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Pastor
Very Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen
Parish Priest / Vicar Forane
(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
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 Organizations
Catholic Women's League
President - Maryanne Mous
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Grand Knight - Pierre Paradis
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Facility Maintenance
Chair Frank DeFilippis

Parish Groups
Parish Pastoral Council (Pending)
Parish Events Group
Parish Financial Council
Cemetery Committee
Responsible Faith Ministry
Children's Liturgy.
Youth Ministry
ACTS Retreats(4) Teams

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<p>Hospitality 5:00 pm - Julie Notarianni 10:00 am - Bob & Joan Hignett</p>	<p>Ministry Schedule - April 29/30</p> <p>Lector 5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Tom Richardson</p>	<p>Holy Communion 5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde</p>
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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Apr 24	NO MASS PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED	
Tues	Apr 25	St. Mark, Evangelist Feast 9:00 am +John & Regina Newman 9:30 am - 10:45 am Choir Practice 10:30 am Diocesan Deans Meeting at the Catholic Centre 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm What We Believe Session Three in the parish hall	by the Newman family Fr. Christopher
Wed	Apr 26	9:00 am +Wlaolystaw Rajda	by Danuta Mazur
Thurs	Apr 27	NO MASS PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
Fri	Apr 28	NO MASS PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED	
Sat	Apr 29	The 4th Sunday of Easter Sunday - Year A 11:00 am First Holy Communion - Group One 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions. 5:00 pm +Jose Carlos DaSilva	Fr. Christopher by the Melo & Mikhail Families
Sun	Apr 30	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family 11:30 am Christian Baptism of Leona Thompson	Fr. Christopher

E-TRANSFERS

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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. Thank you**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 7 Spring High Tea - Church Hall, 2:00 pm
Please join us for a fun afternoon
Tickets available from Elaine Parry
905-957-0673
No tickets at the door or walk ins

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Group One: Saturday April 29, at 11:00 am.

Group Two: Saturday May 6, 11:00 am.

There is a limit of four family members per child due to large numbers and our small church.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

HOLY HOUR

Sunday, April 30, 3:00pm - 4:00pm.

Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria.

Sunday April 30 is Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We will gather, under the leadership of Bishop Bergie, from all over the diocese, to pray for vocations to the priesthood, and to the diaconate, especially from and for our diocese. And we shall intercede for vocations to the religious life. May the Lord touch the hearts of many young men and women to consecrate themselves completely and exclusively to Christ and the service of His holy people. May the Lord bless all married and single persons in their vocations.

SYNOD UPDATE

The Continental Stage of the Synod on Synodality concluded on March 31, at which time the CCCB, along with the United States Conference of Bishops (USCCB), submitted the *North American Final Document for the Continental Stage* to the Synod Secretariat. The *Final Document* from North America, along with the contributions of the six other Continental Assemblies, will form the basis of the *Instrumentum Laboris* to be released by the General Secretariat of the Synod in June 2023. The Final Document from North America is now publicly available on the CCCB website at the following links:

<https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/bishops-release-north-american-final-document-to-conclude-continental-stage-of-the-2021-2024-synod/>

NATIONAL FAMILY & LIFE WEEK (NFLW)

May 7-14, 2023

This is an invitation from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to the faithful in Canada to celebrate the joy and beauty of family and life by seeking out new and creative ways to live out this call in our daily lives. The NFLW theme is Jesus' words, "*Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another*" (John 13:34). Love is at the heart of familial relationships and our families are a communion of love in Christ. We are "guardians of life" when we love one another within our families, as well as in wider society when we show kindness toward and care for the vulnerable and marginalized. A Pastoral Toolkit, which includes daily resources for homes, parishes, and faith communities, may be found on the CCCB website:

<https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/national-family-and-life-week/>

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

April 30 - May 5, 2023

We are Many, We are One.

We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another.

(Romans 12:5)

With the complexities of our world and our communities today, we can stray from the peace that comes when we are in communion with each other. In our unity, we celebrate our diversity, all uniquely created by God. We read in Corinthians that if one member suffers, we all suffer. Unity brings us to peace and understanding. The theme for Catholic Education Week 2023 was inspired by the following considerations:

- The Church worldwide has embarked on a synodal process, "a synod on synodality," which centres on intentional listening: listening to each other and listening to the Holy Spirit. We have each been asked to actively reach out and listen to the voices and experiences of people where they are at and consider what steps the Holy Spirit is inviting us to take as we walk together. As the Catholic Bishops of Ontario highlighted in *Renewing the Promise*, "It is about taking the time to walk alongside one another, to listen and to teach, and in doing so, to transform." Ongoing recognition of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission and the importance of Indigenous culture and spirituality as we move forward together.
- The Ministry of Education's focus on Inclusion and Equity resonates with all educators and administrators as we desire to serve all of God's children and Pope Francis' encyclical entitled, *Fratelli Tutti*, will guide us in this good work.
- The challenges to personal and spiritual well-being posed by the uncertainty of the current global crisis makes the timing and the concerns of Mental Health Week, which takes place during the same week as Catholic Education Week, all the more relevant.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

We welcome the following children into the Family of Faith:

Avery Normand Giancarlo Chabot - April 23
Leona Natalie Thompson - April 30
Jackson Anthony McLean - May 7
Madison Carmen Gazzola - June 25
Isabelle Rosemary Gazzola - June 25

All Baptisms are at 11:30 am.

SPRING ACTS RETREATS

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE
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TO ALL WOMEN AND MEN

Come take this opportunity to deepen and renew your relationship with God, Church, and family and sign up for the Women's ACTS Retreat (May 4-7) and the Men's ACTS Retreat (May 25 - 28). This is all done through Adoration, Community, Theology and Service which represents the call letters of ACTS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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