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#### ATTITUDE FOR PRAYER

In last week's readings, we were encouraged to remain persistent and constant in our prayer life. Today, we focus on the proper attitude of a steward at prayer.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus illustrates the humble attitude we must have as we approach God in prayer through a parable of two praying men. One is a Pharisee, a man with respected status, theological training and all the right credentials. He marches right up to the front of the temple to speak a prayer "to himself," thanking God for making him just a little bit superior to everyone else!

The other man is a tax collector, known by those of his day to be a cheater and a sell-out to his fellow Jews. In contrast to the Pharisee, he stands near the back and cries out to God in a simple and honest way: "Be merciful to me a sinner."

Jesus tells us that it is the tax collector and not the Pharisee who leaves the temple justified. Why?

The Pharisee was full of self as he approached God. He felt no real need for God as he rattled off his resume of good works and spiritual practices. He was simply going through the motions of prayer. His lack of humility prevented him from entering into a real dialogue with the Father. The tax collector, by contrast, emptied himself as he approached God. He recognized who he truly was (a sinner) and asked for mercy, leaving all the rest up to God. This is the kind of attitude God can work with! This is how a good steward prays — with trust, with complete openness to God's will, with a listening mind and heart, ready to serve as God leads.

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Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.

#### **Sunday Masses**

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

#### **Weekday Masses**

Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00am

#### Office hours

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

#### **Administrative Assistant** Sandy Johnson

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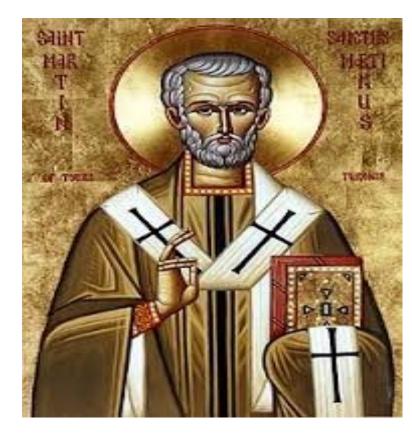
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#### Ministry Schedule - Nov 2/3

#### **Hospitality Ministers**

5:00 pm - Tony Mous 10:00 am - Pat Wirth & George Y.

#### **Altar Servers**

5:00pm -10:00 am -

#### **Children's Liturgy** Rose & Jenn N.

#### **Next Hospitality Sunday**

November 3

Oct. 27, 2019

The 30th Sunday in **Ordinary** Time

#### Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Caroline Steger

#2 - Andrew Steger

10:00 am #1 - Mary Pikula

#2 - Marg Van Geest

#### **Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 pm - Tom S. & Yolanda B. 10:00 am - Helen, Andy & Bianca

#### **Stewardship Counting**

Lisa Poort & Elaine Parry

## October 27, 2019

## The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

| Mon   | Oct 28  |                    | NO PARISH MASS TODAY - PRIESTS STUDY DAYS -   | - MOUNT CARMEL NF                                      |
|-------|---|--------------------|---|--|
| Tues  | Oct 29  |                    | NO PARISH MASS TODAY - PRIESTS STUDY DAYS -   | - MOUNT CARMEL NF                                      |
| Wed   | Oct 30  |                    | NO PARISH MASS TODAY - PRIESTS STUDY DAYS - Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting Parish Hall - 10 pm ACTS Retreat Ministry Men Women Teams | - MOUNT CARMEL NF  Change due to Halloween             |
| Thurs | Oct 31  | 9:00 am            | For the special intentions of Jenny Handorf<br>+For the repose of the soul of Pat Casey   | by Josie & Vern Dell<br>by Richard & Margaret McKeever |
| Fri   | Nov 1   | 9:30 am All Saints | - 10:30 am Scripture Study Group Gathers in the parish hall.  |  |
| ГП    | NOV I   |                    | For the special intentions of Antonella Presta<br>+For the repose of the soul of Cathy Eberhard and for                                     | by Josie & Vern Dell                                   |
|       |   |                    | Gods strength upon Martin Eberhard  | by Heather Belmont                                     |
| Sat   | 9:00 am +For the repose of the soul listed in the Book of Remembrance - ALL SOULS ENVELO 12:00 pm +For the repose of the soul listed in the Book of Remembrance - ALL SOULS ENVELO 5:00 pm For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family |                    |   |  |
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# CATHEDRAL APPEAL PARISH UPDATE UPDATE ON APPEAL FROM PARISHIONERS Target Appeal Amount \$6,500.00 2 Pledge. \$600.00

