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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 - Jan 25/26**

<p><b>Hospitality</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Cheryl Ecker 10:00 am - Cathy Ransome</p>	<p><b>Lector</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Caroline Steger</p>	<p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Andrew Steger</p>	<p><b>Children's Liturgy</b></p> <p>10:00 am - Sherri deWilde</p>
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**Ministry Schedule - Feb 1/2**

<p><b>Hospitality</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Marcel Pouliot</p>	<p><b>Lector</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Barb Joyner</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 Organization**  
**Catholic Women's League**  
President - Sherri De Wilde  
sherridewilde@hotmail.com

**Parish Groups**  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Parish Financial Council  
Parish Events Group  
Cemetery Committee  
Responsible Faith Ministry  
Facility Maintenance  
Children's Liturgy  
Parish Funeral Committee  
ACTS Retreats Teams

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

**St. Martin of Tours Catholic Faith Community**  
**1866 -2024**



**Mission of St. Martin of Tours**  
We will follow Jesus Christ, and love all people.

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**January 19 - 26, 2025 - Year - C**  
**Bi-Weekly Bulletin**  
**The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

# January 19, 26, 2025

## Second and Third Sundays - Year C

### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

#### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 - 25

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

Mon	Jan 20	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
		6:30 pm - 7:45 pm Diocesan Council for Development and Peace Zoom Meeting	Fr. Christopher
Tues	Jan 21	<b>St. Agnes</b>	
		9:00 am Intention available	
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
		11:30 am - 12:30 am Parish Funeral Committee Meeting in Upper Meeting Room	Fr. Christopher
Wed	Jan 22	9:00 am Intention available.	
		10:30 am - 12:00 pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Counselling	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Jan 23	<b>8:50 am</b> Intention available	
		9:30 am - 12 Noon Ontario Bishops' Social Affairs Commission Zoom Meeting	Fr. Christopher
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
		7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Development and Peace Justice Film Festival	Fr. Christopher
Fri	Jan 24	<b>St. Francis deSales</b>	
		7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am Intention available	
Sat	Jan 25	<b>The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</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	Jan 26	10:00 am +Mary Fedorik	by Family
Mon	Jan 27	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
		8:00 am - 9:30 am Annual Fire Safety Inspection and Elevator Inspection	Fr. Christopher
		6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in Upper Meeting Room	TEAM
		6:30 pm - 7:45 pm Parish Leadership/Deanery Session by Zoom	Fr. Christopher
Tues	Jan 28	<b>St. Thomas Aquinas</b>	
		9:00 am +Janet English	by Andrew & Caroline Steger
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
		10:30 am - 11:30 am Catholic Women's League Executive Meeting	Fr. Christopher
Wed	Jan 29	9:00 am For the special intentions of Julie Notarianni	by Anonymous
		10:30 am - 12:00 pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Counselling	Fr. Christopher
		12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Pastoral Visitation of St. Martin's School	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Jan 30	9:00 am Intention Available	
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
Fri	Jan 31	<b>St. John Bosco</b>	
		7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am Intention Available	
Sat	Feb 1	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>	
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions	
		5:00 pm Intention Available	
Sun	Feb 2	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

#### 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

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that of your do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the Stewardship life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit), that God desires for each of us.

#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL PRESENTS

#### PARISH VIDEO NIGHT

Thursday, February 13, 2025

*"You must learn your faith in order to live your faith. Virtues means building the habits to doing good."*

Thoughts turn into Words

Words turn into Actions

Actions turn into Habits

Habits develop Character

**Character determines where you spend eternity**

Please add your name to our guest list at the front foyer of the church or call the office to register.

If transportation is an issue please contact the parish office for assistance.

**All are welcome. Cost: Free**

#### UPCOMING BAPTISMS

January 19, 2025

Luciana Lissette Balloutine

Giada Getulia Hayes Rizzuti- DeStephanis

February 16, 2025

Alden Edward Paradise

Libby Rose Paradise

Alessia Giovanna Laird DeBellis

#### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

**"Create Hope -- Reaping Our Rights"**

In solidarity with farming and rural communities, we call on the Government of Canada to ensure the recognition and protection of their rights their global operations and supply chains. Signature cards may be signed at the front foyer beginning this weekend.

#### REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

**"She Rises Up"**

Thursday, January 23 (7:00 pm-9:00 pm).

In partnership with Development and Peace, the screening and discussion will be hosted on-line via Zoom; register at Reel Justice Film Festival. This film is a revealing look at the power of women's economic participation, following radically different women from Sri Lanka, Peru, and Senegal who are working to build businesses, create job opportunities for women, and contribute to the reduction of poverty in their communities.

Link: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2024/12/reel-justice-film-festival-she-rises-up/>

#### 2024 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income Tax Receipts for 2024 will be ready for pick up in the front foyer by mid January. We ask that you only pick up your own receipt. Kindly do not misplace your receipt.

#### POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY INTENTIONS

'For the right to an education' Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of January 2025, and invites everyone to pray for "the right to an education." Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention this January is for "the right to an education."

#### JUBILEE LOGO

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples.

The figure at the front is holding on to the Cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces but also of hope, which never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That is why we should pay attention to the lower part of the Cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves.

The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon, the "anchor of hope" refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms.

It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the Cross.

The Cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope.