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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

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
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Parish Groups
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Parish Events Group
Cemetery Committee
Responsible Faith Ministry
Children's Liturgy.
ACTS Retreats Teams

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September 24, 2023 -Year -A

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<p>Hospitality</p> <p>5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Cathy Ransome</p>	<p>Ministry Schedule - Sept 30/Oct 1</p> <p>Lector</p> <p>5:00 pm - Sue Armstrong 10:00 am - Tom Richardson</p>	<p>Holy Communion</p> <p>5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 10:00 am - Andy Lipiec</p>
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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	Sept 25	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED	
Tues	Sept 26	St. Jean De Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues and Companies	
		9:00 am +Carmen Padvano	by Lenora Newman
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
		10:30 am - 12 Noon. Church, open for prayer, engagement, conversation	
Wed	Sept 27	St. Vincent De Paul	
		9:00 am +Richard Bilkszto	by the Newman Family
		9:00 am - 12 Noon. St. Luke, Anglican Church, open for prayer, engagement	
		10:30 am - 12 NOON Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Confessions	Fr. Christopher
		1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Diocesan Deans Leadership Training Catholic Centre	Fr. Christopher
		6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Wellspring Niagara	Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session Two	TEAM
Thurs	Sept 28	9:00 am +Eileen Dell	by Cathy & Frank Cartaginense
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group upper meeting room	
		6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Diocesan Council for Development & Peace Zoom Mt	Fr. Christopher
Fri	Sept 29	St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael	
		9:00 am +Antonio Borges	by Maria Borges
		11:00 am- 1:00 pm Diocesan Leadership Training with Lorraine McCarthy	Fr. Christopher
Sat	Sept 30	The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A	
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions.	
		5:00 pm For the special intentions of Mike & Amy Urban	by Mike Urban
Sun	Oct 1	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special Intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Increase your standard of Giving before your increase your standard of Living.

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.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

"We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions: may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance."

BECOMING CATHOLIC?

St. Martin's Parish RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you fit any one of the following descriptions (or if you know of someone who does), call us!

- anyone who wants to join the Catholic Church
- anyone who wants to consider entering the Church
- anyone who was baptized but never received the other sacraments
- anyone who simply wishes to inquire about Catholicism
- anyone Catholic who feels that they would like to review or increase their knowledge of the faith (and at the same time, act as a parish sponsor for an inquirer)

The process has now begun this past Wednesday, Sept 20, 2023 and will run every Wed until May 15, 2024 from 7 - 9 pm.

There's no time like the present to signal one's intentions!

It is not too late!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

SPONSORS NEEDED

RCIA has begun September 20, at St. Martin's. We are looking for volunteers to create a "Sponsor List" where Candidates can seek out a supporting Catholic to help along their journey.

WE INTRODUCE YOU TO THE RCIA TEAM

Fr. Christopher, Sandy, Johnson, Lenora Newman, Jennifer Noseworthy, Lisa Poort, Nick Verrecchia, Paula Verrecchia.

PARISH / SCHOOL FOODRIVE

September 25 to October 5

We partnership together for West Lincoln Community Care.

Please drop off your non-perishable food items to either the parish or the school. For your convenience the front foyer is perhaps best as you leave your items before Mass. We will deliver to the school. Thank you.

CWL UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 11 Regular Meeting at 7pm in Parish Hal
- Oct 12 Lunch at Mandarin
- Oct 18 "Feed Your Soul, Feed Your Tummy" - every third Wednesday Mass at 9 am and breakfast following at Lackis Please join us. (husbands welcome)

Memberships for the year 2024 for returning members will be coming up. Please remember to renew your membership and a special invitation for new members to join us. More information to follow.

LIFE CHAIN 2023

Can you spare one hour to save a Lifetime? Join thousands across Canada on October 1, 2023 in prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life. This is a family-friendly event providing a unique opportunity to witness to our neighbors' a much-needed message of love, hope, and truth. Contact Muriel Dyson at 905-735-3666 for information on the Life Chain taking place in Welland on Niagara Street at the Seaway Mall at 2:00pm or contact Angela Braun at (905)931-0363 for information on the Life Chain taking place along Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls. Times and locations of all the Life Chains across Canada can be found at: <https://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain>.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our next scheduled meeting is Monday, October 2, at 7:00 pm in the upper meeting room. Agenda will be sent to Council members.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

CARTIAS CANADA

Get ready for an exciting new phase of our Fall/Lent campaign, "Create Hope -- Stand for the Land." This fall we will have the incredible opportunity to connect with a vibrant community in Honduras. The Guapinol community is facing a pressing challenge: the threat to their water and land due to an open pit iron mine nestled in the Montaña de Botaderos Carlos Escaleras National Park. The impact of this mine extends to villages along the Guapinol and San Pedro rivers, as well as the entire regional ecosystem. To learn more about the campaign, visit their website: devep.org

SYNOD OF SYNODALITY OCTOBER 4 - 29, 2023

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) welcomed the news from the Holy See's General Secretariat of the Synod of the delegates appointed for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to be held this October. The two episcopal conferences serve as the coordinating entities for the North American region for the Synod, which is themed, *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission*. The first session of the Synod will be held at the Vatican on 4-29 October 2023, and the second session is scheduled to be held in October 2024.

SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity

so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,

who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.