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<p><b>Hospitality</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Ron &amp; Janet Roscovich 10:00 am - Joan &amp; Bob Hignett</p>	<p><b>Ministry Schedule - Oct 21/22</b></p> <p><b>Lector</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Andrew Steger 10:00 am - Marg VanGeest</p>	<p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Helen Lipiec</p>
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**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  
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905-945-6708

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Parish Financial Council  
Parish Events Group  
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Children's Liturgy.  
ACTS Retreats Teams

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**October 15, 2023 - Year - A**

**The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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	Oct 16	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED	
Tues	Oct 17	<b>St. Ignatius of Antioch</b> 9:00 am +David Hummel For the health and healing of Geza Barton	by Lenora Newman by the Elliot Family
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
		10:30 am - 12 Noon. Church, open for prayer, engagement, conversation	
		7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Investiture of Monsignor Hugh Gibson St. Alfred's	Fr. Christopher
Wed	Oct 18	<b>St. Luke</b> 9:00 am +Jose Carlos DaSilva 9:00 am - 12 Noon. St. Luke, Anglican Church, open for prayer, engagement	by the Melo & Mikhail Family
		10:30 am - 12 NOON Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Confessions	Fr. Christopher TEAM
		7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session Four	
Thurs	Oct 19	9:00 am For the special intentions of Mike & Amy Urban	by Mike Urban
Fri	Oct 20	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am +Harriet Ross	by Maria Chorley
Sat	Oct 21	<b>The 29th 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 22	10:00 am +David Robinson	by Pauline Lewis

#### 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

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**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.**

#### 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.

#### REGISTRATION FOR CERTIFICATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2023

Bishop Gerard Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have celebrated or will celebrate a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th (and more) this year. To receive a certificate, please complete a registration form available at the parish office by November 10.

#### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

- Oct 18 "Feed Your Soul, Feed Your Tummy" - every third Wednesday Mass at 9:00 am and breakfast following at Lackis Please join us (husbands welcome).

Memberships for the year 2024 for returning members will be coming up. Please remember to renew your membership and a special invitation for new members to join us. More information to follow.

#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

This past week (October 2), the PPC focused on Mission and Vision. Knowing where we are today and where we are headed is foundational for a thriving and vibrant Parish Community. Your PPC met to work through the Mission and Vision. We are committed to ensuring all foundational elements of Mission, Vision, Service, Structure and (yes even) Healthy Culture are top priorities so that we as a parish can deliver the fruits of our labour.

Father Christopher presented his written report on the "United West Lincoln" outreach and advocacy amongst the Christian Communities of Smithville. Sandy gave an update on the parish RCIA programme/process. Three candidates and four parishioners who wish to know more about our Catholic faith. So far the RCIA Team and the participants are enthusiastically engaged.

**Next PPC Meeting is Monday, October 23.**

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

Registration forms for sacraments are due by the end of the month. Late forms cannot be accepted.

The best way you can as a parent to help your child prepare for sacraments is to bring them to Sunday Mass on a weekly basis. Can't make it to Mass? Send your candidate with grandparents, godparents, sponsors. Godparents made a promise at baptism to help children in our Catholic faith - call in the favour if your need it! We look forward to welcoming YOU, and being of gracious assistance to you in both the preparation and in the celebrations of these important sacraments.

#### 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."*

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In October, a maple tree before your window lights up your room like a great lamp. Even on cloudy days, its presence helps to dispel the gloom. Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree. Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons.

#### ALTAR SERVERS / CHILDREN'S LITURGY

#### Another dimension of our Parish Outreach

We are inviting boys and girls (grades 3/4 & up) to think about being an Altar Server! It's an "extreme" privilege to share in this important role in our Sunday Mass. It's not difficult, and training will be provided once we receive some names. Father Christopher will be visiting the school this coming week to personally invite our young people to becoming an altar server. As well, we require another two volunteers willing to facilitate a Children's Liturgy for school age children, in an age appropriate celebration of the word of God: the readings are presented in a manner younger children can easily appreciate and celebrate.

Of course, for this to happen, not only do we need the children at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass, but leaders and helpers for sure! It's a way our young people of our parish to become involved. Hopefully we can get underway soon!

#### SYNOD PRAYER

#### ROME October 3 - 29

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.