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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 - Oct 25/26

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Priscila Mancini 10:00 am - George Y	5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Andrew Steger	5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 10:00 am - Caroline Steger	10:00 am-Sherri deWilde

Ministry Schedule - Nov 1/2

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Fatima Araujo 10:00 am - Julie Notarianni	5:00 pm - Caroline Steger 10:00 am - Lisa Poort	5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Marcel Pouliot	10:00 am - Judy Terpstra

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
sherridewilde@hotmail.com

Parish Groups
Parish Pastoral Council
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Facility Maintenance
Children's Liturgy
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St. Martin of Tours Catholic Faith Community
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In 2026 we celebrate 160 Years of Faith and Social Justice

World Mission Sunday, October 19.

Mission of St. Martin of Tours
We will follow Jesus Christ, and love all people.

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Oct 19 - 26, 2025 - Year - C
Bi-Weekly Bulletin
The 29th & 30th Sundays
in Ordinary Time

October 19 & 26, 2025

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Oct 20	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Oct 21	9:00 am For the health & healing of Fr. Christopher	by Carol McNulty
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
Wed	Oct 22	9:00 am For the health & healing of Pat Gillis	by Heather Belmont
		10:30 am - 12:00pm. Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions. Counselling	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Oct 23	9:00 am +John Fedorik Sr.	by Family
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday readings	
Fri	Oct 24	9:00 am For God’s blessings upon Connie Zimmer	by Heather Belmont
Sat	Oct 25	<i>The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions	
		5:00 pm +Jeremais Machado	by Agostinha Machado
Sun	Oct 26	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin’s Parish Family	
		11:30 am Christian Baptism of Hallie Jane Thompson	Fr. Christopher
Mon	Oct 27	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - Diocesan Clergy Study Days	
Tues	Oct 28	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - Diocesan Clergy Study Days	
Wed	Oct 29	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - Diocesan Clergy Study Days	
Thurs	Oct 30	9:00 am +For the health & healing of & God’s blessings upon Magda Mazur	by Danuta Mazur
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday readings	
Fri	Oct 31	9:00 am For the God’s blessings upon Bill & Sue Priestly on their 50th Wedding Anniversary	by Sue Priestly
Sat	Nov 1	<i>The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed - All Souls Day</i>	
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions	
		5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin’s Parish Family	
Sun	Nov 2	10:00 am +All the souls who have passed away this past year from St. Martin’s.	

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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

“...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient...” 2 TIMOTHY 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way.

Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn’t call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful! Thank you, for your stewardship.

PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

Due to on-going issues with our Cogeco email address, we have decided to change our email address to: st.martins1866@gmail.com This change is in effect immediately. Fr. Christopher’s new email address is: cgillen@saintcd.com

DIOCESAN CLERGY STUDY DAYS

Monday, October 27. to Wednesday, October 29, at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre.

NO WEEKDAY MASS:

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

Morning Masses resumes on;

Thursday, October 30 at 9:00 am.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES

Please use only the envelope attached to this bulletin. Do not present a long list of names on paper. All Souls Day is November 2. Special Masses will be celebrated throughout the month of November from the All Souls Remembrance Book.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE CARITAS CANADA

FALL ACTION CAMPAIGN

Please read the enclosed D&P flyer.

Let’s prioritize people and the planet.

Turn Debt into Hope.

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3.4 billion people live in countries that spend more on debt servicing than on health or education.

REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTS AND INFORMATION EVENINGS

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation Registration

We’re looking forward to walking with your family as your child prepares to celebrate the sacraments of:

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

Please note: Full registration is required, and this includes attending a Parent and Child Information Evening.

Due to a very busy pastoral schedule in September, registration has been moved. Registration opens on October 14 and will close at the Information Evenings on November 12 and 13.

How to Register:

- Attend the Information Evening at St. Martin’s Church.
- Bring your completed registration form with you.
- This will be your only opportunity to register.

Please do not return registration forms to the school.

Information Evening Dates:

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 PM

St. Martin’s Church

Confirmation

Thursday, November 13 at 7:00 PM

St. Martin’s Church

(Sponsors are encouraged to attend, if possible.)

Thank you for your understanding and support as we prepare together for these beautiful milestones in your child’s faith journey!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL PRESENTS

FAMILY MASS AND MOVIE NIGHT

Outreach to the school community as well as to the parish. All are welcome!

NARNIA

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday November 22 after the 5 pm Mass

Admission: Free

Popcorn, Pizza, Juice Boxes and Water

RSVP Required by Nov 10

Sign-up Sheet in the front foyer.

POPE’S OCTOBER INTENTIONS

Pope Leo XIV has asked Catholics to join him in praying that members of different religions would work together to make life better for everyone rather than allowing their different beliefs to be used “as weapons or walls.” <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-09/pope-october-prayer-intention-collaboration-among-religions.html>

TRAINING AND UPDATE SESSION FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

November 22 | 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

All current Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Hospitality Ministers are invited and encouraged to attend a special Training and Update Session on Saturday, November 22 from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM in the church.

This is a time to refresh our hearts, renew our call to serve, and align our practices as we continue to build a prayerful and welcoming liturgical experience for all.

New volunteers discerning a call to serve in these ministries are **also warmly welcome** - your “yes” helps bring Christ to others in a beautiful and tangible way.

Let us come together in the spirit of unity and service, as we strive to be the hands, voices, and welcoming hearts of Christ in the liturgy.

Your presence is essential!

LIGHT THE WAY

The Bishop’s Fundraising Gala

The Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines, warmly invites you to an unforgettable evening of **faith, fellowship, and celebration.**

Come together with friends and supporters from across the Niagara Region and Haldimand County to help **ignite the future of evangelization**, youth, and young adult ministries in our community.

Enjoy an elegant evening featuring:

A delicious gourmet dinner

Fine drinks

A lively live auction (starting at 8:30 PM)

Great company and uplifting moments

Date: Friday, November 28

Time: 5:30 PM – 11:00 PM

Location: John Michael’s Banquet Hall

1368 Uppers Lane, Thorold

Attire: Semi-formal

Tickets: \$250 per guest.

Could you kindly register through the parish so that we can tally the participation. Thank you.