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Pastor
Very Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen
Parish Priest / Vicar Forane
(Dean of Haldimand)

Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am
Weekday Masses
See Schedule
on the inside of the bulletin

In Office Hours
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Administrative Assistant
Financial Recorder
Sandy Johnson

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
President - Maryanne Mous
StMartinsCWL@hotmail.com

Knights of Columbus
Grand Knight - Pierre Paradis
jpierre.paradis@live.ca

Facility Maintenance
Chair Frank DeFilippis

Parish Groups
Parish Pastoral Council (Pending)
Parish Events Group
Parish Financial Council
Facility Maintenance Committee
Cemetery Committee
Responsible Faith Ministry
Children's Liturgy.
ACTS Retreats (4) Teams

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Bishop of the Diocese
Most Reverend Gerard Paul Bergie, D.D.
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CLOSER TO JESUS

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March 5, 2023 - Year - A

The 2nd 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 6	9:00 am +Carol Watson	by St. Martin's CWL
		7:45 pm - 9:30 pm New Testament Letters Bible Study Virtual	Fr. Christopher
Tues	Mar 7	9:00 am +Rita Hutton	by Andrew & Caroline Steger
		9:30 am - 10:45 am Choir Practice	
		10:00 am - 2:00 pm Blessed Trinity High School Confessions	Fr. Christopher
Wed	Mar 8	9:00 am God's blessings & comfort upon Heather Belmont	by Anita Duggan
		10:30 am Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/Confessions	Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Catholic Women's League Monthly Meeting Parish Hall	
Thurs	Mar 9	9:00 am +Emilia Rajda	by Danuta Mazur
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
		7:00 pm - 9:00 pm ACTS Retreats Men and Women Teams Mississauga	Fr. Christopher
Fri	Mar 10	7:30 am - 8:15 am That Man Is You - Paradisus Dei - Men's Rosary Group	Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am +Kristina Olinski	by St. Martin's School
		10:30 am - 12 Noon Pastoral Home Visits for those who registered.	Fr. Christopher
		6:00 pm Lenten Stations of the Cross	Fr. Christopher
Sat	Mar 11	The 2nd Sunday of Lent - Year A	
		8:00 am - 10:00 am Paradisus Dei That Man Is You Merciful Redeemer Parish	Fr. Christopher
		10:00 am - 3:00 pm Catholic Women's League Lenten Retreat Parish Hall	
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions.	
		5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Mar 12	10:00 am +Antonio Mancini	by Fr. John Buis Assembly #3498

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. Thank you

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday, March 25 - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

In every parish across the diocese, a priest is available to hear individual Confession. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate this wonderful Sacrament of Penance. This will also be a day of Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction at the conclusion of this day of penance. Please take the opportunity to visit.

Others are invited to recite the Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

ANNULMENTS: FACTS & FICTIONS

Canon Lawyers from the Diocese of St. Catharines Marriage Tribunal will discuss marriage annulments on Tues. March 21 from 7pm - 8:30pm. at St. Martin's Parish Hall. For information call 905-687-8817 or email: tribunal@saintdd.com

SYNOD IN ACTION - WHAT WE BELIEVE

One of the question at the Synod Listening Sessions was "What hinders you from speaking out?" At every session, the answer to that question was lack of knowledge and fear. To help with educate and to alleviate fear we will be running a course entitled: **What We Believe, The Beauty of the Catholic Church by Ascension Press**. This course will run every Tuesday evening after Easter for 10 weeks starting on April 11th from 7pm - 9pm.

If you are interested you must preregister as books will need to be purchased by the office. The whole participate package will cost \$42.95 + tax or just the book for \$22.95 + tax. If you opt for the second option, you will receive a list of the readings and questions from the office.

To register, call or email the office.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE

Please join us on a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, USA for Diving Mercy Weekend April 15-16, 2023

Depart - St. Martin's Parish - April 15

Return - April 16

Coach Bus - \$120/person CDN

Hotel - Holiday Inn - \$110.00 USD/room

Medical Insurance at your own discretion

Capacity on the bus is 56 passengers.

First come first serve!

If you are interested and have a valid passport please email: cathy.cartagine@gmail.com

The registration process will be 2 fold:

- Please reserve your seat as soon as possible
- Confirmation with payment of bus ticket only is required by March 14, 2023. Final Date
- Due to commitment - No Refunds. Thank you

RETRouvaille

March 10-12

This is a marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Retrouvaille helps to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and helps couples to reconnect. For more info, visit:

www.retrouvaille.org or e-mail

teamrecine@gmail.com or call 905/664-5212.

DEVELOPMENT and PEACE

- CARITAS CANADA

A new campaign cycle begins this year, with the theme **"Create Hope"** to guide our action over the next five years. How can we create hope? By taking action! Because the best antidote to despair is action. Under the broad theme **"Create Hope,"** you are being invited this year to **"Stand for the Land,"** in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who are defending their homelands by protecting their land and water, the environment and human life. And it is with great joy that we invite you to join the **"Share Lent"** campaign that D&P has been organizing for over 55 years (the "Solidarity Sunday Share Lent" collection is March 26). **Let's "Create Hope" for a world of peace and justice, and "Stand for the Land" and its peoples! Visit site:**

infor@devep.org

TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE

EMERGENCY AID

With the support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Aid to Church in Need, Canadian Jesuits International, Catholic Near East Welfare Association Canada, and Development and Peace-Caritas Canada are launching an emergency aid campaign in response to the destructive earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria on Monday. Funds received will be used now and in the coming months for food, medical supplies, shelter, and other essentials to meet basic human needs. These funds will also serve to meet long term needs to help families go back to a more stable life.

To donate now drop a plain envelope with your name, address and regular offertory number into the Sunday Collection basket

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

LENTEN RETREAT MARCH 11, 2013

"The Seven Sorrows of our Blessed Mother"

Spend a lovely day with your sisters in Christ getting to know more about our Blessed Mother.

Cost:12.00 includes lunch and coffee, tea snacks beginning at 10 am till 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

The retreat will take place in the parish hall for more information please contact Paula Verrecchia at 905-870-5017 or at pmverrecchia5@gmail.com

All women of the parish are welcome!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 8 Regular Meeting - 7pm parish hall
- March 11 CWL Retreat in parish hall
- March 15 "Feed Your Tummy, Feed Your Soul" - every third Wednesday Mass at 9 and breakfast following at Lackis Please join us, room for everyone (husbands welcome)

ST.MARTIN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL LENTEN CONFESSIONS

March 21, 9:45 am and March 24, 9:45 am

FIRST RECONCILIATION March 28, 9:45 am

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God". (2 Corinthians 5:20)