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 <p><b>ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC</b> <b>Elementary School</b> 18 Streamside Dr., Smithville, ON L0R 2A0 905-957-3032</p>	 <p><b>THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA</b> FOR GOD AND CANADA CWL #2289 St. Martin of Tours Church StMartinsCWL@hotmail.com Always welcoming new members: please contact our President for more information.</p>  <p>Here I am <i>Lord</i> send me Isaiah 6:8</p>	 <p>1421 Highway #8, Winona 1.800.533.6102 Bus. 905.643.1027 Res. 905.957.6943</p>
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**Vision of St. Martin of Tours**

To be a thriving parish community rooted in our Catholic faith, evangelizing, and welcoming all to participate in Worship and to serve our parishioners, schools and those in our community of West Lincoln.

**Focus of the 5 Systems**

- **Worship (Liturgy and Sacraments):** This system focuses on the parish community's encounter with God through the celebration of the liturgy and the sacraments, transforming them spiritually.
- **Evangelization (Word):** This area involves the proclamation of the Gospel and the sharing of faith with others, driven by a passion for Christ and an understanding that this passion should lead to evangelizing others.
- **Discipleship: (Commitment):** This system is about living a Christ-like way of life, cultivating personal growth in faith, and helping others to grow as faithful followers of Jesus.
- **Community (Fellowship):** This encompasses building strong relationships and a sense of belonging, where all members of the community are loved, cared for, and supported.
- **Service (Apostolate):** This system involves actively serving others and engaging in outreach and charitable works, which contributes to the growth of the Kingdom of God.

**Ministry Schedule - May 9/10**

<p><b>Hospitality</b> 5:00 pm - Ron &amp; Janet R 10:00 am - Nick Verrecchia</p>	<p><b>Lector</b> 5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Lisa Poort</p>	<p><b>Holy Communion</b> 5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Andrew Steger</p>	<p><b>Children's Liturgy</b> 10:00 am Judy Terpstra</p>
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**Ministry Schedule - May 16/17**

<p><b>Hospitality</b> 5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Marcel Pouliot</p>	<p><b>Lector</b> 5:00 pm - Caroline Steger 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde</p>	<p><b>Holy Communion</b> 5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde</p>	<p><b>Children's Liturgy</b> 10:00 am Sue Priestly</p>
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**Pastor**  
Very Rev. Fr. Christopher Gerard Gillen  
Parish Priest / Vicar Forane  
(Dean of Haldimand)

**Administrative Assistant**  
**Financial Recorder**  
Sandy Johnson  
**In Office Hours**  
Tuesday & Thursday  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Sunday Masses**  
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am  
**Weekday Masses**  
See Schedule inside of the bulletin

**Reconciliation/Confessions**  
Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
(or by appointment)

**Requesting Sacraments**  
Interview and Classes Required

**St Martin Elementary School**  
905-957-3032  
**Blessed Trinity High School**  
905-945-6708

**Cemetery Management**  
Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

**Parish Organization**  
**Catholic Women's League**  
President - Sherri De Wilde  
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**Parish Groups**  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Parish Financial Council  
Parish Events Group  
Cemetery Committee  
Responsible Faith Ministry  
Facility Maintenance  
Funeral Committee  
Children's Liturgy  
ACTS Retreats Teams

Diocese of St. Catharines  
Bishop of the Diocese  
Most Reverend Gerard Paul Bergie, D.D.  
Diocesan Website: www.saintcd.com

**St. Martin of Tours**  
**Catholic Faith Community**  
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**May 3 and May 10, 2026 -Year -A**  
**Bi-Weekly Bulletin**  
**The 5th and 6th Sundays of Easter**

# May 3 and May 10, 2026

## The 5th & 6th Sunday of Easter - Year A

Recitation of the Holy Rosary takes place before each Weekday Mass beginning at 8:30 am

Mon	May 4	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	May 5	9:00 am For the health and healing of Caroline Steger 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	by Helen & Andy Lipiec
Wed	May 6	<b>St. Francois De Laval</b>	
		9:00 am For God's blessings upon Fr. Christopher 10:30am - 11:45 am Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Confessions	by the Newman Family Fr. Christopher
Thurs	May 7	9:00 am +Jose Martins 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Readings 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm College of Diocesan Consultors Virtual Meeting	by Maria Martins Fr. Christopher
Fri	May 8	9:00 am For the health and healing of Caroline Steger	by Heather Belmont
Sat	May 9	<b>The 6th Sunday of Easter</b>	
		1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Hearts on Fire Catholic Conference for Both Youth & Adults 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm +Maria & Jose Monisz	Fr. Christopher by Maria Borges
Sun	May 10	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Mon	May 11	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	May 12	9:00 am For God's blessings upon Lucy & Tony Giorno 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	by Paula & Nick Verrecchia & Family
Wed	May 13	9:00 am +Lloyd Buchan 10:30am - 11:45 am Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/Confessions 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Diocesan Deans Virtual Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm Catholic Women's League monthly meeting in the parish hall	by Joan & Bob Hignett Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Thurs	May 14	<b>St. Matthias</b>	
		9:00 am +David Harris 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Readings	by Joan & Bob Hignett
Fri	May 15	9:00 am +Mary Fedork	by Family
Sat	May 16	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>	
		10:30am- 11:45am Priestly Ordination of Deacon Yohander Sanchez Mora Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria	Fr. Christopher
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	May 17	10:00 am +Lloyd Buchan	by Heather Belmont

