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 <p><b>ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC</b> <b>Elementary School</b> 18 Streamside Dr., Smithville, ON L0R 2A0 905-957-3032</p>	 <p><b>THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA</b> FOR GOD AND CANADA CWL #2289 St. Martin of Tours Church StMartinsCWL@hotmail.com Always welcoming new members: please contact our President for more information.</p> <p>faith service SOCIAL JUSTICE</p>  <p>Here I am Lord send me Isaiah 6:8</p>	 <p><b>RICE MONUMENT WORKS</b> 1421 Highway #8, Winona 1.800.533.6102 Bus. 905.643.1027 Res. 905.957.6943</p>
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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 - May 23/24**

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Cheryl Ecker 10:00 am - Helen & Andy L	5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Marg Van Geest	5:00 pm - Nick Verrecchia 10:00 am - John Terpstra	10:00 am Sherri deWilde

**Ministry Schedule - May 30/31**

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Priscila Mancini 10:00 am - John Terpstra	5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Theresa Wilson	5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Carmen Bucci	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

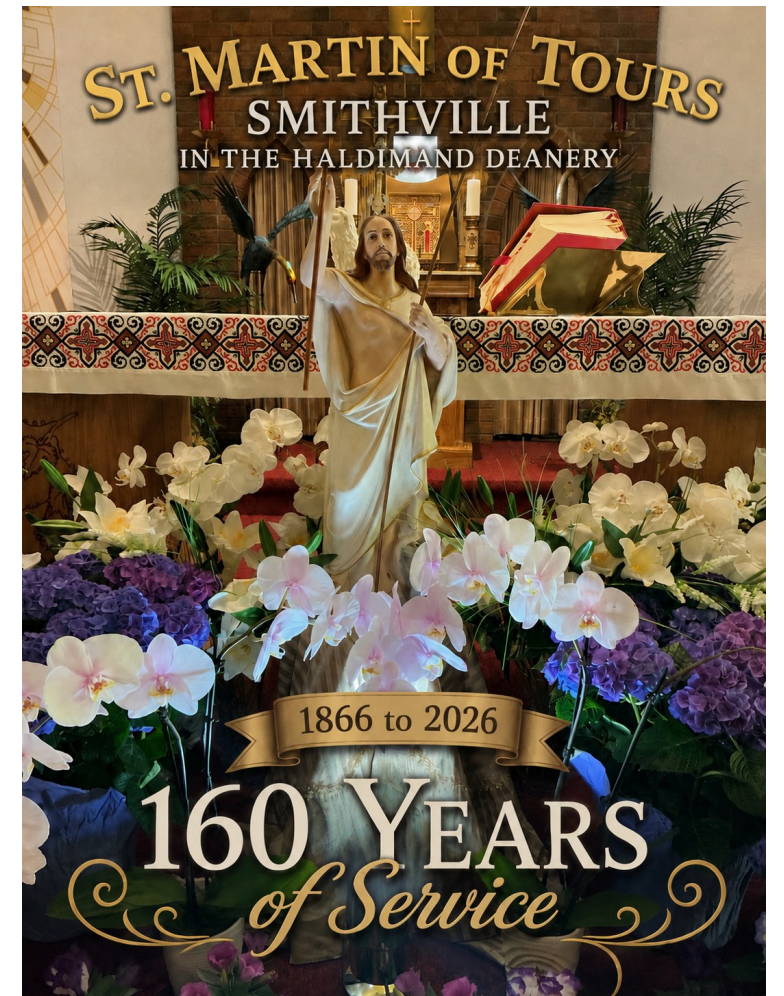
**St Martin Elementary School**  
905-957-3032  
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905-945-6708

**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.  
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**Mission of St. Martin of Tours**  
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**May 17 and May 24, 2026 -Year -A  
Bi-Weekly Bulletin**  
**The Ascension of the Lord  
And Pentecost Sunday**

