ♦ the Priest or Eucharistic Minister will pick up the gluten reduced ciborium, will hold it in front of you and say “the Body of Christ”.
- ♦ bow your head in respect, say “Amen”, pick up a host from the gluten reduced ciborium with your fingers, and consume it.
- ♦ continue either by receiving the Blood of Christ and returning to your place, or by returning directly to your place.

If you have questions, please free to ask.

Submitted by Father Brian Bevan, Parish Priest.

Bishop of the Diocese
of St. Catharines
Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.

Pastor
Father Brian Bevan

Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses
Listed inside bulletin

Exposition and Benediction
Listed inside bulletin

Reconciliation/Confessions
Listed inside bulletin
Or by request

Baptism
Sunday by appointment

Marriage
Contact Fr. Brian Bevan

Sacrament of the Sick
Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins
Please call the office

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July 23, 2017
The 16th Sunday
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Monday	July 24	9:00 am	+For the peaceful rest of Ruben Anthes	by Grandma Eigner & family
Tuesday	July 25	<i>St. James the greater, apostle</i> 9:00 am	For the intentions of Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick	
Wednesday	July 26	<i>St. Anne & St. Joachim, parents of the Virgin Mary</i> 6:30 pm	For the health and healing of Joan and Ted Wisniewski	by the Newman family
		7:00 pm	Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thursday	July 27	<i>Bd. Titus Brandsma, O.Carm, religious, priest & martyr</i> 9:00 am	For the health and healing of Paul Massad	by Joyce & Rodney Ross
Friday	July 28	9:00 am	+For the peaceful rest of Amy Mulder and God's blessings upon Henriette Mulder	by John & Riky Mulder
Saturday	July 29	<i>St. Martha, disciple of the Lord</i> 9:00 am	For the intentions of Martha Devlin	
			<i>The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 5:00 pm	For the intentions of St. Martin's Parish family
Sunday	July 30	9:00 am	+For the peaceful rest of Ken Lewis	by Pauline Lewis & family
		11:00 am	For a Mass of thanksgiving for God's blessings	by Rose Koshy

SAINTS THIS WEEK

St. James the greater, apostle; July 25.

James was a Galilean fisherman, from Bethsaida, son of Zebedee and brother of (St) John the apostle. With his brother, he was nicknamed by Christ as the *sons of thunder - for he had a lively temper*. He was called *greater*, meaning *older*. He was present at most of the miracles of Christ. He served as the first leader of the Church in Jerusalem. He was the first apostle to shed his blood for Christ, being beheaded by King Herod Agrippa I in the year 44.

This feast has been celebrated since the eighth century.

St. Anne & St. Joachim, parents of the Virgin Mary; July 26.

From the second century, the parents of the Virgin Mary have been known as Anne and Joachim. It is said that Mary's birth was miraculous because her parents were sterile, and that an angel predicted her birth to Joachim after he had fasted in the desert for forty days.

A feast for St. Anne was introduced in the year 1505 and for St. Joachim in the year 1584.

Bd. Titus Brandsma, O.Carm, religious, priest & martyr; July 27.

Anno Brandsma was born February 23, 1881 in the Netherlands. He entered the Carmelite friars in September 1898, taking the name Titus (in honour of his father). He professed his first vows in 1899 and became a priest in 1905. After receiving a Doctorate in Philosophy he taught wrote on religious themes and was a journalist. After the Nazis invaded the Netherlands in 1940, he wrote against Nazi ideas and ways, and for his efforts

he was arrested in January 1942. He was placed in Dachau Concentration Camp in July 1942, where he died on July 26, 1942 from a lethal injection given as part of medical experimentation on prisoners.

Titus was beautified on November 3, 1985 by Pope (St) John Paul II, as a martyr. His feast day is July 27, one day delayed out of respect for the feast of Saints Joachim & Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Martha, disciple; July 29.

