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Pastor
Very Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen
Parish Priest / Vicar Forane
(Dean of Haldimand)

Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Masses
See Schedule
on the inside of the bulletin

In Office Hours
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Administrative Assistant
Financial Recorder
Sandy Johnson

Reconciliation/Confessions
Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Requesting Sacraments
Interview and Classes Required

St Martin Elementary School
Phone 905-957-3032

Cemetery Management
Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

Parish Organizations
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Youth Ministry
Parish Events Group
Parish Financial Council
Responsible Faith Ministry
ACTS Retreat Teams

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Christmas Octave December 25 to January 1

The Weekday Masses are Celebrated at 10:00 am for the Christmas Octave Only!

Mon	Dec 26	<i>St. Stephen</i> 10:00 am +Connie Krasko	by the CWL
Tues	Dec 27	<i>St. John the Evangelist</i> 10:00 am +Eunice Salmon	by the CWL
Wed	Dec 28	10:00 am +John Vernon	by the Newman Family
Thurs	Dec 29	<i>The Holy Innocents</i> 10:00 am God's Blessings upon Danuta Mazur's Family	by Friends
Fri	Dec 30	7:30 am - 8:15 am That Man Is You - Paradisus Dei - Men's Rosary Group <i>Holy Family:</i> 10:00 am +Bernie Duggan	Fr. Christopher by Cheryl Ecker
Sat	Dec 31	<i>The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God - Year A</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	Jan 1	10:00 am +Andy Paradis	by Pierre & Maryanne Paradis

E-TRANSFERS

These transfers 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.

Your stewardship is a blessing to St. Martin's Parish, and throughout 2022. Your continued financial support allows us to support our parish, diocese and our retired clergy. Your partnership in faith, membership and regular financial giving makes a difference. We pray that many more will embrace the way of stewardship in 2023. We need to be mindful of time, talent and treasure. They are meant to be: **Intention. Sacrificial. Proportionate. Faithful. Grateful.**

Stewardship does not ask us to give what we can't. It asks us to give what we can and to do so simply out of love and gratitude. As we begin a new year, we are all called to renew our stewardship of time, talent and treasure. May God reward your generosity. Thank You!

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES 2023

Please do not use old envelopes.

The 2023 Envelope are available in the foyer of the church. 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 has changed, please notify the office directly. 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 have no way of knowing which family your offering comes from. Thank you.

EXTRA-ORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

The Training Session was cancelled due to the weather. A new schedule will be forth-coming in the early part of 2023.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR DECEMBER

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation. (Apostleship of Prayer/Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network).

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Mass and

Anticipated Midnight Mass 10:30 pm

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

10:00 am Mass.

Weekday Masses for the Christmas Octave at

9:00 am, Monday to Friday.

New Year's Eve Saturday, December 31,

Mass at 5:00 pm

New Year's Day Sunday,

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God,

Mass at 10:00 am.

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED CHRISTMAS

WEEK. REOPENS JANUARY 3, 2023.

PARISH MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Scheduled meeting will take place Tuesday, January 10, at 7:00 pm. All members are invited to attend. Repairs are ongoing and Fire Safety Plan to be in place by the end of 2023.

WEST LINCOLN LOAF OF BREAD DINNER

Our parish will host for the month of January each Thursday's Dinner/Fellowship beginning January 5th at 5:30 pm. We thank in advance those dedicated volunteers who will be assisting us.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL Membership for 2023 are \$35. Please pay prior to January 15th by in person at meeting or by e-transfer at: smartinscwl@hotmail.com Be sure to say membership fee.

DEVELOPMENT and PEACE

- CARITAS CANADA

One of Development and Peace's strengths is our ability to mobilize thousands of Canadians like you to amplify marginalized voices from the Global South. Our partners want businesses to not be able to perpetrate abuses in their countries with impunity. That is why our *People and Planet First* campaign is asking you to help ensure that Canada adopts strong due diligence laws to prevent Canadian corporations from abusing human and environmental rights across their global operations. Sign our petition for this at [devp.org/act](https://www.devp.org/act) and spread the word. Thank you for supporting our campaign.

<https://www.devp.org/en/>

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

As part of the Synod activities, St. Martin of Tours is expanding our social media presence on Facebook. Please follow the St. Martin of Tours Facebook page! There will be announcements about Mass times and parish events, a weekly spotlight on school activities and introducing Wonder, where we will share answers, information and insights into various aspects of the Catholic Faith. Be sure to Follow, Like and Share our page.

CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

Liturgically Christmas Day is celebrated for Eight Days (Octave). Please join us for Christmas Mass throughout the Christmas Octave at 10 am.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Lord, in a season when every heart should be happy and light, many of us are struggling with the heaviness of life - burdens that steal the joy right out of our Christmas stockings. Crazy weather disasters strike at unsuspecting areas, ravaging peaceful homes and interrupting the lives of unsuspecting residents. Tragedy arrives as innocent victims suffer, and an inner voice whispers, "Be afraid!" We need your peace, Jesus.

Lord, we still carol the wonderful message, huddled beneath winter caps on snow-covered porches, or from churches, led by enthusiastic musicians or choir members. Yet we confess that our hearts are too often filled with wonder of a different kind: wondering when the bills will be paid, when the terror will stop, when rest will come. Will it ever? Is the message still true?

In a world here worry, not peace, prevails, stir up that good news again. This Christmas, make it real in our hearts. Never have we needed Your joy and peace more than now. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, our Immanuel, the Word made flesh. Forgive us for forgetting - that Your love never changes, never fades, and that You never abandon the purpose for which You came: to save us from our sinful condition, and to give us life eternal, the joy of relationship with a holy God. Your birth - and Your death - sealed Your promise to us forever. Amen.