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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.

HOW WILL WE DO THIS?

- Faith:** We will meet parishioners where they are in their faith journey and help grow their relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Evangelize:** We will share the hope and joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by living and leading by good example, fostering healing and reconciliation where and when needed.
- Welcoming:** We will invite, welcome, and build healthy relationships, to provide a sense of belonging and community for all.
- Worship:** We will place Jesus Christ at the center of the Liturgy and actively participate.
- Serve:** We will invite all to actively share their talents to establish a vibrant and thriving parish that lives and serves by example.

Hospitality	Ministry Schedule - Jan 13/14	Holy Communion
5:00 pm - Ron & Janet Roscovich 10:00 am - Nick Verrecchia	Lector 5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Andrew Steger	5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Marcel Pouliot

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 12:00 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

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 Tony Zanni
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Chair Frank DeFilippis

Parish Groups
Parish Pastoral Council
Parish Financial Council
Parish Events Group
Cemetery Committee
Responsible Faith Ministry
Children's Liturgy.
ACTS Retreats Teams
RCIA TEAM

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

January 7, 2024 - Year - B
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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	Jan 8	Baptism of the Lord. Christmas Season ends today 9:00 am Melva Maureen Clarke First Week in Ordinary Time begins 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	Fr. Christopher
Tues	Jan 9	9:00 am For God's Blessings upon Fr. Christopher 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Pastoral School Visitation. 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	by the Newman Family Fr. Christopher
Wed	Jan 10	9:00 am +Donna Crawford 10:30 am - 12 :Noon Gethsemane Centre. Mass/Adoration/ Counselling 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session 16	by the CWL Fr. Christopher Team
Thurs	Jan 11	9:00 am For the special intentions of Mike & Amy Urban 9:30 am - 10: 30 am Parish Bible Study Group	by Mike Urban
Fri	Jan 12	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys 7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual 9:00 am +John & Regina Newman	Fr. Christopher by the Newman Family
Sat	Jan 13	The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special Intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family 5:45 pm - 8:30 pm Grade 7 Confirmation Prep Session 3	
Sun	Jan 14	10:00 am +Elizabeth Mancini	by Melody & Melissa Mancini

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

We rely on your weekly stewardship to support our faith community of St. Martin. We thank you for your stewardship commitment to our parish, and diocese.

E-TRANSFERS

These transfers 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.

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Your 2024 Offertory Envelopes are in the foyer of the Church for you to pick up. Thank you for your continuing financial support.

GRADE 7 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

St. Martin's Parish kicked off the award winning *Chosen* Confirmation program on Sat Nov 18 with 5 youth from St. Martin's School. We welcome and pray for these students as the start their Confirmation Journey.

Still want to join us?

Who: Grade 7 Students.

When: Next session - Jan 13 at 4:45 pm

Where: St. Martin's Church

Cost: \$50 cover meals and course material

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

- Jan 10 Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. Nominations at this meeting for 2024. Please consider individuals for nominations and perhaps consider taking an executive/leadership position yourself.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION

for the Month of January

For the gift of diversity in the Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council will gather on January 8 at 7:00 pm, in the upper meeting room. We look forward to the New Year of 2024, as we continue on our synodal path of encouraging, listening and accompanying. Future parish/diocesan Synod Sessions will resume in the later part of 2024, as we prepare for the final Synod of Bishops meeting in October of 2024. Guidance and direction will continue with the Ron Huntley Leadership in the diocese, parishes and deaneries. We are encouraged, directed and supported by many as we move forward.

POPE FRANCIS' LIST OF NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

- Don't gossip. ...
- Finish your meals. ...
- Make time for others. ...
- Choose the more humble purchase. ...
- Meet the poor "in the flesh." one as I only occasionally find myself meeting the poor "in the flesh.")
- Stop judging others. ...
- Befriend those who disagree .

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

We begin Ordinary Time January 9, 2024. The word "ordinary" comes from the Latin word, **ordo, ordinis**, which means "in order." Thus in Ordinary Time, we go through our readings in order. On weekdays, except for special feasts, the Gospel of Mark in order will be proclaimed for the next five and half weeks of Ordinary Time on weekdays until we get to Ash Wednesday (February 14).

It is easy to mistakenly think the liturgical year is about sanctifying time. The truth, however, is that the liturgical year is about growing in relationship with Jesus Christ. The richness of Ordinary Time is found in the opportunity to know Christ more intimately in the everyday realities of life. The Scripture proclaimed in Ordinary Time reveals the teaching and healing and mission of Christ, allowing us to better understand God who became human.

We learn that Christ is about humility rather than pride, vulnerability rather than power. We learn that Christ is about including the excluded, eating with social and religious outcasts, and dismantling structures of sin and injustice. We learn that Christ is about self-giving love that is only possible through authentic relationship.

Ordinary Time is anything but monotonous. These are the days where we grow into who we are called to be by imitating the lived reality of Jesus.