

September 6 & September 13, 2026
The 23rd & 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Sept 7	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Sept 8	<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 9:00 am +Don Langlois 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	by St. Alfred's
Wed	Sept 9	9:00 am For God's blessings upon & health of Vinicio Aldana & family 10:30 am - 11:45 am Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/Confessions 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Catholic Women's League Mtg in the parish hall	by Danuta Mazur Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Sept 10	9:00 am For God's blessings upon John & Cheryl Mojeski 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Readings 9:30 am - 11:30 am Assembly of Ontario Bishop's/Social Affairs meeting	by Family Fr. Christopher
Fri	Sept 11	9:00 am +Janet Campbell	by Michael & Amy Urban
Sat	Sept 12	<i>The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm +Ross Moniz	by Brenda Moniz
Sun	Sept 13	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Mon	Sept 14	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY 6:15 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Council lite dinner and meeting in the upper meeting room	
Tues	Sept 15	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> 9:00 am +Ross and Melva Clarke 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice 11:30 am - Opening School Mass at St. Martin's Elementary School – TBC 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm Diocesan Council of Development and Peace Virtual Mtg	by Sandy Johnson Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Wed	Sept 16	<i>St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian</i> 9:00 am +Patrick Maney 10:30 am - 11:45 am Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/Confessions 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Diocesan Deans Virtual Meeting	by St. Alfred's Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Sept 17	9:00 am +Todd Spurgeon 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Readings	by Michael & Amy Urban
Fri	Sept 18	9:00 am For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban	by Michael Urban
Sat	Sept 19	<i>The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</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	Sept 20	10:00 am God's blessings upon Karina Simone on her 4 th Birthday	by Danuta Mazur

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.

160th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Celebration
Sunday September 27, 2026
Please join us as a family of faith as we celebration 160 years here at St. Martin of Tours. Sign up sheet will be in the foyer of the church. To make this a truly great celebration, the Saturday Vigil Mass will be cancelled so we can all come together to celebrate this significant event.

STEWARDSHIP
Returning to Routine with God First
• **Theme:** Putting God at the center of our busy September schedules.
• **Reflection:** As summer ends and our routines resume, it is easy to let the rush of school, work, and activities crowd God out of first place. True stewardship reminds us that our time and abilities belong to Him. This week, let us offer our daily schedules back to the Lord, asking Him to guide our hands, our words, and our priorities.
• **PRAYER:** Lord, thank you for the gift of a new season. Help us use our time wisely and keep you first in all we do. Amen

POPE LEO'S SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS
FOR THE CARE OF WATER
Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it

PRAYER BY POPE LEO XIV
“Lord, You love everything You have created, and nothing exists outside the mystery of Your tenderness. Every creature, no matter how small, is the fruit of Your love and has a place in this world.
Even the simplest or shortest life is surrounded by Your care. Like St. Francis of Assisi, today we too want to say: “Praised be You, my Lord!”
Through the beauty of creation, You reveal Yourself as a source of goodness. We ask You: open our eyes to recognize You, learning from the mystery of Your closeness to all creation that the world is infinitely more than a problem to solve. It is a mystery to be contemplated with gratitude and hope.

Help us to discover Your presence in all creation, so that, in fully recognizing it, we may feel and know ourselves to be responsible for this common home where You invite us to care for, respect, and protect life in all its forms and possibilities. Praised be You, Lord! Amen.
Visit website at: <https://thepopevideo.org/september-for-our-relationship-with-all-of-creation/>

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME
Each year, from September 1 to October 4, Catholics and people of goodwill around the world observe the **Season of Creation** — a time to thank God for the beauty of creation and reflect on our responsibility to care for the world entrusted to us.
Creation is one of God's greatest gifts. The earth, changing seasons, food, water, and air can easily be taken for granted, yet they remind us of the goodness and generosity of our Creator.

As a parish community, we are invited to grow in awareness of our responsibility for the environment and the importance of sustainability. Caring for creation is an important part of our Catholic faith and our commitment to a culture of life. As Pope Francis often reminded us, **everything is connected**. Caring for our common home also means caring for people, especially the poor and vulnerable, and protecting the world for future generations.

During this Season of Creation, may we consider simple ways to reduce waste, conserve energy and resources, and make more sustainable choices at home and in our parish.
As we journey toward the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, may we grow in gratitude for God's creation and in our commitment to protect it.

Lord, open our eyes to the beauty of your creation. Help us to care wisely for our common home and to leave a world in which all life may flourish. Amen.

LIFECCHAIN 2026
October 4
Main downtown intersection 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
This is a peaceful, prayerful public witness where participants stand side by side to pray against abortion and advocate for the sanctity of human life. We will gather in the parking lot by CIBC.

