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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.

**Ministry Schedule - Dec 7/8**

<p><b>Hospitality</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Janet &amp; Ron R. 10:00 am - Barb Joyner</p>	<p><b>Lector</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Caroline Steger 10:00 am - Marg VanGeest</p>	<p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Marcel Pouliot</p>	<p><b>Children's Liturgy</b></p> <p>10:00 am - Sherri deWilde</p>
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**Ministry Schedule - Dec 14/15**

<p><b>Hospitality</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Helen &amp; Andy L.</p>	<p><b>Lector</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Andrew Steger</p>	<p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Valerie N. 10:00 am - Cathy C.</p>	<p><b>Children's Liturgy</b></p> <p>10:00 am - Jennifer N.</p>
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**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)

**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

sherridewilde@hotmail.com

**Knights of Columbus**

Grand Knight - Lloyd Buchan

lgbuchan66@gmail.com

**Parish Groups**

Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Financial Council

Parish Events Group

Cemetery Committee

Responsible Faith Ministry

Facility Maintenance

Children's Liturgy

ACTS Retreats Teams

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Bishop of the Diocese  
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President of Assembly of Ontario Catholic Bishops  
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**St. Martin of Tours  
Catholic Faith Community  
1866 -2024**



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**December 1 & 8 2024 - Year - C  
Bi-Weekly Bulletin  
The First & Second Sundays  
of Advent**



December 1, 2024

# The 1st/2nd Sundays of Advent - Year C

## MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Dec 2	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
		11:30 am Advent School Service - Group 1	Fr. Christopher
		12:15 pm Advent School Service - Group 2	Fr. Christopher
Tues	Dec 3	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - Advent Day of Recollection	Fr. Christopher
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
Wed	Dec 4	9:00 am For the intentions God knows is in your heart.	by Danuta Mazur
		10:30 am - 12:00 pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Counselling	Fr. Christopher
		4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Diocesan Deans Monthly Meeting with Huntley Leadership	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Dec 5	9:00 am For God's blessings upon Emilia and Walter Pachowicz	by Danuta Mazur
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
Fri	Dec 6	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am +Jamie Hill	by the Newman Family
		11:30 am - 12:45 pm Confirmation Rehearsal/ Reconciliation at the Church	Fr. Christopher
Sat	Dec 7	<b>The 2nd Sunday of Advent</b>	
		11:00 am - 1:30 pm Sacrament of Confirmation Mass/ Luncheon	Fr. Christopher
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions	
		5:00 pm +Maria Jose Cordeiro	by the Melo & Mikhail Families
Sun	Dec 8	10:00 am + Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Mon	Dec 9	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Dec 10	9:00 am +Joyce Ross ( Father Jose celebrating for us)	by Mike & Mary Hornak
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
		8:20 am and 9:40 am Advent Masses for Blessed Trinity High School/Grimsby	Fr. Christopher
		6:30 pm - 7:45 pm Evening Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions and Benediction	Fr. Christopher
Wed	Dec 11	9:00 am +Jose Martins	by Maria Martins
		10:30 am - 12:00 pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Counselling	Fr. Christopher
		5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Catholic Women's League Christmas Dinner in the parish hall	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Dec 12	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>	
		9:00 am For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban	by Michael Urban
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
		11:00 am - 2:00 pm Partners in Catholic Education Meeting/Luncheon	Fr. Christopher
Fri	Dec 13	<b>St. Lucy</b>	
		7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am +Rosa Abrantes	by Maria Martins
		10:30 am - 12 pm Pastoral Home Visits for those who have registered	Fr. Christopher
Sat	Dec 14	<b>The 3rd Sunday of Advent</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	Dec 15	10:00 am + Helen Lipiec, Benny Klimowicz & Anthony Markowicz	by Helen & Andy Lipiec
		11:00 am - Fellowship Sunday ( We are renaming this as coffee social is outdated)	

### E-TRANSFERS

These 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.

### PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

We thank you for your financial support to our Parish of St. Martin, and to our Diocese of St. Catharines. We encourage, Time, Talent and Treasure. Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in redemption others. Stewardship life is a grateful life, and actions born out of gratefulness are not compulsive but free, not somber, but joyful, not fanatical but liberating. When gratitude is the source of our actions, our giving becomes receiving and those to whom we minister, become our ministers.

### ST. MARTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Advent Celebrations, Monday December 2.

First Service at 11:30 am.

Second Service 12:15 pm.

### PRIESTS ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Tuesday, December 3, at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls. No Morning Mass.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION & THE ANNUAL VISIT OF OUR BISHOP

Saturday, December 7, at 11:00 am, we welcome Bishop Gerard Bergie to our parish for the celebration of this important sacrament. We have 27 candidates. Please remember our young people in your prayer. Confirmation Rehearsal will take place Friday, December 6, at 11:30 am, followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

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

Anticipated Midnight Mass 9:00 pm

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

No morning Mass December 26 and 27  
New Year's Eve Tuesday, December 31,  
Mass at 5:00 pm

New Year's Day Wednesday, January 1, 2025.  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God,  
Mass at 10:00 am.

### 2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Your offertory box envelopes for 2025 are now available in the foyer of the church. We ask that you only take your own box. If you require an offertory box, please call, visit or email the office and a set will be registered for you.

For all e-transfer users, please pick up the sheet of paper beside the boxes that lists all of the diocesan special collections for 2025.

Thank you all for your financial support - your stewardship in 2024. We rely, and look forward to your financial stewardship in 2025. Each new year is an opportunity to re-think our weekly giving. God Bless Your Generosity!

### NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

Liturgical Year "C" and the Gospel of Luke.

Advent is four weeks of preparation. Christmas is a 12 Day Celebration. Prepare during this beautiful weeks of Advent; and celebrate fully the 12 Days of Christmas.

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION

**Thursday, December 19, St. Joseph's Parish, Grimsby at 7:00 pm**

Form II Confessions with individual priests hearing confessions in English, French, Italian and Polish. All parishioners are invited to attend.

This is a Haldimand Deanery initiative as we support one another in a joint Service of solidarity and cooperation.

### UPCOMING BAPTISMS

December 15 - Skylar Grace Treble.

January 19, 2025 - Luciana Lissette Balloutine

Giada Getulia Hayes, Rizzuti- DeStephanis

February 16, 2025 - Alden Edward Paradise.

### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE FALL ACTION

**Defending Peasant's Rights!**

Visit the website: <https://devp.org/en/>

Petition signing is next Sunday!

Thank you for being informed with our recent material presented to you.

### WHY IS 2025 A JUBILEE YEAR?

This year on Christmas Eve, 2024, Pope Francis, like Pope John Paul II in 1999, will open the Holy Door to begin a Jubilee Year in 2025. It will be an ordinary holy year - in accordance with the tradition of the Church to celebrate such a year every 25 years, to give every generation a chance to experience that special time of grace and mercy in their life. The Holy Father Francis wants the coming Jubilee Year 2025 to be lived as a "year of hope," very symbolic in times when the world's wars seem to be unending and multiplying. Let us be people of hope; people of faith; and people of peace. Let each of us fully participate in the liturgical life of our parish to ensure a blessed Jubilee Year 2025!

### POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER INTENTIONS

**Pilgrims of Hope**

*Pope Francis requests this month's prayers "so that this Jubilee strengthens us in faith, helps us recognize Christ risen in our lives, and transforms us into pilgrims of Christian hope."*

### HOLY DAYS (HOLIDAYS)

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE**

Parish Office will close Christmas Eve at 12 Noon and re-open January 2, 2025, at 9:00am.

Emergency Calls are Covered 24/7.

Again, a gentle reminder. No administrative emails or texts during our solemn celebrations of Christmas!