# May 17 and May 24, 2026

## The Ascension of the Lord & Pentecost Sunday - Year A MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	May 18	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	May 19	9:00 am +Lloyd Buchan 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice 6:30 pm - 7:15pm St. Martin's Cemetery Board Meeting in the Upper Meeting Room	by Andrew & Caroline Steger
Wed	May 20	9:00 am For the health and healing of Fr. Christopher 10:30 am - 11:45 am Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Confessions	by Carol McNulty Fr. Christopher
Thurs	May 21	9:00 am +Joyce Ross 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Readings 6:30 pm -7:30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the Upper Meeting Room	by Colin Ross
Fri	May 22	9:00 am +Paul Furtado	by Paula Melo
Sat	May 23	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm +Jeremias Machado	
Sun	May 24	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	by Agostinha Machado
Mon	May 25	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	May 26	<b>St. Philip Neri</b> 9:00 am +Edward Kotuza 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	by the Kotuza Family
Wed	May 27	9:00 am +Joseph DeFilippis 10:30 am - 11:45 am Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/Confessions	by Frank & Donna DeFilippis Fr. Christopher
Thurs	May 28	9:00 am For God's blessings upon Pauline Lewis on her birthday 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Readings	by Heather Belmont
Fri	May 29	9:00 am For the special intentions of Sophia Whitaker	by Heather Belmont
Sat	May 30	<b>The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b> 10:30 am -11:00 am Internment Service at Vineland Cemetery Martina Vrbancic 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family +William Kell	Fr. Christopher by the Kell Family
Sun	May 31	10:00 am For God's blessings upon Anne Fedorik	by Family

### 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**

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.**

### FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

May 24

After the 10 am Mass

Join us for coffee, treats and fellowship

### POPE LEO'S MAY INTENTIONS

That everyone might have food.

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETREAT

Will take place at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre from Monday June 1, to Friday, June 5.

NO WEEKDAY MASSES CELEBRATED

Parish Office remains open and Thursday Bible Study takes place. Emergency calls are covered.

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

#### HEARTS ON FIRE

Our Diocese has launched the Bishop's Annual Appeal: *Hearts on Fire* to support youth and young adult ministry, evangelization, and faith formation for all ages. Together, our Diocese hopes to raise \$400,000, with our parish goal set at \$2,995. Any amount raised beyond this goal stays with the parish.

In the coming weeks, please prayerfully consider supporting this important mission as we help bring the love of Christ to others.

#### How to Give:

- Cash or cheque (payable to *St. Martin of Tours*) using the special envelopes in the church foyer. Please write "Bishop's Appeal" on the cheque memo line.
- E-Transfer: **stmartinsdonation@gmail.com** Please include "Bishop's Appeal" in the message line.
- You may also donate using the QR code on the foyer poster.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The St. Martin's CWL would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for your exceptional generosity and support in collecting donations for the "Haldimand Pregnancy Care and Family Centre." Thanks to your collective efforts, this year's donation drive has been a great success. The centre has expressed thankfulness and deep appreciation for the significant contributions made by St. Martin's.

Thank you to everyone who came out to clean up the parish grounds for Earth Day. It was a successful event and the church yards look wonderful.

Calling all ladies of the parish to join the CWL on Wednesday, June 10 at 7:00 pm for a paint night. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please email Elaine Parry at [parryee@gmail.com](mailto:parryee@gmail.com) to sign up. Spots are selling out quickly.

### MAY CROWNING

Wednesday, May 13

the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Our parish celebrated a beautiful May Crowning during the 6:30pm Mass.

A sincere word of thanks to those who attended this special celebration in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven and Mother of the Church. We are especially grateful to our choir for the beautiful Marian hymns which enriched our prayer, and our Catholic Women's League for the generous gift of two dozen white roses used for the crowning of Mary. May Mary continue to guide us always to her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ with her motherly love and intercession.

### UPCOMING CATHOLIC SOLEMNITIES

#### A Journey of Faith and Grace

As we continue our journey through the Easter season, we are invited to reflect on the profound mysteries of our faith. The upcoming Solemnities offer us opportunities to deepen our connection with the divine.

- The Ascension** marks Christ's glorious return to the Father, reminding us of our heavenly calling. – May 17
- Pentecost** follows, when the Holy Spirit empowers the Church, uniting us in the mission of spreading the Gospel. – May 24
- The Most Holy Trinity** then invites us to contemplate the mystery of God's loving communion, three-in-one, and our relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. – May 31
- The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** invites us to receive Christ in the Eucharist, strengthening us to live out the faith empowered by the Spirit and in union with the Trinity. - Jun 7

Together, these solemnities unfold a powerful narrative of God's saving work — calling us to ascend, be filled with the Spirit, embrace the mystery of the Trinity, and live as the Body of Christ on earth.