Sun Nov 3 10:00am +For the repose of the soul of Grace Tye

+For the repose of the soul of Henry Pikula

+For the repose of the soul of Jose Martins

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#### CATHEDRAL RESTORATION APPEAL

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#### **DIOCESAN UPDATE**

In 1995 Bishop Thomas Fulton wrote: "From the day of its founding 150 years ago, the Parish of St. Catharine of Alexandria was destined to become one of the premier parishes in Ontario. Not only was it one of the original parishes established in the Niagara Peninsula, but from the outset it assumed a position of prominence in the wider community of Upper Canada. This auspicious position was given further recognition when the parish church was chosen as the cathedral of the new Diocese of St. Catharines at the time of its creation in 1958." As we now prepare for the 175th anniversary of our cathedral, we invite you to play a part in history with our renovation and rejuvenation project. Visit www.saintcd.com/appeal or pick up a brochure and pledge form in the church foyer today. Thank you.

## COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

by Heather Belmont

by Joan Wisniewski

by Maria Martins & family

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." - John 14:3

November is a privileged month that the Church all over the world unites in "Prayers of the repose of the Souls" for our loved ones who have passed on. If you wish to have your loved one's name written in the Book of Remembrance, which will be kept at the altar for daily prayers and Masses throughout November, please fill out the All Souls Offertory Envelope and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office before the end of October.

We will be celebrating All Souls Day on Sat, Nov. 2nd with the (3) traditional Masses at 9:00am, 12 Noon and (VIGIL) 5:00pm; and will remember ALL Souls those who are register in the Book of Remembrance throughout the month of November.

Those whose funerals were celebrated here at St. Martin will be named in our parish Book of Remembrance. Not everyone received the special All Souls envelope last weekend. These envelopes are available at main foyer.

#### **SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS**

My Dear Father Christopher, and all of our sisters and brothers in St. Martin's. Words cannot begin to express our thoughts and feelings at this particular time. It's impossible to put into words your depth of love, and dedication to Cathy's spiritual needs as she was dying. The comfort, solace and care you gave her goes beyond our comprehension. Your extraordinary kindness and care for our whole family; your acts of kindness in providing food and hospitality (a special thank you also to Cathy, Patricia, Josie, Martha, Cheryl) just to mention a few has deeply touched our hearts.

October 20<sup>th</sup>, I began this letter a week ago, but could not continue it as feelings and emotions overcame and my thoughts went back to all the great moments and memories we shared with you and our sisters and brothers in St. Martins parish over the years. Although we are now back in Halifax, we will never forget the outpouring of love and friendship which we experienced with you all.

Please pray for us as we pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the amazing parish of St. Martins and on you all. We look forward to the hope that we will meet again hopefully in Halifax this time.

Love and Blessings Always, Maeve, Doug, Jackie, Guy and all the Lupien Family.

#### **PRIESTS STUDY DAYS**

October 28th, 29th, 30th Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday No celebration of weekday Masses for those dates.

## DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE EDUCATION / MOTIVATION CAMPAIGN

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#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP - Oct 19/20, 2019

Regular Sunday Offering (67 Env) \$ 1,975.00 Loose Collection \$ 194.60 Facility Maintenance (2 Env) \$ 250.00 World Mission Sunday (35 Env) \$ 515.00 Loose \$ 45.25

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#### **ACTS RETREATS**

## Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre Mississauga.

Women's ACTS Retreat - Thursday to Sunday November. 14 - 17

Men's ACTS Retreat - Thursday to Sunday November . 21 - 24

Retreat brochures and registration forms are available at main entrance. Call parish office if interested in attending or speak with Father Christopher directly. Thank you. Please pray for ACTS Teams and Retreatants and their Families.

#### REGENERATE(D)

Are you aware that as a baptized Catholic YOU have a calling (or a vocation) in life? This is YOUR unique purpose. Do you live with this purpose in mind? On <u>Sat, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup></u> join Branches Catholic Ministries at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, as it hosts **Regenerated 2019** with an urgent theme, "You Are Called". Keynote speakers will address the responsibility each of us has to discern this and how urgently we must heed the call! **Regenerated Youth** will run concurrently for ages 12 to 18.

If you are interested in purchasing "early-bird" tickets or for more information about these Conferences visit branchesoftheword.org or call Branches at 905-685-7000. Also see flyer insert with today's parish bulletin.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS**

- Monday. October. 28 Wednesday. Oct. 30 -Diocesan Priestly Study Days at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre. NO MORNING MASSES THOSE DAYS
- Thursday to Sunday. November 14 17
   Women's ACTS Retreat
- Thursday to Sunday. November 21 24