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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/Classes Required

St Martin Elementary School
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Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

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Parish Financial Council
Responsible Faith Ministry
ACTS Retreat Teams

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**December 11, 2022 - Year - A
3rd Sunday of Advent**

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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	Dec 12	9:00 am - For the special intentions of Fr. Christopher	by Yvonne MacNiven
Tues	Dec 13	9:00 am +Sophia & Walter Mazurk 9:30 am - 10:45 am Choir Practice 9:45 am - 1:00 pm School Confessions	by Daughter Fr. Christopher
Wed	Dec 14	9:00 am +Theresa & John Pachowicz 10:30 am Gethsemane Centre Mass 12 Noon - Luncheon at Blessed Trinity High School/Confessions to follow 7:00 pm Catholic Women's League Monthly Meeting in the Parish Hall	by Son Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Dec 15	9:00 am +John Vernon 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group 11:00 am - 2:00 pm AGM Partners in Education Faith Formation Club Roma 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Training	by the Newman Family Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Fri	Dec 16	7:30 am - 8:15 am That Man Is You - Paradisus Dei - Men's Rosary Group 8:00 am Annual Fire and Safety Inspection 9:00 am For God's blessings upon Lily Speed on her birthday 10:30 am - 12 Noon Pastoral Home Visits for those who registered.	Fr. Christopher by Ellie MacIntyre Fr. Christopher
Sat	Dec 17	4th Sunday of Advent - Year A 8:00 am - 10:00 am Paradisus Dei That Man Is You Merciful Redeemer Parish. 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions. 5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	Fr. Christopher
Sun	Dec 18	10:00 am +Anthony Markiewicz, Helen Lipiec & Benny Klimowicz	by Andy & Helen Lipiec

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. Thank you

WEST LINCOLN LOAF OF BREAD DINNER

Our parish will host the Thursday's dinner beginning January 5th at 5:30 pm

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR DECEMBER

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation. (Apostleship of Prayer/Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network).

EXTRA - ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST TRAINING SESSION

Thursday December 15 - 7pm

All new and current members are invited to the training session. This session is mandatory for new members. Commissioning of all new members and recommissions of existing members will be on Sunday Dec 18 at the 10 am Mass.

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

As part of the Synod activities, St. Martin of Tours is expanding our social media presence on Facebook. Please follow the St. Martin of Tours Facebook page! There will be announcements about Mass times and parish events, a weekly spot 5light on school activities and introducing Wonder, where we will share answers, information and insights into various aspects of the Catholic Faith. Be sure to Follow, Like and Share our page.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES 2023

Please do not use old envelopes.

The 2023 Envelope are available in the foyer of the church. Many numbers have been changed. Please do not use old envelopes, you will not get credit for your donation if you do. If your address has changed, please notify the office directly. Take the time to print your full name and address correctly on your envelope, and ensure that your number is correct. Something like "Smith Family" is not acceptable; there may be many "Smiths" in the parish and we have no way of knowing which family your offering comes from. Thank you.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENT

- Dec 21 Christmas Table Centerpiece Workshop - 6:30 pm in the parish hall.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Up Coming Events

- Dec 14 Regular Meeting
- Dec 21 "Feed your Tummy, Feed your Soul" Every 3rd Wed. Mass at 9:00 am Followed by Breakfast at Lackis. All are welcome.
- CWL Membership for 2023 are \$35. Please pay prior to January 15th by in person at meeting or by e-transfer at:

smartinscwl@hotmail.com

Be sure to say membership fee.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Mass and

Anticipated Midnight Mass 10:30 pm

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

10:00 am Mass.

Weekday Masses for the Christmas Octave at

9:00 am, Monday to Friday.

New Year's Eve Saturday, December 31,

Mass at 5:00 pm

New Year's Day Sunday,

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God,

Mass at 10:00 am.

ADVENT WEEK THREE

The theme for this third week of Advent is JOY!

The candle for the third week of Advent is rose. The liturgical colour rose is the colour of JOY!. We are JOYFUL because we are now more than half way through our Advent season of waiting to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Gracious God, we thank you for the joy of this third week of Advent. Open our hearts to praise you now with all the angels and saints, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, your Son. We make this prayer to you in His name. Amen.

DEVELOPMENT and PEACE - CARITAS CANADA

One of Development and Peace's strengths is our ability to mobilize thousands of Canadians like you to amplify marginalized voices from the Global South. Our partners want businesses to not be able to perpetrate abuses in their countries with impunity. That is why our *People and Planet First* campaign is asking you to help ensure that Canada adopts strong due diligence laws to prevent Canadian corporations from abusing human and environmental rights across their global operations. Sign our petition for this at devp.org/act and spread the word. Thank you for supporting our campaign!

CANADA EXPANDING EUTHANASIA

Catholics believe in dying naturally.

The measures proposed by a parliamentary committee reviewing amendments to "MAID" legislation compromise human dignity as well as legal principles of consent. Catholics value life to the end -- end of life has meaning; pain control is available; the elderly and vulnerable are at risk; the elderly and/or those with disabilities or mental health issues should be helped to live rather than be helped to die. Compassion and human dignity mean helping people to die well, not helping people to die: a vast difference! We earnestly pray for an end to the attacks on human life that we might lead other nations to respect the dignity and value of each and every human life from conception to natural death. In this our Advent, we pray with Mary, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death, Amen.