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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.

<u>Ministry Schedule - April 6/7</u>		
<p>Hospitality</p> <p>5:00 pm - Tony Mous 10:00 am - Marcel Pouliot</p>	<p>Lector</p> <p>5:00 pm - Caroline Steger 10:00 am - Lisa Poort</p>	<p>Holy Communion</p> <p>5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 10:00 am - Mary Hornak</p>

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
(or by appointment)

Requesting Sacraments
Interview and Classes Required

St Martin Elementary School
905-957-3032
Blessed Trinity High School
905-945-6708

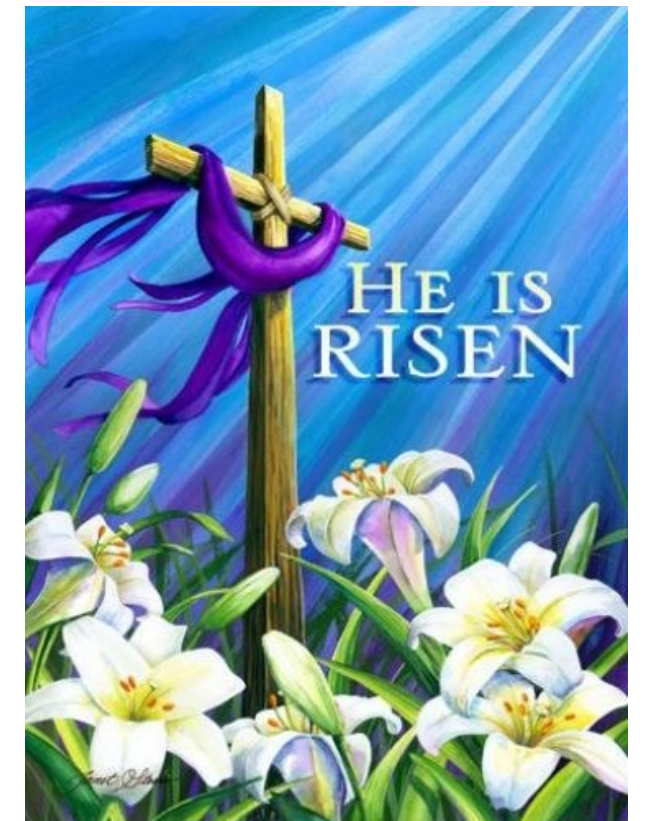
Cemetery Management
Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

Parish Organizations
Catholic Women's League
President - Sherri De Wilde
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Knights of Columbus

Parish Groups
Parish Pastoral Council
Parish Financial Council
Parish Events Group
Cemetery Committee
Responsible Faith Ministry
Facility Maintenance
Chair Frank DeFilippis
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

**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 31, 2024 - Year - B
Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord**

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Year B MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Apr 1	Easter Octave Week 9:00 am + Oliver Joseph & Gemma Gillen	by Fr. Christopher
Tues	Apr 2	9:00 am +Carla Holstrom 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Diocesan Deans Leadership Meeting Virtual	by Andrew & Caroline Steger
Wed	Apr 3	9:00 am + Antonio Furtado Araujo Leite 10:30 am - 12:Noon Gethsemane Centre Mass	Fr. Christopher by Paula Melo Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Apr 4	9:00 am +Kamil Pachowicz 9:30 am - 10: 30 am Parish Bible Study Group	by Emilia & Walter Pachowicz
Fri	Apr 5	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual 9:00 am +Jose Martins 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Diocesan Council of Priests Virtual Meeting	Fr. Christopher by Maria Martins Fr. Christopher
Sat	Apr 6	The 2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm +Maria Jose Cordeiro	by the Melo & Mikhail Families
Sun	Apr 7	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special Intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm. Divine Mercy Sunday- Host Parish St. Joseph's Grimsby	Fr. Christopher

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. Together, we make a difference.

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.**

POPE FRANCIS APRIL INTENTIONS

For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world. To read reflections on the Pope's Prayer Intentions, visit: www.livingwithchrist.ca

PASTORAL LETTERS

Included in this bulletin is Bishop Bergie's Easter Message, and Father Christopher's Easter Message. These pastoral letters are to enhance your celebration of Easter.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

- Apr 10 Regular Meeting. Parish hall
- Apr 17 "Feed your Soul, Feed Your Tummy"
Every 3rd Wed, Mass at 9 am & Breakfast following at Lackis.
All are welcome
- Apr 23 St. Catharines Diocesan Council 66th Annual Meeting Of Members & Dinner, Holiday Inn, St. Catharines
- May 5 Save the Date! Spring Tea by our Social Committee, More Details to follow.

CHOOSE LIFE NIAGARA

The annual dinner event is scheduled for Sat, April 15 at Club Roma, St. Catharines (reception 5:00 p.m., dinner 6:00 p.m.). This year's speaker is Blaise Alleyne, pro-life speaker and co-author of "A Guide to Discussing Assisted Suicide." Tickets (\$60 adults, \$30 students) can be purchased at chooselife.ca/events

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

CARITAS CANADA

"CREATE HOPE: REAPING OUR RIGHTS"

March 17, was "Solidarity" Sunday, Development and Peace - Caritas Canada's "Reaping Our Rights" campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity! Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. Help create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your "Share Lent" parish collection or at devp.org/give or use the special envelopes provided.

This collection remains "OPEN" until Apr 7.

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. Details will follow.

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION

The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request 50 years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere.

For the sake of our brothers and sister enduring hardships, please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on Mar 29, 2024. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute by e-transfer to:

teresainte@bellnet.ca
or online at Commissariat.ca
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. For more information visit: www.commissariat.ca

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 7

St. Joseph's Parish and St. Martin of Tours will celebrate together Divine Mercy Sunday as a Haldimand Deanery Initiative. The host Parish is St. Joseph's in Grimsby. The Service begins at 2:30 pm with several priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions). You, are most welcome to join us.

A humble Polish nun, St. Faustina received extraordinary revelations in the 1930s, which she recorded in her diary. Our Lord told her, "In the Old Covenant I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to My people. Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart" (Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, 1588). Jesus specially chose her for the mission of bringing His message of Mercy to the world, and He called Divine Mercy Sunday mankind's "last hope of salvation" (995). . Help spread God's Divine Mercy through St. Faustina! Please join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena which began on Good Friday.

<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/divine-mercy-novena>

RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS

April 8th - 7 pm

Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria

Bishop Bergie will be celebrating the Respect for Life Mass. This Mass is an opportunity for us to join together and pray for a greater respect for life from conception to natural death. All are welcome to attend.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Group One Reconciliation Friday, April 26, 11:30 am at the School.

First Holy Communion, Saturday, April 27, at 11:00 am, Church.

Group Two Reconciliation Friday, May 3, 11:30 am at the School.

First Holy Communion, Saturday, May 4, at 11:00 am, Church.

Seating is limited. We request that no small children attend. Parents will need to obtain a babysitter. A special collection will take place as we need to financially support our parish.