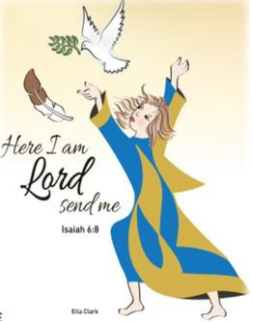
PLEASE PATRONIZE THE SUPPORTERS OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS BULLETIN



18 Streamside Dr,
Smithville, On L0R 2A0
905-957-3032



CWL #2289
St. Martin of Tours Church
StMartinsCWL@hotmail.com
Always welcoming new members; please contact our President for more information
Faith - Service - Social Justice





1421 Highway #8, Winona
1-800-533-6102
Bus: 905-643-1027 Res: 905-957-6943



Area's Largest and Complete Garage Door Showroom

Your complete Residential Showroom
905-957-4432



MERRITT FUNERAL HOME Inc.
Serving Families For 4 Generations

Drew Gauthier
Managing Funeral Director
287 Station St, Smithville, On. L0R 2A0
Tel: 905-957-7031 Fax: 905-957-1371
1-800-461-9498 www.merritt.fh.com



URBAN AUTOMOTIVE INC.
"Your neighbourhood garage with a North American Warranty."



Follow along for car care tips, behind-the-scenes, and the You Auto Know Podcast.

Grateful to be part of this community.



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 – Sept 12/13

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Music	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm – Tony M 10:00 am – Nick V	5:00 pm – Sandy J 10:00 am – Teresa W	5:00 pm – Tom S 10:00 am – Marcel P	5:00 pm – Carol S 10:00 am - Choir	10:00 am Sherri deWilde

Ministry Schedule – Sept 19/20

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Music	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm – Tom S 10:00 am – Marcel P	5:00 pm – Lisa P 10:00 am – Sherri d	5:00 pm – Paula V 10:00 am – Fatima A	5:00 pm – Sandy J 10:00 am - Choir	10:00 am Judy Terpstra

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
Frank DeFilippis - 905-961-1425
defilcutstone@gmail.com

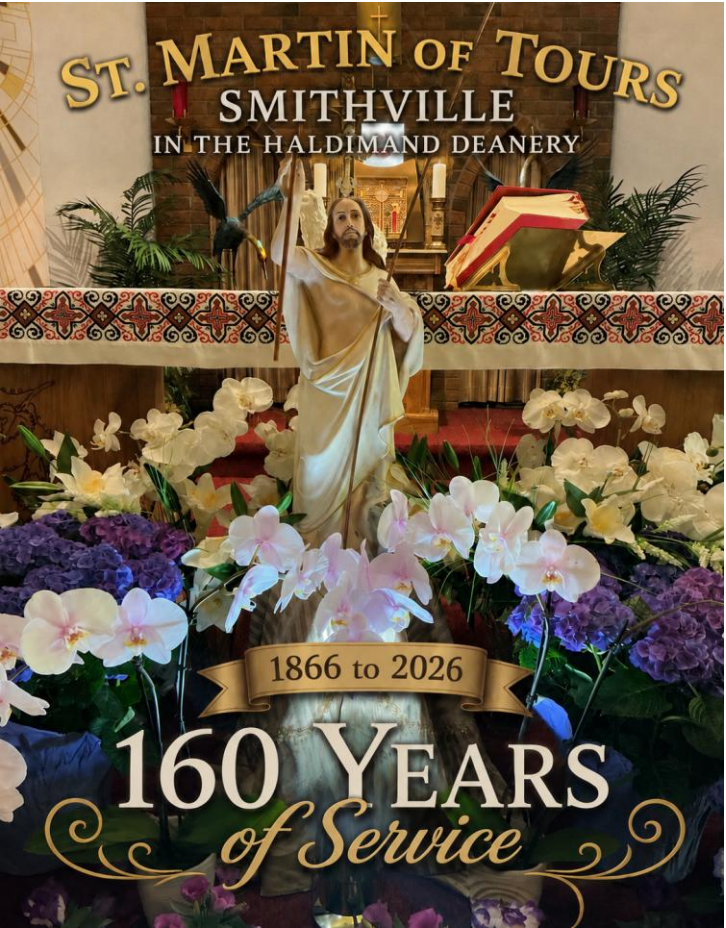
Parish Organization

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

Parish Groups
Parish Pastoral Council
Parish Financial Council
Parish Events Group
Cemetery Committee
Responsible Faith Ministry
Facility Maintenance
Funeral Committee
Children's Liturgy
ACTS Retreats Teams

Diocese of St. Catharines
Bishop of the Diocese
Most Reverend Gerard Paul Bergie, D.D.

**St. Martin of Tours
Catholic Faith Community**



Mission of St. Martin of Tours

We will follow Jesus Christ, and love all people.

166 West Street, P.O. Box 74
Smithville, Ontario L0R 2A0
Telephone: 289-956-0221
Email: st.martins1866@gmail.com
www.stmartinsparish.com
E-transfer: st.martinsdonation@gmail.com

**Sept 6 & Sept 13, 2026 -Year -A
Bi-Weekly Bulletin
The 23rd & 24th Sundays
in Ordinary Time**