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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.

<p><b>Hospitality</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Cathy &amp; Frank Cartagine</p>	<p><b>Ministry Schedule - Jan 20/21</b></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 - Nick Verrecchia 10:00 am - Andrew Steger</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 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**  
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StMartinsCWL@hotmail.com  
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Chair Frank DeFilippis

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

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

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*Sunday Blessings*

"May your Sunday be a day of miracles, big and small, that remind you of God's presence."

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

**January 14, 2024 - Year - B**  
**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

January 14, 2024

# The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

## MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Jan 15	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Jan 16	9:00 am +Benny Klimowicz, Anthony Markewicz & Helena Lipiec 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	by Andy & Helen Lipiec
Wed	Jan 17	<b>St. Anthony</b> 9:00 am +Jane Van Stralen 10:30 am - 12 :Noon Gethsemane Centre. Mass/Adoration/ Counselling 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session 17	by the CWL Fr. Christopher Team
Thurs	Jan 18	9:00 am +Ken Lewis 9:30 am - 10: 30 am Parish Bible Study Group	by the KOC
Fri	Jan 19	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual 9:00 am For Peace throughout the world	Fr. Christopher by the Melo Family
Sat	Jan 20	<b>The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm +Ivo (Ivan) Tusak	by the Tusak Family
Sun	Jan 21	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special Intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

### 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 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.**

### JANUARY COFFEE SOCIAL

Please plan on attending our next Coffee Social in the parish hall following our Sunday Mass on, January 21. We thank Parish Events Group for planning this social event. We look forward to gathering with you, and welcoming several new parishioners to our community of faith. Please try and mingle and sit with someone new...

### 2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Your 2024 Offertory Envelopes are in the foyer of the Church for you to pick up. Thank you for your continuing financial support.

### GRADE 7 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

6 youth from St. Martin's School are engaged with the Chosen Program in preparation for Confirmation. We welcome and pray for these students as the start their Confirmation Journey.

Still want to join us?

**Who:** Grade 7 Students.

**When:** Next session - Feb 10 at 4:45 pm

**Where:** St. Martin's Church/Hall

**Cost:** \$50 cover meals and course material

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for the Month of January

For the gift of diversity in the Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

We begin Ordinary Time January 9, 2024. The word "ordinary" comes from the Latin word, **ordo, ordinis**, which means "in order." Thus in Ordinary Time, we go through our readings in order. On weekdays, except for special feasts, the Gospel of Mark in order will be proclaimed for the next five and half weeks of Ordinary Time on weekdays until we get to Ash Wednesday (February 14).

It is easy to mistakenly think the liturgical year is about sanctifying time. The truth, however, is that the liturgical year is about growing in relationship with Jesus Christ. The richness of Ordinary Time is found in the opportunity to know Christ more intimately in the everyday realities of life. The Scripture proclaimed in Ordinary Time reveals the teaching and healing and mission of Christ, allowing us to better understand God who became human.

We learn that Christ is about humility rather than pride, vulnerability rather than power. We learn that Christ is about including the excluded, eating with social and religious outcasts, and dismantling structures of sin and injustice. We learn that Christ is about self-giving love that is only possible through authentic relationship.

Ordinary Time is anything but monotonous. These are the days where we grow into who we are called to be by imitating the lived reality of Jesus.

### WEEKDAY MASS NOTIFICATION

Please note that there will be no morning Masses from January 22 to January 26, as Fr Christopher is on a medical leave all of that week. Emergency calls will be covered by St. Joseph's Parish in Grimsby. Thank You.

### CWL UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 17 "Feed your Soul, Feed Your Tummy" Every 3rd Wednesday, Mass at 9 am and Breakfast following at Lackis Please join us (husbands welcome)

### A NOTE OF THANKS AND GRATITUDE

Dear Friends in Christ.

I wish to acknowledge all of those wonderful and dedicated individuals who assisted us with our Christmas and New Year's Masses. Beginning of course with the sanctuary décor, foyer and outdoor festival of lights (also for the cleanup afterwards). To our extra-ordinary eucharistic ministers, ministers of hospitality, readers, Power Point volunteer. To our amazing choir directors and choir, you will all agree that they sang with their voices as well as with their hearts 'Glory to God in the Highest.' It was a TEAM effort as we celebrated Advent, Christmas and New Year's. I also acknowledge the dedicated work/ministry of our parish administrative assistant Sandy. She's truly the backbone in all that we do, and Sandy does it so quietly in not seeking any attention to herself. Thank You!

I thank you for your stewardship both at Christmas, New Year's and throughout this past year of 2023.

To those who took the time to send Christmas greetings (cards); and to those who showered me with manifold gifts of every kind; for I'm truly indebted by your thoughtfulness, generosity and friendship. Also, Jasper (parish mascot mini-schnauzer) thanks you for his toys, treats, and gift cards for the pet store. I promise to take him shopping soon. LOL!

To one, and all, for making a powerful and lasting impact on our parish, and upon me personally. I am blessed to be your parish priest, and fellow disciple on our synodal journey together.

May the light of Epiphany continue to shine in our parish, deanery and diocese.

God Be With You in 2024!

Love, Father Christopher+

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18 - 25 2024

Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself" (Luke 10:27)

[prepared by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso]