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Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen
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(Dean of Haldimand)

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

Weekday Masses
See Schedule
on the inside of the bulletin

In Office Hours
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Administrative Assistant
Financial Recorder
Sandy Johnson

Reconciliation/Confessions
Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Requesting Sacraments
Must be registered and practicing
Call office for details

St Martin Elementary School
Phone 905-957-3032

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Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

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Parish Groups
Children's Liturgy.
Youth Ministry
Parish Events Group
Parish Financial Council
Responsible Faith Ministry
ACTS Retreat Teams

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Bishop of the Diocese
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St. Martin of Tours Roman Catholic Church

September 30
national day for
TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION
#EveryChildMatters

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September 25, 2022 - Year - C
The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Recitation of the Holy Rosary takes place before each Weekday Mass beginning at 8:35 am

Mon	Sept 26	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Sept 27	St. Vincent De Paul 9:00 am For the special intentions of Fr. Christopher 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Development & Peace Fall Workshop St. Alfred's	by Mike & Mary Hornak Fr. Christopher
Wed	Sept 28	9:00 am + John Vernon 10:30 am - 12 Noon Gethsemane Centre Mass / Adoration / Confessions 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Gethsemane Prayer Group Gethsemane Centre	by the Newman Family Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Sept 29	St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael - Archangels 9:00 am + Ciro Leo Chitussi 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm ACTS Retreat Men's Team Meeting Mississauga	by Andrew & Caroline Steger Fr. Christopher
Fri	Sept 30	St. Jerome National Day For Truth and Reconciliation 7:30 am - 8:15 am That Man Is You - Paradisus Dei - Men's Rosary Group 9:00 am + Ellenor Bllack 10:30 am - 12:30 pm Pastoral Home Visits for those who registered. 7:30 pm - 9 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre	Fr. Christopher by the Newman Family Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Sat	Oct 1	The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 am - 10:00 am Paradisus Dei That Man Is You Merciful Redeemer 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions. 5:00 pm + Rose Abrantes	Fr. Christopher by Maria Martins
Sun	Oct 2	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

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NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION SEPTEMBER 30.

This year, our theme is "Remembering the Children". Join us as we memorialize the children lost to the residential school system and honour Survivors and their families. Learning and commemorating the truth of our history from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit knowledge keepers is an important part of the path to Reconciliation.

CELL PHONE USE IN CHURCH

It is possible that on entering this church, you may hear the Call of God. On the other hand, it is not likely that He will contact you by phone. If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place, and talk to Him.

PROMISE OF MARRIAGE

Michael Broccoleri & Nadia Pietracupa
October 22, at 1:00 pm, Wedding Mass.
Marriage is a sacred covenant bond. Kindly, pray for this couple as they prepare for sacramental marriage.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Thursday, October 6th, we will resume the weekly Study for the Upcoming Sunday Reading, from 9:30 am to 10:30 a.m. Join us for a casual, joyful, small group discussion. Coffee and tea served. If interested, please notify Marg Van Geest at 905-957-2803 so we may know how many programs to print off.

MINISTRY WEEKENDS

As part of our Synodal Journey Together, the ministries of St. Martin of Tours Parish will be holding quick information sessions starting in September about what is involved with each ministry after weekend Masses. The purpose is to enlighten and educate and offer an opportunity to those interested to become involved. A different Parish Ministry will be highlighted each weekend. Stay tuned for more details! If you would like to become more involved in any of the following ministry, save the date to learn more about it.

Stewardship Ministry	Sept 24/25
Children's Liturgy	Oct 1/2
Music Ministry	Oct 15/16
Parish Events Group (PEG)	Oct 22/23
Ministry of the Word (Readers)	Oct 29/30
Youth Group	Nov 5/6

NEXT WEEKS FEATURED MINISTRY

Children's Liturgy Ministry

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

You, my fellow parishioners, are the solution.

If you are interest about learning more about or joining this ministry, please stay after Mass next weekend (Saturday or Sunday) for a 5 - 10 minute discussion.

We are looking for some volunteers to help out with Children's Liturgy. After the last two years of being online, we are looking forward to sharing the gospel and the love of Jesus with the children in person. All lessons would be done ahead of time, so all you would have to do is follow the plan. Watching the children learn about Jesus is such a wonderful sight! Please consider joining the team and help us to pass the love of Jesus and His teachings on to the next generation! Thank you!

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP - Sept 16, 2022

My Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The pastoral visit of Pope Francis to Canada to promote healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters was a great blessing. In his apology to the Indigenous people of Canada at Maskwacis, Alberta, Pope Francis asked forgiveness for "the ways in which many members of the Church and religious communities co-operated, not least through their indifference, in projects of cultural destruction and forced assimilation promoted by the governments of that time, which culminated in the system of residential schools." As a diocese, we have an opportunity to overcome this indifference and actively work toward healing and reconciliation. A significant aspect of this process is the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.

The Bishops of Canada have pledged thirty million dollars to financially support Indigenous reconciliation efforts. The Diocese of St. Catharines has pledged two-hundred and fifty thousand dollars to this fund over a five-year period. I believe that it is important that we support this significant initiative.

A national charitable organization has been established to administer these funds with a Board of Directors that is comprised of Indigenous and Catholic representative. Priority will be given to those projects that promote healing and reconciliation for communities and families; culture and language revitalization; education and community building; dialogues for promoting Indigenous spirituality and culture. These projects can take place where there is greatest need throughout the country.

In order to meet this commitment I have initiated a parish collection that will extend over the next five years. This will give individuals and families an opportunity to financially contribute to this fund if they so wish. The diocese will also draw on existing operational assets to ensure that the annual pledge is honoured. The collection will take place the Sunday after National Truth and Reconciliation Day (September 30, 2022). This year the date will be Sunday, October 2, 2022. You will be able to include your donation in the Sunday collection or online on our Diocesan Webpage.

The Diocese of St. Catharines is committed to efforts that promote healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sister. A significant step in that process is to support this initiative of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

I sincerely thank you for your support and assure you of my prayers and best wishes. With kind regards, I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ,
Gerard Bergie D.D.
Bishop of St. Catharines.