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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

Ministry Schedule - Apr 17/18/19/20			
Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
7:00 pm - Cathy Ransome 3:00 pm - Barb Joyner 8:00 pm - Cheryl Ecker 10:00 am - Nick Verrecchia	7:00 pm - Andrew Steger 3:00 pm - Mitch & Sandy 8:00 pm - Andrew, Caroline & Marg 10:00 am - Lisa Poort	7:00 pm - Cathy C. 3:00 pm - Helen Lipiec 8:00 pm - Valerie N. 10:00 am - John Terpstra	10:00 am - Sherri deWilde
Ministry Schedule - Apr 26/27			
Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Julie Notarianni 10:00 am - Cathy & Frank	5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde	5:00 pm - Valerie N. 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde	10:00 am - Jennifer N.

**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  
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905-945-6708

**Cemetery Management**  
Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

**Parish Organizations**

**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  
ACTS Retreats Teams

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](http://www.saintcd.com)

**St. Martin of Tours Catholic Faith Community**  
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**Apr 13 & 20, 2025 - Year - C**  
**Bi-Weekly Bulletin**  
**Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday**  
**of the Resurrection of the Lord**

April 13 & 20, 2025  
Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday - Year C  
MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Apr 14	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
	6:30pm	- 8:00pm Diocesan Council for Development and Peace Meeting	Fr. Christopher
Tues	Apr 15	9:00 am For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban	by Michael Urban
	9:30 am	- 10:30 am Choir Practice	
	7:30 pm	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, All are invited to attend.	Fr. Christopher
Wed	Apr 16	9:00 am For the special intentions of the KOC 16421 former members	by Michael Urban
Thurs	Apr 17	<b>Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper</b> <b>PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED TODAY AS WE ENTER INTO EASTER TRIDUUM</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> +Deceased Priest of the Diocese of St. Catharines	
Fri	Apr 18	<b>Good Friday</b> 7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
	3:00 pm	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion.	
Sat	Apr 19	<b>Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil</b> 8:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Apr 20	<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b> 10:00 am +All parishioners who died since last Easter	
Mon	Apr 21	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Apr 22	9:00 am For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban	by Michael Urban
	9:30 am	- 10:30 am Choir Practice	
Wed	Apr 23	9:00 am +Melva Clarke	by Sandy Johnson
Thurs	Apr 24	9:00 am +Anna Verrecchia	by the Newman's
	9:30 am	- 10: 30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
Fri	Apr 25	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
	9:00 am	+Doreen deWilde	by Judy & John Terpstra
	9:45 am	- 11:30 am First Reconciliation - Group 1	Fr. Christopher
Sat	Apr 26	<b>The 2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday</b> 11:00 am First Holy Communion - Group 1	Fr. Christopher
	4:00 pm	- 4:30 pm Confessions	
	5:00 pm	+Joyce Ross	
Sun	Apr 27	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

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." Matthew 27:32 The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbour. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbour in small acts of charity and giving. These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return. That's proper stewardship.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday April 17  
(TIME CHANGE:) 7:00pm  
Good Friday April 18 - 3:00pm  
Easter Vigil April 19 - 8:00pm  
Easter Sunday April 20 - 10:00am

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH  
IN THE HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY

The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of diocese and parishioners throughout the world.

The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population.

The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters count on your help to retain a faith filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. Please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on April 18, 2025.

If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute online by going to:

Commissariat.ca/supporting-us  
and donating via Canada Helps or Interac e-transfer. Receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support. Fr. Robert Mokry, O.F.M

DIOCESAN INITIATIVES IN OUR JUBILEE YEAR

The MESSAGES OF HOPE Speaker Series continues. Messages of Hope Sessions are free;

Everyone is welcome! To register use this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/rehnH9PdnB?origin=lpLink>

Upcoming sessions in the Series:

April 30, 2025 Speaker: Father Peter Rowe,  
Pastor, St. Vincent de Paul Parish  
Niagara-on-the-Lake

May 24, 2025 Speaker: Dr. Joseph Lombardi,  
Place: Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine,  
Port Colborne

June 14, 2025 Speaker: Cardinal Thomas Collins,  
Archbishop Emeritus Toronto  
Place: Gethsemane Ministries, Wellandport

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 27

Joint celebration for the third year now St. Martin and St. Joseph Parishes celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Joseph Grimsby, beginning at 2:30pm - 3:30pm. Confessions and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Another joint effort within our Haldimand Deanery.

WEEKEND COMPUTER OPERATOR  
FOR LARGE SCREEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer to operate the computer before and during the Sunday Mass.

No experience is required.

Training will be available.

Requirements are:

- Arrive for Sunday Mass 30 minutes early
- Commitment to show up when scheduled

CWL MOTHER'S DAY DIAPER DRIVE  
Saturday, March 29 – Sunday, May 11

The Haldimand Pregnancy Care and Family Centre (HPCFC) needs the following items:

- Pull-ups (size 2T-6T)
- diapers (sizes 5-7)
- wipes
- women's hygiene (tampons preferred).

Donations can be placed in the meeting room after masses.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE-  
CARITAS CANADA

Last week was "Solidarity Sunday" you continue to be invited to give generously, with thanks for your generosity! Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. "Your support strengthens not only our efforts, but the shared hope that we can bring about lasting change through solidarity and love" (Bishop Jorge Izaguirre Rafael of Chosica, Peru). Help create hope for and fulfill the dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to the "Share Lent" parish collection or on-line at devp.org/give

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR APRIL  
For the use of the new technologies.

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.