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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 - Dec 6/7

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Priscila Mancini 10:00 am - John Terpstra	5:00 pm - Lisa Poort 10:00 am - Caroline Steger	5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde	10:00 am Sherri deWilde

Ministry Schedule - Dec 13/14

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Helen & Andy L.	5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Marg Van Geest	5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 10:00 am - Marcel Pouliot	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)

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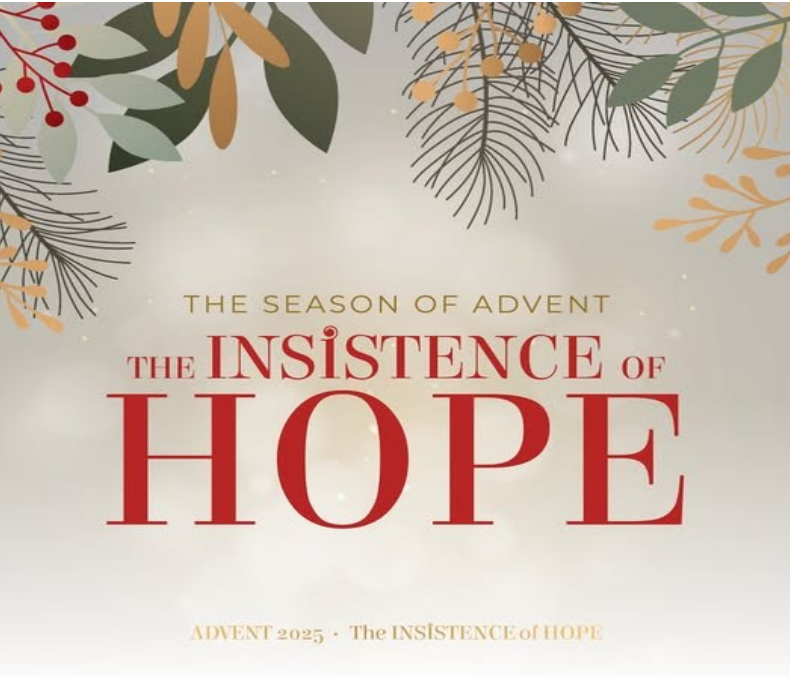
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Nov 30 & Dec 7, 2025 - Year - A
Bi-Weekly Bulletin
The 1st & 2nd Sunday of Advent

November 30 & December 7, 2025

The 1st and 2nd 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 1	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Dec 2	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - Advent Day of Recollection for Diocesan Clergy	
		9:30 am - 10:30 am	Choir Practice
		6:30 pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Upper Meeting Room - All Council Members
Wed	Dec 3	<i>St. Francis of Xavier</i>	
		9:00 am	+For the special intentions of Bob Hignett by Heather Belmont
		10:30 am	- 11:00 am Gethsemane Centre Mass
Thurs	Dec 4	9:00 am	For the health & healing of Bob Hignett by Helen & Andy Lipiec
		9:30 am	Parish Bible Study on the upcoming weekend readings
		10:00 am	- 12:30pm School Confessions - Our Lady of Fatima Grimsby
Fri	Dec 5	9:00 am	+Bill & Maria Fonseca by Maria Martins
		8:30am	- 9:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		9:25am	Continuation of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ending with Benediction at 9:50am
		11:30 am	Confirmation Rehearsal followed by Confessions for Grade 8 Fr. Christopher
		1:30pm	- 2:30pm Director of Diocesan Evangelization Review of Evangelization Fr. Christopher
Sat	Dec 6	<i>The 2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	
		11:00 am	- 2:00pm Confirmation followed by lunch with the Bishop, Teachers Fr. Christopher
		4:00 pm	- 4:30 pm Confessions
		5:00 pm	+Jeremias Machado by Agostinha Machado
		6:00 pm	- 10:00pm Gethsemane Ministries Christmas Play and Dinner Fr. Christopher
Sun	Dec 7	10:00 am	+Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family
Mon	Dec 8	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Dec 9	9:00 am	+Rose Abrantes by Maria Martins
		11:30 am	- 12:30 pm Advent Mass at St. Martin's Elementary School Fr. Christopher
Wed	Dec 10	9:00 am	For the health and healing of Sherri DeWilde by Helen & Andy Lipiec
		12:00pm	-2:00pm Diocesan Deans Lunch Meeting St. Catharines Fr. Christopher
		10:30 am	- 11:00 am Gethsemane Centre Mass
Thurs	Dec 11	9:00 am	For the special intentions of Barb Joyner by the Newman Family
		9:30 am	-10:30am Parish Bible Study on the upcoming weekend readings
		11:00 am	- 2:00pm Annual Faith Formation & Lunch - Niagara School Board Fr. Christopher
Fri	Dec 12	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	
		9:00 am	For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban by Michael Urban
		1:30am	- 1:00pm Pastoral Home Visits , Nursing Homes and Hospital Fr. Christopher
Sat	Dec 13	<i>The 3rd Sunday of Advent</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 14	10:00 am	For God's blessings upon Ireneusz Laskowski by Danuta Mazur

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.

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 pf peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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 24 - Christmas Day - 10 am

The Nativity of the Lord

Sat, December 27 - 5 pm - 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 pm - Vigil for the Epiphany

Sun, January 4 - 10 am - Epiphany 10:00am.

Check parish calendar for weekday Masses.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES 2026

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DEVELOPMENT & PEACE CARITAS CANADA FALL ACTION CAMPAIGN

Hope Campaign Petition. November 16, is the Jubilee Day of the Poor, to demand justice for countries impoverished by unfair and unpayable debt.

<https://devp.org>

PARISH MISSIONAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT - RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Parish Missional Health Assessment. Your feedback is invaluable as we continue growing as a parish community. The results remind us that we are called to continue to rebuild the five systems for a dynamic parish in forming authentic missionary disciples. Worship, Evangelization, Discipleship, Community, Service. This journey is not only ours; it will be supported by the broader Church. A new Diocesan Pastoral Plan is expected in the early part of 2026, which will guide our next steps and help us deepen our mission.

Thank you for your prayer, your honesty, and your commitment to our parish's future. Let us continue walking together in faith, hope, and missionary purpose.

Faternally, Father Christopher+

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE UP COMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 7, 11:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.

PAPER ANGEL MAKING

Brunch will be provided and we will be making paper Christmas angels for the residents of Albright Manor in the church hall after Sunday Mass.

We realize that many of our ladies enjoy going out for breakfast with husbands and other parishioners after Mass. Please bring your husbands for some food and good conversation. Do not worry if you can't stay for the two hours (it's only a ballpark length of time), every little bit of help is appreciated so come when you can and stay for as long as you can.

CHRISTMAS CAROLLING AT ALBRIGHT MANOR

Tuesday, December 16 at 2 p.m.

Our St. Martin Choir, which includes 10 of our CWL ladies, will lead this special event for the residents of Albright Manor. Come one, come all, and lift your voices in joyful song! Our parish is spreading the warmth and joy of the season through Christmas caroling. All skill levels are welcome just bring your festive spirit! Let's share the light of Christmas.

Tuesday, December 16 at 2 p.m. at Albright Manor

RSVP REQUIRED BY SUNDAY DECEMBER 7

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