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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 - Feb 28/Mar 1

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Ron & Janet R 10:00 am - Marcel Pouliot	5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Theresa Wilson	5:00 pm - Paula Verrecchia 10:00 am - Helen Lipiec	10:00 am Sherri deWilde

Ministry Schedule - Mar 7/8

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Helen & Andy L.	5:00 pm - Andrew Steger 10:00 am - Lisa Poort	5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 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

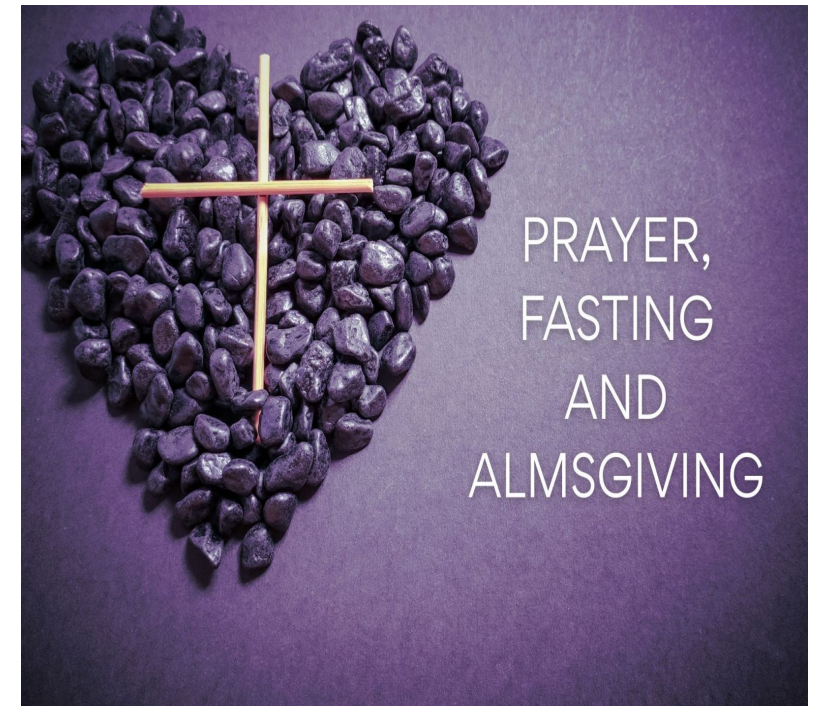
Catholic Women's League
President - Sherri De Wilde
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Parish Groups

Parish Pastoral Council
Parish Financial Council
Parish Events Group
Cemetery Committee
Responsible Faith Ministry
Facility Maintenance
Funeral Committee
Children's Liturgy
ACTS Retreats Teams

Diocese of St. Catharines
Bishop of the Diocese
Most Reverend Gerard Paul Bergie, D.D.

**St. Martin of Tours
Catholic Faith Community
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**Feb 22 & Mar 1, 2026 -Year -A
Bi-Weekly Bulletin
The 1st & 2nd Sunday
Of Lent**

February 22 & March 1, 2026

The 1st & 2nd Sunday of Lent - Year A

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Feb 23	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Feb 24	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - Clergy Lenten Day of Recollection	
		9:30 am - 10:30 am	Choir Practice
Wed	Feb 25	9:00 am	+Stjepan Pokolic by St. Martin's School Staff
		10:30 am - 11:45 am	Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/Confessions Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Feb 26	9:00 am	+Ronald Brydges by St. Martin's School Staff
		9:30 am - 10:30 am	Parish Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Readings
Fri	Feb 27	9:00 am	+Rosa Abrantes by Maria Martins
		9:30 am - 5:45 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - a day of Eucharistic Adoration
		6:00 pm	Station of the Cross
Sat	Feb 28	The 2nd Sunday in of Lent	
		10:30 am - 11:30 am	Parish Financial Council Meeting in Upper Meeting Room
		11:30 am - 2:00 pm	Baptismal Prep Class
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Confessions
		5:00 pm	+Arthur & Arlene Marlow by Valerie Newman
Sun	Mar 1	10:00 am	+Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family
Mon	Mar 2	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Mar 3	9:00 am	For God's healing & blessings upon our Choir members & families by Jennie & Joanne Kotuza
		9:30 am - 10:30 am	Choir Practice
Wed	Mar 4	9:00 am	+Maria Biancanello by Helen & Andy Lipiec
		10:30 am - 11:45 am	Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/Confessions Fr. Christopher
		4:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Baptism Prep Class
Thurs	Mar 5	9:00 am	+Jose & Lucinda Cruz by Maria Martins
		9:30 am - 10:30 am	Parish Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Readings
Fri	Mar 6	9:00 am	For God's blessings upon Fr. Christopher Gillen on his 67th birthday by Heather Belmont
		6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat	Mar 7	The 3rd Sunday of Lent	
		9:45 am - 3:00 pm	Diocesan Leadership Day at St. Alfred's Parish 3 Parish Council Member and Pastor
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	NO CONFESSIONS
		5:00 pm	+Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family
Sun	Mar 8	10:00 am	+Antonio Pais by Fatima Araujo

