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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
Phone 905-957-3032

Cemetery Management
Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

Parish Organizations
Catholic Women's League
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Youth Ministry
Parish Events Group
Parish Financial Council
Responsible Faith Ministry
ACTS Retreat Teams

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December 18, 2022 - Year - A
4th Sunday of Advent

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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	Dec 19	9:00 am +Connie Krasko	by Rodney & Joyce Ross
Tues	Dec 20	9:00 am +Jacob & Eva Schmee	by the Newman Family
		9:30 am - 10:45 am Choir Practice	
		9:45 am - 11:00 pm School Confessions. Final Classes Grade 3	Fr. Christopher
		6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Confessions/ Benediction	
Wed	Dec 21	9:00 am +Cecil Amadio	by St. Martin's School Staff
		6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Christmas Table Centrepiece Workshop Parish Hall	
Thurs	Dec 22	9:00 am +James & Teresa Bolton	by the Newman Family
		7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Zoom Mtt Social Justice Affordable Housing Toronto	Fr. Christopher
Fri	Dec 23	7:30 am - 8:15 am That Man Is You - Paradisus Dei - Men's Rosary Group	Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am For God's blessings upon Karina Simone & her Parents	by a Friend
		10:30 am - 12 Noon Pastoral Home Visits for those who registered.	Fr. Christopher
Sat	Dec 24	The Nativity of the Lord - Year A	
		5:00 pm +Michelle McManus	by Family
		10:30 pm +Bernie Duggan	by Rodney & Joyce Ross
Sun	Dec 25	10:00 am For the special intentions of Fr. Christopher and St. Martin's Parish Family	

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

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES 2023

Please do not use old envelopes.

The 2023 Envelope are available in the foyer of the church. Many numbers have been changed. Please do not use old envelopes, you will not get credit for your donation if you do. If your address has changed, please notify the office directly. Take the time to print your full name and address correctly on your envelope, and ensure that your number is correct. Something like "Smith Family" is not acceptable; there may be many "Smiths" in the parish and we have no way of knowing which family your offering comes from. Thank you.

WEST LINCOLN LOAF OF BREAD DINNER

Our parish will host for the month of January each Thursday's Dinner/Fellowship beginning January 5th at 5:30 pm.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR DECEMBER

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation. (Apostleship of Prayer/Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network).

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

As part of the Synod activities, St. Martin of Tours is expanding our social media presence on Facebook. Please follow the St. Martin of Tours Facebook page! There will be announcements about Mass times and parish events, a weekly spot 5light on school activities and introducing Wonder, where we will share answers, information and insights into various aspects of the Catholic Faith. Be sure to Follow, Like and Share our page.

PRAYER AND CONFESSION

Tuesday, December 20, at 6:30 pm to 7:30pm
Time for prayer and reflection...

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENT

- Dec 21 Christmas Table Centerpiece Workshop - 6:30 pm in the parish hall.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Up Coming Events

- Dec 21 "Feed your Tummy, Feed your Soul" Every 3rd Wed. Mass at 9:00 am Followed by Breakfast at Lackis. All are welcome.
- CWL Membership for 2023 are \$35. Please pay prior to January 15th by in person at meeting or by e-transfer at:
stmartinscwl@hotmail.com
Be sure to say membership fee.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve
5:00 pm Mass and

Anticipated Midnight Mass 10:30 pm

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day
10:00 am Mass.

Weekday Masses for the Christmas Octave at
9:00 am, Monday to Friday.

New Year's Eve Saturday, December 31,
Mass at 5:00 pm

New Year's Day Sunday,
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God,
Mass at 10:00 am.

DEVELOPMENT and PEACE

- CARITAS CANADA

One of Development and Peace's strengths is our ability to mobilize thousands of Canadians like you to amplify marginalized voices from the Global South. Our partners want businesses to not be able to perpetrate abuses in their countries with impunity. That is why our *People and Planet First* campaign is asking you to help ensure that Canada adopts strong due diligence laws to prevent Canadian corporations from abusing human and environmental rights across their global operations. Sign our petition for this at devp.org/act and spread the word. Thank you for supporting our campaign.

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Today we celebrate the fourth and final week of Advent, our annual spiritual preparation for our celebration of Christmas. As we celebrate the Eucharist this weekend, let us thank the Lord Jesus for His real presence among us, not only in the bread and wine which will become the body and blood of Christ, but also in ourselves and in one another as together we receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion. And let us realize that the Lord's real presence with us in the Eucharist is the most important of all of the Christmas presents we will ever receive.

May this mystery of the Lord's real presence among us give us always cause for rejoicing, and may it never cease to surprise us! During this last week of Advent, and throughout the Christmas Season, let us be ready, willing, and able to be surprised. Not only that God became one of us in Jesus, in order to save us, but that God is still very much present and active in the world today.

Let us try to surprise one another, not just with the perfect gift in the right color and correct size, but more importantly, let us surprise one another by really making an effort to reveal and recognize Christ's presence in ourselves and in one another.

CANADA EXPANDING EUTHANASIA

Catholics believe in dying naturally.

The measures proposed by a parliamentary committee reviewing amendments to "MAID" legislation compromise human dignity as well as legal principles of consent. Catholics value life to the end -- end of life has meaning; pain control is available; the elderly and vulnerable are at risk; the elderly and/or those with disabilities or mental health issues should be helped to live rather than be helped to die. Compassion and human dignity mean helping people to die well, not helping people to die: a vast difference! We earnestly pray for an end to the attacks on human life that we might lead other nations to respect the dignity and value of each and every human life from conception to natural death. In this our Advent, we pray with Mary, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death, Amen.