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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.

Hospitality	Ministry Schedule - Mar 9/10	Holy Communion
5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - George Yakowenko	Lector 5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Barb Joyner	5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 10:00 am - Bob Hignett

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 12:00 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

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
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Chair Frank DeFilippis

Parish Groups
Parish Pastoral Council
Parish Financial Council
Parish Events Group
Cemetery Committee
Responsible Faith Ministry
Children's Liturgy.
ACTS Retreats Teams
RCIA TEAM

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Most Reverend Gerard Paul Bergie, D.D.
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St. Martin of Tours Catholic Faith Community
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Mission of St. Martin of Tours
We will follow Jesus Christ, and love all people.

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March 3, 2024 - Year - B
3rd Sunday of Lent

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The 3rd Sunday of Lent - Year B MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Recitation of the Holy Rosary takes place before each Weekday Mass beginning at 8:35 am

Mon	Mar 4	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Mar 5	9:00 am +Melva Clarke 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice 9:30 am - 2:00 pm High School Confessions at Blessed Trinity, Grimsby	by Sherri deWilde
Wed	Mar 6	9:00 am For the special intentions of Sherri deWilde 10:30 am - 12 :Noon Gethsemane Centre. Mass/Adoration/ Counselling 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session 24	Fr. Christopher by Anonymous Fr. Christopher Team
Thurs	Mar 7	9:00 am For the health and healing of Fr. Christopher 9:30 am - 10: 30 am Parish Bible Study Group	by Sherri deWilde
Fri	Mar 8	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual 9:00 am +Maria Jose Cordeiro 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration/ Prayer Time/ Confessions 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm Lenten Way of the Cross. (Station)	Fr. Christopher by the Melo & Mikhail Families
Sat	Mar 9	The 4th Sunday of Lent 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special Intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Mar 10	10:00 am For God's blessings upon Fr. Christopher on his Birthday 11:00 am Lite Lunch served in the parish hall to celebrate Father Christopher's 65th Birthday.	by Heather Belmont

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

We rely on your weekly stewardship to support our faith community of St. Martin. We thank you for your stewardship commitment to our parish, and diocese.

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.

NEXT COFFEE SOCIAL SUNDAY

Sunday, March 10, following Mass.

We also celebrate Father Christopher's 65th Birthday!

Join us for a light lunch/tea/coffee and cake.

LENTEN JOURNEY 2024

Each Sunday, including Palm/Passion Sunday, a video will be uploaded to the CCCB website: www.cccb.ca/oec/journeythrough-lent/), featuring pastoral reflections based on the readings for the Sunday Eucharist. This series is meant to offer spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare well for the Easter season. It is sponsored by the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis, in collaboration with the National Liturgy Office. These videos will also be available on our diocesan Facebook page

ANNUAL BENEFIT GALA

Once more, the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education (NFCE) is hosting the annual Benefit Gala and presentation of the NFCE Award of Distinction. The foundation supports students in need and provides scholarships. Bishop Gerard Bergie is the honorary guest.

This year's event is on Thurs, Mar 21 - 6:00 pm at Club Roma, St C (\$100 per person - payable on-line or by cheque to NFCE by Mar. 13).

For further info, call: 905-734-0240, x2141 or e-mail linda.marconi@ncdsb.com

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Visit devp.org

Solidarity Sunday and our annual Share Lent Collection is March 17, 2024. We anticipate once again your Lenten sacrifices of prayer, fasting and alms giving to those most in need - the poorest of the poor.

PASTORAL LETTER ON THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

"Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious!" (Jan. 24, 2024) The CCCB's Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace recently released this "call to all Canadian Catholics," with its "seven commitments we can make together." There is a meaningful prayer at its close, and questions for discussion. Look it up on the Canadian Bishops' website!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 13 Regular Meeting
- Mar 14 Lunch at Megalomaniac Winery
- Mar 20 "Feed Your Soul, Feed Your Tummy" Every 3rd Wednesday, Mass at 9 am and breakfast following at Lakis Please join us (husbands welcome)

DIOCESAN SACRAMENT OF PENANCE DAY **Saturday March 16, 2024. 10:00am - 2: 00pm.**

In every parish across the diocese. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during this time. We ask that the full period be covered as we cannot leave the Holy Sacrament unattended too. More details to follow, Please mark your calendars.

POPE FRANCIS LENTEN MESSAGE 2024

Pope Francis has centered his Lenten message for 2024 on the Book of Exodus, choosing "Through the Desert God Leads Us to Freedom" as its main theme. The Pope framed this reflection on the departure of the Israelites from Egypt, a story that not only represents the journey from bondage to emancipation but also of revelation and spiritual freedom. The Lenten season, according to the Pope, is a time that is characterized by personal struggle as we suffer from a myriad of temptations, but it is the recognition of this that calls us to "pause in prayer, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan in the presence of a wounded brother or sister." Pope Francis concluded his Lenten message on a hopeful note: "To the extent that this Lent becomes a time of conversion, an anxious humanity will notice a burst of creativity, a flash of new hope." His full message can be read on The Vatican website.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

POPE FRANCIS MARCH INTENTIONS

For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the gospel in various parts of the world infame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

To read reflections on the Pope's Prayer Intentions, visit www.livingwithchrist.ca

MATERIAL (CORPORAL) WORKS OF MERCY

These are wonderful guidelines for your Lenten journey.

Feed the Hungry: bring canned goods to food pantries and soup kitchens; volunteer as a family to serve others.

Give Drink to the Thirsty: conserve water; be thoughtful when using natural resources.

Shelter the Homeless: help neighbours care for their homes; donate to local charities or Habitat for Humanity.

Clothe the Naked: donate clothes West Lincoln Community Care and buy fewer new clothes and give money to those in need.

Visit the Sick: spend time with those who are sick or cannot leave their homes; call, send a card or e-mail someone who is sick.

Visit the Imprisoned: pray for prisoners; visit people "imprisoned" by loneliness, sickness or old age.

Bury the Dead: attend wakes and funerals; provide meals for grieving neighbours