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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.

Focus of the 5 Systems

- **Worship (Liturgy and Sacraments):** This system focuses on the parish community's encounter with God through the celebration of the liturgy and the sacraments, transforming them spiritually.
- **Evangelization (Word):** This area involves the proclamation of the Gospel and the sharing of faith with others, driven by a passion for Christ and an understanding that this passion should lead to evangelizing others.
- **Discipleship: (Commitment):** This system is about living a Christ-like way of life, cultivating personal growth in faith, and helping others to grow as faithful followers of Jesus.
- **Community (Fellowship):** This encompasses building strong relationships and a sense of belonging, where all members of the community are loved, cared for, and supported.
- **Service (Apostolate):** This system involves actively serving others and engaging in outreach and charitable works, which contributes to the growth of the Kingdom of God.

Ministry Schedule - Nov 22/23

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Ron & Janet R. 10:00 am - Helen & Andy L	5:00 pm - Andrew Steger 10:00 am - Marg Van Geest	5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - John Terpstra	10:00 am Judy Terpstra

Ministry Schedule - Nov 29/30

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Cheryl Ecker 10:00 am - Chuck & Elaine P	5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Barb Joyner	5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 10:00 am - Helen Lipiec	10:00 am Sue Priestly

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
Blessed Trinity High School
905-945-6708

Cemetery Management
Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

Parish Organization
Catholic Women's League
President - Sherri De Wilde
sherridewilde@hotmail.com

Parish Groups
Parish Pastoral Council
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Facility Maintenance
Children's Liturgy
ACTS Retreats Teams

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Nov 16 & 23, 2025 - Year - C
Bi-Weekly Bulletin
The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary
Time & The King of the Universe

November 16 & 23, 2025

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time & The King of the Universe - Year C MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Nov 17	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Nov 18	9:00 am +John & Lucinda Cruz	by Maria Martins
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
Wed	Nov 19	9:00 am +Edward Kotuza	by Brenda Christie
		10:30 am - - 11:00 am Gethsemane Centre Mass	
Thurs	Nov 20	9:00 am For the health & healing of Maria Chorley	by Joan & Bob Hignett
		9:30 am Bible Study	
Fri	Nov 21	9:00 am <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
		From the Book of Remembrance	
Sat	Nov 22	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	
		10:30am-11:30am All Ministries Update	
		5:00 pm +John & Regina Newman	by the Newman Family
		6:00pm - 8:30pm Movie Night in the parish hall	
Sun	Nov 23	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Mon	Nov 24	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Nov 25	9:00 am From the Book of Remembrance	
		7:00pm -8:20pm Diocesan Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral	Fr. Christopher
Wed	Nov 26	9:00 am +Edward Kotuza	by Brenda Christie
		10:30 am - 11:00 am Gethsemane Centre Mass	
		11:30 am -2:00pm Blessed Trinity Secondary School Confessions	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Nov 27	9:00 am For the health & healing of Maria Chorley	by Joan & Bob Hignett
		6:15pm - 8:15pm Haldimand Deanery Meeting and Social Beamsville	Fr. Christopher
Fri	Nov 28	9:00 am +Jose Martins	by Maria Martins
		5:30pm -11:00pm First Annual Bishop's Gala	Fr. Christopher
Sat	Nov 29	<i>The 1st Sunday of Advent</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	Nov 30	10:00 am For the health & healing of Pierre Paradis	by Heather Belmont
		11:30 am - 12:00pm Celebration of Christian Baptism Sydney Sheila Tiefenbach	

E-TRANSFERS

These are often referred to as **e-Transfers** and done through your online banking, website or app.

PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

Due to on-going issues with our Cogeco email address, we have decided to change our email address to:

st.martins1866@gmail.com

This change is in effect immediately.

Fr. Christopher's new email address is:

cgillen@saintcd.com

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Conversing with Christ: Lord Jesus, how do you call me to be a steward of all your gifts, particularly that of the Church? Help me to see where my motives lie in my use of the gifts you offer me, and help me to be astute.

Resolution: Lord, today by your grace I will listen to how you call me to be a steward in this world and in the Church.

Thank you, for your ongoing stewardship.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

November 16 after the 10 am Mass
Join us for fellowship, coffee and treats.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

CARITAS CANADA

FALL ACTION CAMPAIGN

Hope Campaign Petition. November 16, is the Jubilee Day of the poor, to demand justice for countries impoverished by unfair and unpayable debt. <https://devp.org/en/>

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL PRESENTS

FAMILY MASS AND MOVIE NIGHT

Outreach to the school community
as well as to the parish. All are welcome!

NARNIA

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday November 22 after the 5 pm Mass

Admission: Free

Popcorn, Pizza, Juice Boxes and Water

POPE'S NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 , 11:00am

Confirmation is an essential part of Christian Initiation. In Confirmation the bishop seals us, the baptized, with the Gift of the Holy Spirit. This sacrament is intended to:

- root us more deeply as sons and daughters of God,
- incorporate us more firmly into Christ,
- strengthen our bond with the Church,
- associate us more closely with the mission of the Church, and strengthen us to bear witness to the Christian faith.

CHRIST THE KING SOLEMNITY

November 23, 2025.

• **Christ's kingship is not worldly:** Jesus' kingdom is founded on love, truth, and justice, not on worldly power, conquest, or wealth.

• **Hope in a time of hardship:** Christ's kingship provides an anchor of hope, particularly when facing difficult and painful situations in our lives and the world.

• **A call to serve:** The Feast of Christ the King invites us to follow his example by serving others, such as feeding the hungry and caring for the sick, rather than seeking to be served.

• **Letting go of our own "kingdoms":** The Jubilee theme encourages a spiritual reset, which involves surrendering our self-made ambitions and "kingdoms" to embrace God's kingdom of love and community.

• **Mercy and forgiveness:** The Jubilee offers an opportunity to experience God's boundless mercy, which flows from the heart of Christ, and to become a source of mercy for others.

FIRST ANNUAL BISHOP'S GALA

November 28, 2025

Paula and Nick Verrecchia

Sherrie DeWilde

Rev. Fr. Christopher Geard Gillen

Thank you to our Parish Representatives who will be attending the Bishop's Gala on our behalf. We thank our delegates for carrying with them the prayers, hopes, and joys of our community. May this Gala remind us that the work of the Church is shared, and together we build up the body of Christ.