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<b>Ministry Schedule - May 20/21</b>		
<p><b>Hospitality</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde</p>	<p><b>Lector</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Caroline Steger</p>	<p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Nick Verrecchia 10:00 am - Cathy Cartagine</p>

**Pastor**  
Very Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen  
Parish Priest / Vicar Forane  
(Dean of Haldimand)

**Sunday Masses**  
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am  
**Weekday Masses**  
See Schedule  
on the inside of the bulletin

**In Office Hours**  
Tuesday & Thursday  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Administrative Assistant**  
**Financial Recorder**  
Sandy Johnson

**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 - Maryanne Mous  
StMartinsCWL@hotmail.com

**Knights of Columbus**  
Grand Knight - Pierre Paradis  
jpierre.paradis@live.ca


**Facility Maintenance**  
Chair Frank DeFilippis

**Parish Groups**  
Parish Pastoral Council (Pending)  
Parish Events Group  
Parish Financial Council  
Cemetery Committee  
Responsible Faith Ministry  
Children's Liturgy.  
Youth Ministry  
ACTS Retreats(4) Teams

Diocese of St. Catharines  
**Bishop of the Diocese**  
Most Reverend Gerard Paul Bergie, D.D.  
President of Assembly of Ontario Catholic Bishops  
Diocesan Website: www.saintcd.com

**St. Martin of Tours Roman Catholic Church**

A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take.



*Happy Mother's Day*

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**May 14, 2023 - Year - A**

**The 6th Sunday of Easter**

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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	May 15	NO MASS PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED	
Tues	May 16	9:00 am For the health and healing of Fr. Christopher 9:30 am - 10:45 am Choir Practice 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm What We Believe Session Parish Hall	by the Newman Family
Wed	May 17	9:00 am +William Ross 10:30 am Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/Confessions	by Maria Chorley Fr. Christopher
Thurs	May 18	9:00 am + Jose Carlos DaSilva 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	by the Melo & Mikhail Families
Fri	May 19	7:30 am - 8:15 am That Man Is You - Paradisus Dei - Men's Rosary Group 9:00 am For the special intentions of Mike & Amy Urban	Fr. Christopher by Mike Urban
Sat	May 20	The <i>Ascension of the Lord - Year A</i> 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions. 5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	May 21	10:00 am For God's blessings upon Agnes & Richard Sekutowski 11:30 am Christian Baptism of Milana and Analia Boschi-Rossi	by Danuta Mazur Fr. Christopher

#### 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. Thank you

#### CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

We welcome the following children into the Family of Faith:

Eloise Violet Gould - May 14  
Milana Chiara Boschi-Rossi - May 21  
Analia Tiaca Boschi-Rossi - May 21  
Madison Carmen Gazzola - June 25  
Isabelle Rosemary Gazzola - June 25

All Baptisms are at 11:30 am.

#### COFFEE SOCIAL SUNDAY

Join us for some coffee, treats and fellowship on May 21, 2023 after the 10 am Mass

#### SPRING ACTS RETREAT

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE  
MISSISSAUGA. Men's ACTS Retreat  
May 25 - 28. This is all done through Adoration, Community, Theology and Service which represents the call letters of ACTS.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Men's Retreat: Carlo Agostino  
905-755-9166, email: agostinocg@gmail.com

#### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 17 "Feed Your Soul, Feed Your Tummy" - every third Wed. Mass at 9:am and breakfast following at Lackis. Please join us, room for everyone (husbands welcome).
- June 14 Last meeting until September

#### POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION MAY

"For Church movements and groups"

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world. "

#### ST JOSEPH PARISH FUNDRAISER LADIES ONLY" NIGHT OUT DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

Friday, May 26

Blessed Trinity High School, Grimsby  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
Games begin at 7:00 pm  
\$50/person  
(includes 3 bingo cards for 10 games)  
Tickets available from St. Joseph Church  
905/945-2661

Spread of Italian foods, prizes, cash bar  
A great Mother's Day gift!

#### SERRA CLUB OF ST. CATHARINES

"Heaven Help Us!" Trivia Night  
Saturday, May 27 St. Alfred Church, St. Catharines  
Doors open 6:00 pm  
Buffet dinner 6:30 pm  
Tickets \$25/person in advance  
\$30/person at the door

Contact Patrick Portelli 416-948-3969

This event will be in support of our seminarians, diaconate candidates, and religious.  
(trivia@serrastc.ca)

#### SYNOD UPDATE

The Continental Stage of the Synod on Synodality concluded on March 31, at which time the CCCB, along with the US Conference of Bishops (USCCB), submitted the *North American Final Document for the Continental Stage* to the Synod Secretariat.

The *Final Document* from North America, along with the contributions of the six other Continental Assemblies, will form the basis of the *Instrumentum Laboris* to be released by the General Secretariat of the Synod in June 2023. The Final Document from North America is now publicly available on the CCCB website at the following links:

<https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/bishops-release-north-american-final-document-to-conclude-continental-stage-of-the-2021-2024-synod/>

#### WHY IS MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary, came about in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Some say because it was created to replace various pagan cults. The actual reason is the fact that this month is the time when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our saviour Jesus Christ.

The link between Mary and the month of May became popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it had a firm hold among their students at the Roman College and a short time later it was publicly celebrated in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the rest of the Church.

The pious practice of honouring Mary during the month of May has been especially promoted by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical *on the Sacred Liturgy Mediator Dei*. He characterized it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops."

Devotion to Mary is one an important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his mother.

*Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*