### E-TRANSFERS

These are often referred to as **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**

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.**

### CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

- **Spring High Tea:** Sunday, May 3/26 2:00 pm Come and join us for food, fun and fellowship. \$20.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased from Elaine Parry by emailing her at:  
[parryee@gmail.com](mailto:parryee@gmail.com)

### POPE LEO'S MAY INTENTIONS

That everyone might have food.  
Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL SETTING HEARTS ON FIRE

For the first time, our Diocese is launching the Bishop's Annual Appeal: Hearts on Fire. Through this appeal, our Diocese is seeking to strengthen vital ministries, especially in youth and young adult outreach, and in evangelization and faith formation for people of every age and stage of life. So many today are searching for meaning, belonging, and hope. As a Church, we are called to walk with them - just as Jesus walked with the disciples - and help them encounter the living Christ.

As a Diocese, we have a united goal of \$400,000.00 of which our Parish goal is \$2,995.00 (Anything amount raised beyond this given target the parish keeps). In the coming weeks, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you may be called to support this mission. Together, we can help set hearts on fire with the love of Christ in our Diocese.

#### How to give:

- Cash and Cheque (payable to St. Martin of Tours) donations, are to be placed into the special envelopes available in the church foyer. The memo line of the cheque is to read "Bishop's Appeal."
- E-Transfers donation can be sent to:  
[stmartinsdonation@gmail.com](mailto:stmartinsdonation@gmail.com)  
with the Message Line reading Bishop's Appeal.
- You may also give using the QR Code on the poster in the foyer.

Thank you for your consideration and financial support.

### SEASON OF RENEWAL

**Easter** is a profound season of renewal, hope, and victory, marking the resurrection of Jesus Christ as a triumph over death, sin, and despair. It offers a chance for a fresh start, encouraging believers to move from the darkness of Good Friday to the light of Easter morning. Key reflections include embracing new life, nurturing faith, and finding comfort in an unbroken, resilient love.

#### Core Themes of Easter Reflection

- **Hope and Renewal:** Easter reminds us that no matter the past, a new beginning is possible. It serves as a reminder to leave behind despair and embrace the joy of resurrection.
- **Resurrection as Victory:** The resurrection is a "living hope" and a demonstration that God can turn any "Good Friday" experience (suffering, darkness) into a "Sunday" morning (new life).

- **Divine Love and Sacrifice:** Reflection on Jesus's willingness to die on the cross emphasizes a God who understands and shares in human suffering.
- **The Promise of Eternity:** Easter provides assurance that Christ's promise of eternal life is fulfilled, providing a solid hope for the future beyond this life.
- **Transformation:** It is a time for personal transformation - "dying to ourselves" in a spiritual sense to experience the joy of a renewed life.

#### Reflective Questions and Actions

- **Wait with Hope:** Consider where you are waiting for new life and continue to trust with expectation.
- **Let Go of the Past:** Reflect on past mistakes and choose to let them go, embracing the forgiveness and "fresh start".
- **Seek Perspective:** Shift focus from personal, daily worries to "things above" - a higher perspective of love, grace, and spiritual purpose.

### UPCOMING CATHOLIC SOLEMNITIES A Journey of Faith and Grace

As we continue our journey through the Easter season, we are invited to reflect on the profound mysteries of our faith. The upcoming Solemnities offer us opportunities to deepen our connection with the divine.

- **The Ascension** marks Christ's glorious return to the Father, reminding us of our heavenly calling. – May 17
- **Pentecost** follows, when the Holy Spirit empowers the Church, uniting us in the mission of spreading the Gospel. – May 24
- **The Most Holy Trinity** then invites us to contemplate the mystery of God's loving communion, three-in-one, and our relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. – May 31
- **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** invites us to receive Christ in the Eucharist, strengthening us to live out the faith empowered by the Spirit and in union with the Trinity. - Jun 7

Together, these solemnities unfold a powerful narrative of God's saving work — calling us to ascend, be filled with the Spirit, embrace the mystery of the Trinity, and live as the Body of Christ on earth.