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**OCTOBER COFFEE SOCIAL**

Sunday, October 22,  
following the 10:00 am Mass.

We thank Parish Events Group who are responsible for this gathering. We look forward to some social time together.

Please plan on attending.

**REGISTRATION FOR CERTIFICATE**

Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have celebrated or will celebrate a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversary in the year 2023. To receive a certificate, please complete a registration form available at the parish by November 10, 2023

<b><u>Ministry Schedule - Oct 7/8</u></b>		
<p><b>Hospitality</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Julie Notarianni 10:00 am - Marcel Pouliot</p>	<p><b>Lector</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Caroline Steger</p>	<p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Victoria Verrecchia 10:00 am - Andrew Steger</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

**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


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Grand Knight Tony Zanni  
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**Facility Maintenance**  
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  
Diocesan Website: www.saintcd.com

**St. Martin of Tours Catholic Faith Community 1866 - 2023**



**October And The Rosary**  
The Month Of The Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and this is a reminder of the promises for those who pray this contemplative prayer with Our Lady. It is a sign of predestination.

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**October 1, 2023 - Year - A**

**The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

# October 1, 2023

## The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Oct 2	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED	
		7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in Upper Meeting Room	TEAM
Tues	Oct 3	9:00 am +Leszek Rajda	by Danuta Mazur
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
		10:30 am - 12 Noon. Church, open for prayer, engagement, conversation	
Wed	Oct 4	<b>St. Francis of Assisi</b>	
		9:00 am +James V. Flaherty	by Maureen Flaherty
		9:00 am - 12 Noon. St. Luke, Anglican Church, open for prayer, engagement	
		10:30 am - 12 NOON Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Confessions	Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session Three	TEAM
		7:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting	
Thurs	Oct 5	9:00 am +Kamil Pachowicz	by Danuta Mazur
		1:30 pm - 3: 00 pm. Diocesan Council of Priests Meeting Catholic Centre	Fr. Christopher
Fri	Oct 6	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am For the special intentions of Mike & Amy Urban	by Mike Urban
Sat	Oct 7	<b>The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A</b>	
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions.	
		5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special Intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Oct 8	10:00 am +Mary Fraser	by Josie & Vern Dell

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**Increase your standard of Giving before your increase your standard of Living.**

*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 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.**

#### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

*"We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world."*

#### BECOMING CATHOLIC?

**St. Martin's Parish RCIA**

**(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

If you fit any one of the following descriptions (or if you know of someone who does), call us!

- anyone who wants to join the Catholic Church
- anyone who wants to consider entering the Church
- anyone who was baptized but never received the other sacraments
- anyone who simply wishes to inquire about Catholicism
- anyone Catholic who feels that they would like to review or increase their knowledge of the faith (and at the same time, act as a parish sponsor for an inquirer)

**The process has now begun this past Wednesday, Sept 20, 2023 and will run every Wed until May 15, 2024 from 7 - 9 pm.**

**There's no time like the present to signal one's intentions! It is not too late!**

#### RCIA SPONSORS NEEDED

**Calling all Parishioners**

RCIA has begun September 20, at St. Martin's. We are looking for volunteers to create a "Sponsor List" where Candidates can seek out a supporting Catholic to help along their journey.

#### WE INTRODUCE YOU TO THE RCIA TEAM

Fr. Christopher, Sandy, Johnson, Lenora Newman, Jennifer Noseworthy, Lisa Poort, Nick Verrecchia, Paula Verrecchia

#### PARISH / SCHOOL FOODRIVE

**September 25 to October 5**

We partnership together for **West Lincoln Community Care**. Please drop off your non-perishable food items to either the parish or the school. For your convenience the front foyer is perhaps best as you leave your items before Mass. We will deliver to the school. Thank you.

#### LIFE CHAIN 2023

Can you spare one hour to save a Lifetime? Join thousands across Canada on October 1, 2023 in prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life. This is a family-friendly event providing a unique opportunity to witness to our neighbours a much-needed message of love, hope, and truth. Contact Muriel Dyson: 905-735-3666 for info on the Life Chain taking place in Welland on Niagara Street at the Seaway Mall at 2:00pm or contact Angela Braun at (905)931-0363 for information on the Life Chain taking place along Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls. Times and locations of all the Life Chains across Canada can be found at: <https://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain>.

#### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

**CARTIAS CANADA**

Get ready for an exciting new phase of our Fall/Lent campaign, "Create Hope -- Stand for the Land." This fall we will have the incredible opportunity to connect with a vibrant community in Honduras. The Guapinol community is facing a pressing challenge: the threat to their water and land due to an open pit iron mine nestled in the Montaña de Botaderos Carlos Escaleras National Park. The impact of this mine extends to villages along the Guapinol and San Pedro rivers, as well as the entire regional ecosystem. To learn more about the campaign, visit their website: [devep.org](http://devep.org)

#### SYNOD OF SYNODALITY OCTOBER 4-29, 2023

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) welcomed the [news](#) from the Holy See's General Secretariat of the Synod of the delegates appointed for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to be held this October. The two episcopal conferences serve as the coordinating entities for the North American region for the Synod, which is themed, [For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission](#). The first session of the Synod will be held at the Vatican on 4-29 October 2023, and the second session is scheduled to be held in October 2024.

#### SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

#### THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTS

We prepare our young people for sacraments of Christian Initiation. First Reconciliation; First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Registration Forms are to be returned by the end of October. This presents an opportunity of parents and young friends to return to the regular practice of attending the Eucharist on a Sunday. Again, we offer Children's Liturgy every Sunday. The celebrations of Sacraments is collaborative effort of family, parish and school to help our young people enter into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and to grow in their commitment to His Church. May their discipleship journey be a full, active, and conscious participation in the life of our parish.