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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>Hospitality</p> <p>5:00 pm - Cheryl Ecker 10:00 am - Nick Verrecchia</p>	<p>Ministry Schedule - Mar 16/17</p> <p>Lector</p> <p>5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Marg Van Geest</p>	<p>Holy Communion</p> <p>5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - John Terpstra</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
Catholic Women's League
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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

Diocese of St. Catharines
Bishop of the Diocese
Most Reverend Gerard Paul Bergie, D.D.
President of Assembly of Ontario Catholic Bishops
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**St. Martin of Tours
Catholic Faith Community
1866 -2024**



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

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March 10, 2024 - Year - B
4th Sunday of Lent

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Mar 11	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Mar 12	9:00 am For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban	by Mike Urban
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
		10:30 am - 11:30 am Catholic Women's League Executive Meeting	Fr. Christopher/Executive
Wed	Mar 13	9:00 am +Bernard Monger	by the KOC
		10:30 am - 12 :Noon Gethsemane Centre. Mass/Adoration/ Counselling	Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session 25	Team
		7:00 pm Parish Reconciliation at St. Joseph's. Form II	Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Catholic Women's League monthly meeting, parish hall.	
Thurs	Mar 14	9:00 am For the special intentions of Fr. Christopher	by Yvonne MacNiven
		9:30 am - 10: 30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
Fri	Mar 15	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am For the health and of Joan Wisniewski	by Joan & Bob Hignett
		5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration/Prayer Time/Confessions	
		6:00 pm - 6:30 pm Lenten Way of the Cross. (Stations)	
Sat	Mar 16	The 6th Sunday of Lent	
		10:00 am - 2:00 pm Diocesan Day of Reconciliation/Eucharistic Adoration/Prayer	
		5:00 pm +Pat Ross	by Maria Chorley
Sun	Mar 17	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 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.

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

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

CARITAS CANADA

"CREATE HOPE: REAPING OUR RIGHTS"

Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship. Development and Peace-Caritas Canada's partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) defends farmers' rights and helps protect their lands. To learn more about the work of HOMEF, read our "mini-magazine" and watch the video at devp.org/Lent The painting at the Development and Peace table at the rear of the church was made by Nigerian painter Ben Ibebe, to represent what was happening in his home state at the time. 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)

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope." 2024 is a Year of Prayer, in preparation. Our Parish Pastoral Council will be discussing this in upcoming meetings.

RECONCILIATION FORM II

Haldimand Deanery Initiative

St. Joseph Parish, St. Helen's and St. Martin's will celebrate Reconciliation Form II at St. Joseph's Parish, Grimsby, Wed Mar 13, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Short Service with individual confessions in several languages. Please avail of this opportunity to be reconciled to God, self and others. See, you there!

DIOCESAN SACRAMENT OF PENANCE DAY

Saturday March 16, 2024. 10:00am - 2: 00pm.

In every parish church across the diocese for individual confessions. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance/Confession, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing. Come, and spend time in prayer as the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at this time.

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