E-TRANSFERS

These are often referred to as **e-Transfers** and done through your online banking, website or app.

We thank you for your ongoing Parish Stewardship.

POPE LEO'S FEBRUARY INTENTIONS

For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

2025 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

We are deeply grateful for your generous financial support throughout 2025. Through your stewardship, our parish is able to keep its doors open and continue the mission entrusted to us by Christ — serving God and one another in faith, hope, and love. We kindly ask that you pick up only your own receipt and keep it in a safe place. May God bless you for your continued generosity and commitment to our parish community.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE – CARITAS CANADA

In our Lenten giving to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's Solidarity Sunday Collection on 22 March 2026, Canadians can support communities, organizations, farmers, humanitarian workers and so many others who are making such a decisive and radical choice in some of the world's most challenging situations. Development and Peace – Caritas Canada has titled its campaign on Track for Justice to emphasize that by giving to Share Lent, we are all able to join these courageous efforts, along with many others around the world.

Let us all make a sacrificial offering to the good works of Development & Peace & Caritas Canada this Lent.

LENTEN 2026 PRACTICES

- **Daily Mass:** A recommended way to deepen your connection with Christ, and others.
- **Friday Way of the Cross (Stations of the Cross):** A traditional devotion, typically held on Fridays to meditate on Christ's passion.
- **Fasting and Abstinence:** Mandatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday; abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent.

Prayer Focus:

The season emphasizes the three pillars of Lent:

Prayer,
Fasting,
Almsgiving

Embrace the desert of Lent as a sacred time to let go of what weighs you down, making space to be filled with the transformative light and love of the Resurrection.

FRIDAY LENTEN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

You're warmly invited to spend an hour with the Lord during this holy season of Lent. Come for a quiet time in reflection, spiritual reading, and peaceful adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

A sign-up sheet is available in the front foyer. Please note that each hour must be covered, as the Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended. Please take this opportunity to slow down, pray, and draw closer to Christ this Lent.

TIME: 9:30 am to 5:45 pm

Place: Upper Meeting Room

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY

BEGINNING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27,

at 6:00 pm

AND EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT

EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY

Do you ever wonder what it was *really* like to be at the Passion of Jesus?

Our tendency is to approach the Gospels as history, far removed from who and where we are today. The temptation is to distance ourselves and approach them in an impersonal way. But the Gospels are a living, breathing, deeply personal experience. If we are to encounter the living Jesus as powerfully as possible, we need to learn to place ourselves there, in each scene, seeing, hearing, smelling, and tasting everything that is happening, contemplating what each person in the scene is thinking, feeling, hoping, fearing.

The Stations of the Cross is one of the most simple, yet powerful, ways to prayerfully walk alongside Jesus and encounter Him like never before.

There are fourteen Stations of the Cross. Each is an invitation to contemplate and experience a pivotal moment from Jesus' sentencing to His death to His burial. They are a powerful way to step into some of the most significant moments in human history and encounter Jesus like never before.

For over 1000 years, Catholics have been devoted to praying the Stations of the Cross. And for over 1000 years, this deep spiritual exercise has been transforming lives. Dive into this ancient and powerful meditation on the sacrifice of Jesus and it will change your life too.