


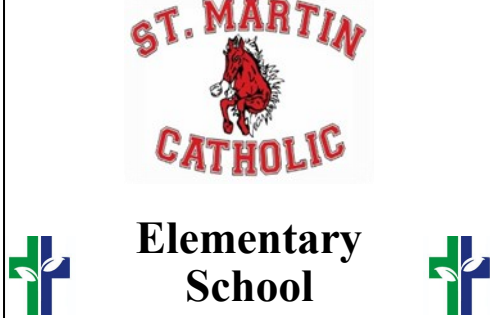


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**Vision of St. Martin of Tours**

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.

<b>Ministry Schedule - Feb 24/25</b>		
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
5:00 pm - Ron & Janet Roscovich 10:00 am - Joan & Bob Hignett	5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Caroline Steger	5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 10:00 am - Andrew Lipiec

**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**  
**Catholic Women's League**  
President - Sherri De Wilde  
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Parish Financial Council  
Parish Events Group  
Cemetery Committee  
Responsible Faith Ministry  
Children's Liturgy.  
ACTS Retreats Teams  
RCIA TEAM

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**Bishop of the Diocese**  
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**1866 -2024**



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**February 18, 2024 - Year - B**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

February 18, 2024

# The 1st Sunday of Lent - Year B

## MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Feb 19	9:00 am	For the health and healing of Fr. Christopher	by the Newman Family
Tues	Feb 20	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Diocesan Priests on Lenten Retreat Mount Carmel Niagara Falls	
		6:30 pm	+Kamil Pachowicz & Wesi Trupek	Emilia & Walter Pachowicz
		9:30 am - 10:30 am	Choir Practice	
Wed	Feb 21	9:00 am	+Maria Jose Cordeiro	by the Melo & Mikhail Families
		10:30 am - 12 :Noon	Gethsemane Centre. Mass/Adoration/ Counselling	Fr. Christopher
		11:30 am - 2:00 pm	School Confession at Our Lady of Fatima	Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session 22	Team
Thurs	Feb 22		<b>Chair of St. Peter</b>	
		9:00 am	+Melva Clarke	by the Newmans
		9:30 am - 10: 30 am	Parish Bible Study Group	
Fri	Feb 23	7:30 am - 8:00 am	Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am	For the special intentions of Mike & Amy Urban	by Mike Urban
		5:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration/Prayer time/Confessions	
		6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Lenten Way of the Cross. (Station)	
Sat	Feb 24		<b>The 2nd Sunday of Lent</b>	
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Confessions	
		5:00 pm	+Pro Populo Dei - For the special Intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Feb 25	10:00 am	+Lucie Aube	by Julie Canto

Please note the change in weekday Masses  
No morning Mass Tuesday, February 20.

### 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.

### 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 FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for the Month of February

The Holy Father encourages prayers "so that Terminally ill patients and their families always receive necessary medical and human care and support."

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

- Feb 21 "Feed Your Soul, Feed Your Tummy"  
Every 3rd Wednesday, Mass at 9 am and breakfast following at Lackis  
Please join us (husbands welcome)

2024 Memberships are past due! If you have forgotten to renew your membership please. Contact our new President, Sherri deWilde.  
Membership for 2024 is \$35.00.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This is celebrated the first Friday in March each year to encourage Christian women (and men) to engage in personal prayer and lead communal prayer. St. Martin's is the host parish this year for Smithville. More details to follow.

### WHY DO WE PRAY THE WAY OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT?

Walking the Way of the Cross is a wonderful Lenten devotion. Since Lent is a penitential season of preparation for Easter, the Stations of the Cross, which follow the path of Christ from Pontius Pilate's praetorium to Christ's tomb have been a popular devotion in the history of the Church. Please plan on attending our Way of the Cross Stations) beginning the First Week of Lent, Fri, Feb 23, at 6:00 pm. Church opens at 5:30 pm with Eucharistic Adoration prior to the Stations.

Attending Weekday Mass is also a great habit to form for Lent and beyond. Weekday Masses in Lent Monday to Friday 9:00 am.

Lent for all Catholics is a time of renewal. It is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This is especially true for those in the RCIA process. During Lent the journey goes from the head to the heart as the Catechumens/Elect long for the Easter Sacraments.

### ANNUAL BENEFIT GALA

Once more, the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education (NFCE) is hosting the annual Benefit Gala and presentation of the NFCE Award of Distinction. The foundation supports students in need and provides scholarships. Bishop Gerard Bergie is the honorary guest.

This year's event is on Thurs, Mar 21 - 6:00 pm at Club Roma, StC (\$100 per person -- payable on-line or by cheque to NFCE by Mar. 13).  
For further info, call:

905-734-0240, x214I

or e-mail linda.marconi@ncdsb.com

### WHAT ARE THE 3 THINGS TO FOCUS ON DURING LENT?

What are the three pillars of Lent? To help keep us on track, the church offers us three pillars to focus our efforts during the 40 days of Lent:  
**prayer, fasting and almsgiving.**

### THREE GREAT THEMES RUN THROUGH THE SUNDAY READINGS FOR LENT THIS YEAR:

**The exodus, the justice and mercy of God, and the paschal mystery** (the saving significance of Jesus' death and resurrection). This Sunday's readings develop and deepen those themes.

### LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY (LJHR) March 2, 2024

The 2024 Lift Jesus Higher Rally (LJHR) will be held on Saturday, Mar 2, 2024 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. LJHR is an annual event for Youth and Adults that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, reflections, Divine Mercy and Eucharistic Adoration. The theme this year is TAKE HEART: BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED.

Adult tickets are \$30 and Youth tickets are \$15.

For registration information visit: [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca)

*"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."* Jeremiah 29:11.

### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE CARITAS CANADA

We believe in the dignity of every person and supports communities so that they can be the architects of their own development.

We work in partnership with almost **100 local organizations** that empower communities in over **34 countries around the world** to defend their rights, act for peace and take charge of their own development.

Parishes are vital to the Development and Peace — Caritas Canada movement. From driving donations to raising awareness to inspiring action, parish communities form a unique connection between people in Canada and our partners in the Global South.

Parish representatives serve as links between Development and Peace - Caritas Canada and parishioners, carrying out campaigns and inviting others into our work. Many parishes even have Development and Peace parish groups, in which members gather to share in a life of solidarity and faith. Please support this Lent Development & Peace and Caritas Canada. Solidarity Sunday/ Share Lent Collection is the 5th Sunday of Lent, March 17, 2004. We stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who feed the planet while taking care of our Common Home. Please read the Development & Peace Magazine included in this week's parish bulletin.

Visit their website at [devp.org](http://devp.org)