Martha was the sister of Mary and Lazarus, who made their home in Bethany. Martha was angry when Mary made Jesus welcome when he came to visit, rather than assist her (Luke 10:38 - 42). When Martha complained, Jesus reminded her of the importance of hospitality. It seems she learned this lesson for it was Martha who declared her faith in the resurrection of Jesus, prior to Lazarus being raised from the dead by Jesus.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

Generosity brought \$1170.25 to our parish last week .

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Are you always wondering when you have been scheduled to serve in your ministry? Well wonder no longer. You can find the current Ministry Schedule on St. Martin's Website. To find our website, simply type into the address bar: www.stmartinsparish.com. Click on the "Schedule" tab and scroll down until you find the month you are looking for.

Please remember that if you are not able to fulfill your scheduled spot, it is your responsibility to find a

replacement for yourself. Thank you all for your continued commitment to St. Martin's Parish.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Also known as the Sacrament of Confession and of Penance, this Sacrament is available this week:

Wednesday from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm

Saturday from 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm

By appointment.

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated on Sunday, July 16 at 1:00 pm.

Please remember Oden Mason, child of Matthew and Hannah (Thorell) in your prayers.

THE BACK PAGE

This week *The Back Page* will show how our parish is in accordance with the issues regarding gluten reduced Holy Communion, as raised by Pope Francis. In other words, we are okay.

OUR LOST & FOUND BOX

Located on the table at the south side of the church entrance, our *Lost & Found Box* may have something for you! Gloves, glasses, prayer books, hats, ear rings and many others can be found there. So if you are missing something - or have found something - then that is the place to have a look.

ARE YOU ALONE?

Mount Carmel in St. Catharines is an ideal retirement home for older adults who prefer independent living supported by professional services. Operated by the Carmelite Sisters for over 90 years in St. Catharines, Mount Carmel offers an affordable, professional and caring environment, enriched by a Christian atmosphere, daily Mass and other devotions.

Please call 905 685 9155 or email carmel@vaxxine.com for a tour of this beautiful home.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Knights of Columbus Council #16421 had its Executive installed during Mass on Wednesday, July 5th. We congratulate the executive leadership.

Grand Knight - Paul Chiarcos; Deputy Grand Knight - Pierre Paradis; Chancellor - Justin Long; Financial Secretary - James Gunn; Treasurer - Louis Mazdo; Recorder - Tom Diletti; Advocate - George Yakowenko; Trustees - John Mataseje, Ray Richard, Andy Wirth; Lecturer - Ron Roscovich; Warden - Tony Notarianni; Inside Guards - Ethan Diletti, Dan Gosslin; Outside Guards - Dosseh Sasson-Messan; Chaplain - Fr. Brian Bevan.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, August 2nd in the parish hall.

NAMES

We announce the names of persons both alive and dead in our parish Masses.

Please be encouraged to let the Reader or Sacristan know the correct pronunciation.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL

Allergies can cause breathing, seeing, and headache problems for others. What smells sweet to one person can bring hurt to another. Please be mindful of others when you are applying cologne or perfume before coming to church.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Turing off cellphones before entering church for Mass or other liturgical services is a wonderful action to take.

CHURCH HUMOUR

A boy walked up to the pastor after Mass and handed him a dollar. The priest told him he should give it to the poor. "That's why I gave it to you, Father, because my dad says you're the poorest preacher we ever had."

SUMMER PRAYER

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!
Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.
Thank You for the beauty I see
all around me and
for the opportunity to be outside
and enjoy Your creation.
Thank You for the increased time
I have to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.
Draw me closer to You this summer.
Teach me how I can pray
no matter where I am or what I am doing.
Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.
As I enjoy Your creation,
create in me a pure heart
and a hunger and a thirst for You.
Amen.



BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO Birthdays:

Robert Dell/Danielle Perry – July 23
Sharlene Volpatti – July 25
Andrew Lipiec – July 26
Paul Hutton/Michael Kutlesa – July 27
Roseanne Morissette – July 28
Antonella Wolek – July 29

Anniversaries:

Edward & Jenny Kotuza – July 25
John & Linda Mataseje – July 25
Greg & Jennifer Noseworthy – July 26
Sean & Mandy Tracey – July 26