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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 - Sept 13/14

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Helen & Andy L	5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde	5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 10:00 am - Andrew Steger	10:00 am-Sherri deWilde

Ministry Schedule - Sept 20/21

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Cheryl Ecker 10:00 am - Marcel Pouliot	5:00 pm - Lisa Poort 10:00 am - Caroline Steger	5:00 pm - Nick Verrecchia 10:00 am - Andy Lipiec	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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**St Martin Elementary School**  
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Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

**Parish Organization**  
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President - Sherri De Wilde  
sherridewilde@hotmail.com

**Parish Groups**  
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Parish Financial Council  
Parish Events Group  
Cemetery Committee  
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Children's Liturgy  
ACTS Retreats Teams

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Most Reverend Gerard Paul Bergie, D.D.  
President of Assembly of Ontario Catholic Bishops  
Diocesan Website: [www.saintcd.com](http://www.saintcd.com)

**St. Martin of Tours Catholic Faith Community**  
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**SEPTEMBER**  
*Blessings for the New Month*  
May your Month ahead be filled with: Good Health, Strength, Friendship, Kindness, Compassion, and Love. May God Bless you and your Loved ones and keep you safe.

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

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**Sept 7 & 14, 2025 - Year - C**  
**Bi-Weekly Bulletin**  
**The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time & The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

# September 7 & 14, 2025

## The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - And The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Year C

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

Mon	Sept 8	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Sept 9	9:00 am +Bruce Ecker	
		9:30 am -10:30am Choir Practice	
		6:30pm -8:00pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in upper meeting room	
Wed	Sept 10	9:00 am +Joyce Rose	
		10:30 am Gethsemane Centre Mass Wellandport	Fr. Christopher
		1:00 pm 2:30pm Diocesan Deans Virtual Meeting	Fr. Christopher
		7:00pm - 8:00pm Catholic Women's League meeting in the parish hall	
Thurs	Sept 11	8:50 am For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban	by Michael Urban
		9:30 am - 11:30 am Assembly of Catholic Bishops Social Affairs Comm Mtg	Fr. Christopher
Fri	Sept 12	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am +Kamil Pachowicz	by Parents
Sat	Sept 13	<b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>	
		12:30pm - 2:00pm Leadership Coaching Session	Fr. Christopher
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions	
		5:00 pm +Ross Moniz - 5th year anniversary of death	by Brenda Moniz
Sun	Sept 14	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Mon	Sept 15	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Sept 16	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
		9:30 am -10:30am Choir Practice	
		11:30 am - 12:30 pm School Mass to begin the new school year	Fr. Christopher
Wed	Sept 17	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED	
		10:30 am Gethsemane Centre Mass Wellandport	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Sept 18	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED	
		9:30am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study of the upcoming Sunday Readings	
Fri	Sept 19	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED	
Sat	Sept 20	<b>The 25th 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	Sept 21	10:00 am For the health and healing of Sherri deWilde	

### E-TRANSFERS

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**We thank your or your parish stewardship either weekly or monthly. May God reward your generosity.**

### SEASON OF CREATION

The "month of creation" referred to by the Sept 1 to Oct. 4 timeframe is actually the Season of Creation, an annual ecumenical Christian celebration focused on praying for and caring for the Earth, which has grown in popularity and is endorsed by Pope Francis and other major churches.

September 1 marks the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and October 4 is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, a saint associated with care for creation.

Animal Blessing will take place:

Saturday, October 4, at 3:30pm.

### ST. MARTIN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. after the 9 a.m. Mass Beginning September 18. We study the next Sundays Readings in a relaxed venue. Everyone is welcome. Coffee is served

### FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY AND MINISTRY SIGN UP

Our next Fellowship Sunday is scheduled for September 21, following the morning Mass. Ministry Sign-up will take place in the parish hall.



### **You're Invited!**

Come experience a powerful spiritual renewal at our upcoming **2025 ACTS Retreats**

A weekend focused on

**Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service**

Women's Retreat: September 25 – 28, 2025

Men's Retreat: October 2 – 5, 2025

Location: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Rd. Mississauga ON.

If you're seeking deeper faith, meaningful connection, and a renewed sense of purpose, this retreat is for you.

**Brochures and registration forms are available now** for those interested.

For more information, visit [www.actscanada.org](http://www.actscanada.org) or contact:

Sandy Johnson (Women's Retreat) 905-512-5757  
[sandy.cj@live.com](mailto:sandy.cj@live.com)

or Andrew Mayhew (Men's Retreat) 647-407-1725  
[amayhew1725@gmail.com](mailto:amayhew1725@gmail.com)

### NEW SCHOOL YEAR

A "back to Catholic education" in September focuses on prayer, the inherent dignity of each student, and a commitment to spiritual growth, emphasizing themes like respect, hope, and grace within a faith-centered curriculum. It involves prayers, Masses for students, teachers, and the wider school community, along with incorporating Catholic values and teachings into daily school life, including assemblies, prayers, and the curriculum itself. Welcome back to Catholic education.

### AVERAGE WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Saturday Vigil 28. Sunday Mass 38

### REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTS

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation require full registration. Registration begins September 23, and ends October 14, 2025. **Parents meetings will take place in October.**

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD RETURNS

Sunday, September 13, at 10:00am.

### INDIGENOUS COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 13/14, 2025

The Indigenous Collection contains content for all ages, and is for all those who want to gain a better appreciation of First Nations history and culture and want to learn and understand more about Indigenous Peoples. The Indigenous Collection highlights, acknowledges, and honours the unique cultures and experiences of Indigenous communities, including individuals living in an urban setting, and includes titles that reflect the impact of residential schools and the theme of reconciliation. We thank you for supporting this collection if its within your budget to do so.

### WEEKDAY MASS TEMPORARY CHANGES

September 15 to 19 there will be no morning Masses as Father Christopher attends to medical appointments and September 25 and 26 **there** will be no morning Masses due to the ACTS Women's Retreat.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 10

7-8 pm in the church hall

All ladies of the parish are welcome

We are thrilled to announce Bishop Bergie as the new Spiritual Advisor for the National CWL of Canada and Betty Colaneri, the first woman from the Diocese of St. Catharines to become the CWL National President.

### POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

"For Our Relationship with All of Creation": "Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect."