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**TO WHOM DO YOU BELONG?**

Today's readings encourage us Christian stewards to always be mindful of who we are and Whose we are in every aspect of our lives.

Jesus reminds us of this truth in our Gospel passage today as He cleverly puts the Pharisees in their place during their attempt to verbally entrap Him. They ask Him whether it is lawful to pay the tax to Caesar. But the Pharisees were thinking small. Christ, on the other hand, thinks big.

We all know how the story goes. Christ asks to see the coin that pays the tax and has them state whose image is on it. They of course, reply, "Caesar." In response Christ tells them to "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

With that, He reminds us that while civil authorities should be obeyed, we answer to an infinitely higher Authority, God, Who is Lord of everything and everyone. All things and all people were created by God. In Baptism we have been claimed for Christ. Our lives are a gift from God and we have the privilege and responsibility to use every aspect of our lives in grateful response to Him.

Let us joyfully give thanks to this wonderful God by the way we live our daily lives. We belong to Him and there is no other!

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

**Sunday Masses**  
Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

**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

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By Appointment Only

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Must be registered and practicing  
Call office for details

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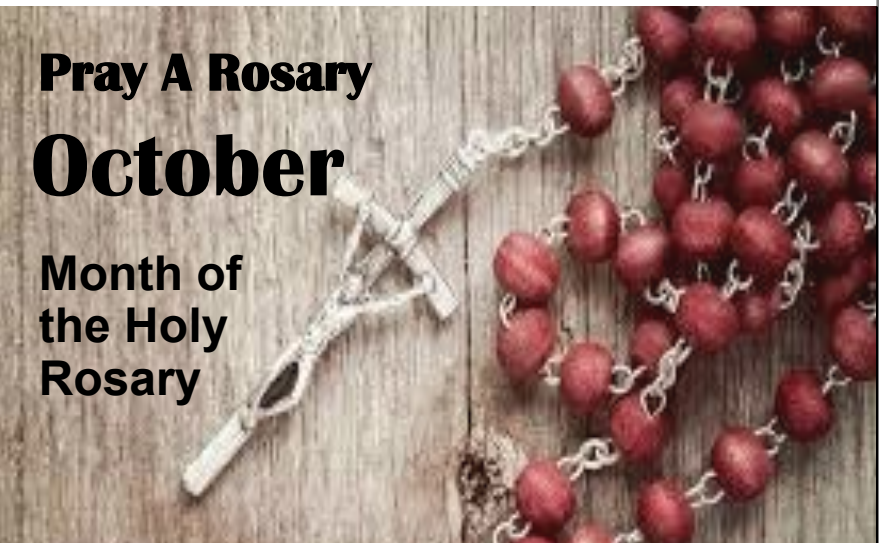
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# St. Martin of Tours Roman Catholic Church

## Pray A Rosary October

### Month of the Holy Rosary



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# October 18, 2020 - Year A

# The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Oct 19	8:30 am	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Weekday Masses Only)	
		9:00 am	Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Tues	Oct 20	8:30 am	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
		9:00 am	+Don Tylter	from St. Alfred's Parish
Wed	Oct 21	8:30 am	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
		9:00 am	+Daciel Medeiros	by the Melo & Mikhail families
		10:30 am	- 5:00 pm - Gethsemane Center Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
			Father Christopher celebrant. Confessions and Counselling if required.	
Thurs	Oct 22	8:30 am	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
		9:00 am	+Past Benefactors	by St. Martin of Tours
Fri	Oct 23	8:30 am	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
		9:00 am	+Frank Modrzejewsk	by Family
		7:30 pm	- 9:30 pm Praise and Worship Gethsemane Centre Wellandport - Register if attending	
Sat	Oct 24	<b><i>The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>		
		11:00 am	First Holy Communion Mass Group 1.	
		5:00 pm	Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Oct 25	10:00 am	+Grace Tye	by Heather Belmont & Family
		2:00 pm	Celebration of Baptism for Simon Mackay	

#### 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)

#### ALL SOULS ENVELOPES

You can pick up an envelopes from the office and return them to the collection basket on or before November 1st.

#### 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.

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Students for the sacrament of Confirmation are to have their forms returned by October 22, to their teachers only. Due to COVID-19 **"do not"** drop them off at rectory mail box or at the parish office.

#### APRIL / MAY 2020 FIRST COMMUNION RESCHEDULED

**Group 1. 11:00 am, Saturday, October 24.**  
**Group 2. 11:00 am October 31.**

Due to COVID-19, candidates and parents only can attend. Letter to parents has been sent out.

#### 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. No different from your own expenses and budget. Thank you; and God bless you for your stewardship.

#### PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The 2019 Financial Statement is available upon request. We can send it to you via email. Any financial information is now not available in the bulletin for security reasons as the bulletin is available on line. Due to Covid -19 and Lockdown we are late in offering you this annual statement. The Parish Financial Council represents YOU! We are grateful for the Council's input, but please note this is only an advisory body to the pastor. Final decisions are the domain of the pastor and the diocese. Thank you for your stewardship! God bless!

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### "ETIQUETTE AT EUCHARIST"

**We update weekly given our experiences of the weekend Masses; and with Public Health Regional Bylaws and our Diocese.**

You will be asked to sanitize your hands using the new automatic dispenser (touchless) just inside the main door. The wearing a face mask or shield are now mandatory throughout Niagara (except the very young and those with breathing difficulties). Masks are available free of charge.

Please wait for a hospitality team member to escort you to your assigned pew. In order to ensure physical distancing, please remain in your seats once seated. Please move up in the pew.

Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality are updated weekly or when needed by email. This weekend we will present a floor plan for the Ushers. All are kindly asked to follow the floor plan as we need every space that is available. The doors are now locked as we begin Mass and for good reason: the TEAM have a right to worship and are not obliged to wait unnecessarily. Also, attending one Mass on the weekend is sufficient; please be mindful of others by not taking a space someone else could have.

For the reception of Holy Communion. Come to "Red Line" and remove your mask or drop below your chin. There will be no exchange of words as this will have already been done by Father Christopher when he gives the necessary directions.

Note: The washrooms are to be used only if absolutely necessary; parishioners making their way there during Mass tend to be a distraction to the others. As well, please refrain from touching any surfaces upon entering or exiting the church (anything touched has to be cleaned).

Lastly, be respectful of the ushers and cleaners and their tasks; their willingness to serve is of benefit to us all because if there are no ushers and no cleaners there can be no "open church".

All of the above is for your safety and the protection of all. It is not meant to be unwelcoming as some have written and expressed. We have entered into new pastoral challenging and will continue to do so.

**"Say Something Positive.**  
**If you stay Positive in a Negative Situation.**  
**YOU WIN!"**