

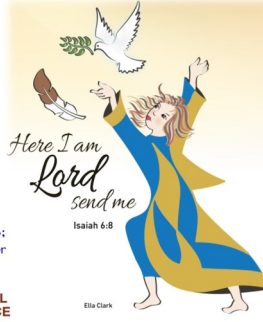








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**Vision of St. Martin of Tours**

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.

<p><b>Hospitality</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Tony Mous 10:00 am - Cathy &amp; Frank Cartagine</p>	<p><b>Ministry Schedule - May 25/26</b></p> <p><b>Lector</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Lisa Poort</p>	<p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Val Newman 10:00 am - Mary Hornak</p>
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**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  
(or by appointment)

**Requesting Sacraments**  
Interview and Classes Required

**St Martin Elementary School**  
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905-945-6708

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Parish Financial Council  
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**May 19, 2024 - Year - B**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

# May 19, 2024

## Pentecost Sunday - Year B

### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	May 20	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	May 21	9:00 am For the special intentions of Sandy Johnson & family 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	by the KOC
Wed	May 22	9:00 am +Hugh Sr. MeKelvie 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Counselling 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session 33	by St. Martin's School Fr. Christopher Team
Thurs	May 23	9:00 am +Naty Germain 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group 9:30 am Assembly of Ontario Bishops Social Affairs Commission Virtual Mtg 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Diocesan Council for Development & Peace Virtual Mtg.	by Elloso-Onate Family Fr. Christopher Fr. Chrsitopjher
Fri	May 24	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual 9:00 am For the health and healing of Sherri deWilde 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Pastoral Home Visits to those who are registered	Fr. Christopher by Joan & Bob Hignett Fr. Christopher
Sat	May 25	<b><i>The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</i></b> 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions or by appointment at any time 5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special Intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	May 26	10:00 am For the special intentions of Olivia & Emerson Bredin	by Heather Belmont

#### 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. Together, we make a difference.*

#### 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**

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#### POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

For the Formation of Men and Women Religious and Seminarians. Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

#### NEXT COFFEE SOCIAL

Sunday, May 19 after the 10:00 am Mass

#### UPCOMING FEASTS

May 12 - Ascension of the Lord  
May 19 - Pentecost Sunday  
May 26 - Most Holy Trinity  
June 2 - Most Holy Body & Blood

#### MONTH OF MAY DEDICATED TO MARY

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May, but the entire month. In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centering around the practice of expelling winter, as May 1st was considered the start of new growth. For May, give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner. It can be a statue or picture, but place there some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and Virtue. Recite the Holy Rosary daily.

#### **Dear Friends:)**

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident, that the one who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:3-6

Thank you for these amazing seven years of ministry together. As I embark on this next part of my journey, I am beyond grateful for the gift of being your parish priest and dean, and for the opportunity to get to know you and build relationships with you amid life's joys and sorrows. It has been a privilege to walk the way of Christ with you in my time at St. Martin of Tours.

Now we've come to a fork in the road and the time has come for me to take one way while you continue along the other. It is difficult to say goodbye but I do so knowing that my farewell means you get to say hello to a new pastor and to new possibilities to grow further as a community in Christ. Change is tough, but it is also necessary, nothing stays the same or else things will be stagnant and get awfully boring! We may grumble about the cold of winter but without it, there wouldn't be the glorious blooming of spring. It is the cycle of life, the cycle that makes it possible for new growth to happen in us and in our parish, deanery and diocese.

To make room for that new growth and for the new relationships you will be forming with a new pastor, I must say goodbye. Although I won't be there for special events and celebrations in the future, know that I am praying for you and you will always have a special place in my heart. And that is also true of Jasper, our parish mascot. He is an amazing dog, who knows most of you when he sees your face either before weekday Mass or at meetings or throughout the neighbourhood. He always displays a warm greeting of "Hello, it's great to see you."

As is the Catholic tradition for any pastor who responds to a vocational call, it is healthy and right for all of us that I say goodbye to you and keep walking the separate paths God has called us to follow. I have always believed that a pastor is called to a particular place, for a particular time, with a particular purpose to a particular group of people in a particular community. I will be rooting you on as we follow our different journeys and I hope you will be rooting me on too!

So I say goodbye, a word that originally meant "God be with ye!" God will indeed be with us, with

you and with me, present every step of the way as we start this new step of our journeys. May we make space for the new growth God is planting in our lives and trust the Holy Spirit's abiding presence every step of the way.

In these coming few weeks, my priority and joy will be to spend time with you, giving thanks for memories too abundant to be encompassed in a letter. I want you to know the tremendous privilege and blessing it has been in my life, my ministry, and my faith to serve you.

Love and blessings, now and always.

Christopher & Jasper.

#### DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Ministry "*Feed Your Faith*" event: All young adults (19 - 39 years old), whether in school or working, single, married, or separated/divorced, whether cradle Catholics who were raised and educated in faith or those who have drifted away and are searching for meaning and purpose from a life centred on Christ, are invited and welcome to gather at the Catholic Centre (3400 Merrittville Hwy, Thorold) for a shared meal, fellowship, and quiet prayer beginning at 6 pm on Friday, April 26, 2024.

Contact: Terri Pauco at: 905-684-0154, ext. 209

or email: [familyandyouth@saintcd.com](mailto:familyandyouth@saintcd.com). The next

"*Feed Your Faith*" event will be on Fri, May 31, 2024

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children's Liturgy happens at our Sunday 10:00 am Mass. This liturgy is such a special program and we are grateful to our excellent volunteers who make it happen. In the last several months we have had new families with young children move into the parish and we want to be sure that they are aware of it. There, they listen to Gospel passages and partake in activities relating to the readings of the week. At the Offertory they rejoin the congregation in the church. We encourage young families to have their little ones participate.

#### DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETREAT

Monday, June 3, to Friday, June 7.

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre.

Retreat Master: Cardinal Collins

Emeritus Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto.

There will be no parish weekday Mass during the retreat.

Parish Emergency Calls will be covered at this time. Parish Office remains open.