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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.

Ministry Schedule - Dec 20/21

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Julie Notarianni 10:00 am - George Y.	5:00 pm - Lisa Poort 10:00 am - Caroline Steger	5:00 pm - Paula Verrecchia 10:00 am - Andrew Steger	10:00 am Sue Priestly

Ministry Schedule - Dec 24/25

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Ron & Janet R. 9:30 pm - Cheryl Ecker 10:00 am - Chuch & Elaine P	5:00 pm - Lisa Poort 9:30 pm - Marg Van Geest 10:00 am - Theresa Wilson	5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 9:30 pm - Dick Van Geest 10:00 am - Andy Lipiec	10:00 am Sherri deWilde

Ministry Schedule - Dec 27/28

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Fatima Araujo 10:00 am - Nick Verrecchia	5:00 pm - Lisa Poort 10:00 am - Andrew Steger	5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Caroline Steger	10:00 am Judy Terpstra

Ministry Schedule - Dec 31/Jan 1

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Marcel Pouliot	5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Caroline Steger	5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Andrew Steger	10:00 am No Children's Liturgy

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)

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Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

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Parish Groups
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Dec 14 & 21, 2025 - Year - A
Bi-Weekly Bulletin
The 3rd & 4th Sunday of Advent

December 14 & 21, 2025

The 3rd and 4th Sundays of Advent - Year A

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Dec 15	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY		
Tues	Dec 16	9:00 am	+Ross Clarke	by Sandy Johnson
		9:30 am	- 10:30 am Choir Practice	
Wed	Dec 17	9:00 am	For the health and healing of Helen & Andy Lipiec	by Christine & Adam Terepora
		10:30 am	- 11:00 am Gethsemane Centre Mass	
		6:30pm	- 7:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/ Confessions	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Dec 18	9:00 am	+Benny Klimowicz, Anthony Markowicz & Helena Lipiec	by Helen & Andy Lipiec
		7:00pm	- 8:00pm Confessions at St. Joseph's Grimsby with several priests hearing confessions	
		9:30 am	-10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
		7:00 pm	3rd Form Reconciliation at St. Joseph - All are invited	Fr. Christopher
Fri	Dec 19	9:00 am	+Edward Kotuza	by Brenda Christie
Sat	Dec 20	<i>The 4th Sunday of Advent</i>		
		4:00 pm	- 4:30 pm Confessions	
		5:00 pm	For God's blessings upon Helen & Family	by Danuta Mazur
Sun	Dec 21	10:00 am	+Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Mon	Dec 22	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY		
Tues	Dec 23	9:00 am	+Melva Clarke	by Sandy Johnson
Wed	Dec 24	<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>		
		5:00 pm	+Harry Belmont	by Heather Belmont
		9:30 pm	For the special intentions of Fr. Christopher	
Thurs	Dec 25	10:00 am	For the special intentions of Fr. Christopher	
Fri	Dec 26	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY		
Sat	Dec 27	<i>The Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</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	Dec 28	10:00 am	+Edward Kotuza	by Cheryl Ecker

E-TRANSFERS

These are often referred to as **e-Transfers** and done through your online banking, website or app.
We thank you for your ongoing Parish Stewardship.

2025 INCOME TAX DONATIONS

If you wish to have a donation put toward your 2025 Tax Year, please ensure that your donation is made before:

- Dec 28 for a collection basket donation
- Dec 30 for an e-transfer donation

All donations made after these dates will be put toward the 2026 Tax Year.

POPE LEO'S DECEMBER INTENTIONS

For Christians in areas of Conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war and conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

REGARDING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelopes are reissued annually only to those who have used them in the previous year.
Therefore, parishioners who did not use their 2025 envelopes will not be automatically receive envelopes for 2026. Please contact the parish office if you wish to resume envelope use.
Thank you.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS

Dec 14, 2025 and Jan 18, 2026
after the 10 am Mass
Join us for fellowship, coffee and treats.

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S

MASS SCHEDULE

The Christmas Season celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus and the ways He manifested the presence of God among us. For the Church, only the Easter celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection is more important than the Christmas Season.

Wed. December 24 - Christmas Eve - 5 & 9:30 pm
The Vigil Masses for The Nativity of the Lord,
Thurs, December 25 - Christmas Day - 10:00am.
The Nativity of the Lord
Sat, December 27 - 5pm - Holy Family Vigil
Sun, December 28 - 10 am - Holy Family Mass
Wed, December 31 - 5 pm.
Vigil for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Thurs, January 1 - 10 am - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and World Day of Peace
Sat, January 3 - 5:00 pm - Vigil for the Epiphany
Sun, January 4 - 10:00 am - Epiphany
Check parish calendar for weekday Masses.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES 2026

Please do not use old envelopes.

The 2026 Envelope are available in the foyer of the church in a few weeks.
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, phone number or name has changed, please notify the office directly via email or phone. 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 will not know which family your offering comes from. If you currently do not use a box set of offertory envelopes and would like to, please notify the office as soon as possible. Please do not fold your money in the envelopes or use tape or staples to seal the envelopes. The money counters will be very grateful. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 24, closes at 12:00 pm
Tuesday, December 30, CLOSED.
Christmas Day and New Year's Day Closed.
Parish reopens on Tuesday, January 6.

BISHOP'S FIRST GALA

On behalf of Bishop Bergie and the Office of Development, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your support leading up to our inaugural *Light the Way* Bishop's Gala. Whether you promoted the event, purchased a table, donated an auction item, prayed for its success, or encouraged parishioners to take part—you played a meaningful role in what became a truly historic evening for our Diocese. Thanks to the incredible generosity of clergy, parish communities, families, businesses, and supporters across Niagara and Haldimand, the gala **sold out at 340 guests** and raised **over \$120,000** in support of evangelization and faith formation initiatives. It was a beautiful night of unity and hope, bringing together the entire diocese as we prepare to launch Bishop Bergie's new diocesan vision to *Set Hearts on Fire* and the Bishop's Annual Appeal in 2026. Your partnership and leadership made this milestone possible. Please know how deeply grateful we are for your dedication to the mission of the Church and to the ongoing renewal of our Diocese.

In Christ, Emma Mete
Manager of Stewardship and Engagement

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To assist parishioners in year-end tax planning, the diocese has available a Donation of Securities Form. Parishioners can make donations of securities to the parish or diocese and receive a receipt for income tax purposes for the full market amount of the securities donated. This is an opportunity for parishioners to support the parish and also receive a donation receipt for income tax purposes. For copies of this form or if you would like the diocese to assist in this process, please contact John J. O'Brien, CFO, at 905-684-0154 x206 or 289-259-0795.

NEED RECONCILIATION/ CONFESSION?

St. Joseph's Parish Grimsby, Thurs, Dec 18, at 7:00pm. Confessions will be heard in different languages. English, French, Italian, Polish.