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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.

Hospitality	Ministry Schedule - June 8/9	Holy Communion
5:00 pm - Julie Notarianni 10:00 am - Barb Joyner	Lector 5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Andrew Steger	5:00 pm - Paula Verrecchia 10:00 am - Caroline Steger

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
sherridewilde@hotmail.com
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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**June 2, 2024 - Year - B
The Solemnity of the Most
Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Year B MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	June 3	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - PRIEST RETREAT
Tues	June 4	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - PRIEST RETREAT 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice
Wed	June 5	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - PRIEST RETREAT
Thurs	June 6	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - PRIEST RETREAT 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group
Fri	June 7	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - PRIEST RETREAT
Sat	June 8	The 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special Intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family
Sun	June 9	10:00 am +Manuel DaSilva by Maria daSilva

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.

DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETREAT

Monday, June 3, to Friday, June 7.

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre.

Retreat Master: Cardinal Collins - Emeritus Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto. There will be no parish weekday Mass during the retreat. Parish Emergency Calls will be covered at this time.

Parish Office remains open.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 12 Year end meeting. Pizza, dessert and refreshments starting at 6:30 pm

- Meeting to commence at 7:00 pm.

June 19 "Feed your Soul, Feed Your Tummy"

Every 3rd Wednesday, Mass at 9:00 am and Breakfast following at Lackis

Please join us (husbands welcome).

PARISH WEBSITE

Are there any website designers in our midst? Our Parish Website is in dire need of updating and being made easier to use on all platforms. If you can help us, please call the office.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

FALL FUNDRAISER

KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUTS

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Orders due by August 25

Pick up on Sept 10 - 4 - 7 pm

In the Parish Hall

Email: maryanne.paradis@live.ca

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THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Corpus Christi is Latin for the "Body of Christ." In the Catholic Church in the West, *Corpus Christi* is celebrated as a solemnity on the Sunday following the Most Holy Trinity Sunday since the liturgical reforms of Vatican II. At its core the solemnity is a celebration of the Tradition and belief in the Eucharist as the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. For millennia, such a theme was part of the celebration of Holy Thursday, but then there are other important themes that are part of that celebration. And, all this occurs in the shadow of Good Friday. The placement of the celebration is not one that necessarily lends itself to a joyful celebration. From another perspective, every Sunday is a feast of the Eucharist, because by participating in the Mass, and in receiving Communion, we are honoring and celebrating the Eucharist.

JUNE - THE MONTH DEVOTED TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The **Sacred Heart of Jesus** reminds the faithful of Jesus's love for humanity. The heart is considered the seat of love in the human body, and therefore, it is from the heart of Jesus that this love flows. At some points in history, the faithful focused too strongly on the innate brokenness of human nature and humanity's unworthiness of God, sometimes even falling into heresy. When the faithful practice devotion to Jesus's sacred heart, they remind themselves and the world that Jesus's mission was one of mercy and reconciliation.

The Heart itself. The heart is the symbolic center of feeling and emotion, and it represents Jesus' deep love and affection for us.

The Crown of Thorns. The heart typically is encircled horizontally with a crown of thorns. The thorns represent the stings caused by our sins.

The Wound. The gash shown on the lower left or lower center of the heart which recalls when the soldier thrust his lance into Jesus' side. The lance not only cut through Jesus' rib cage, it also cut through his heart. This incident not only proved that Jesus was dead and had given his life for us.

Droplets of Blood. This recalls the Last Supper when Jesus offered a cup of wine and said, "This is my blood of the covenant which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins". The droplets also represent the new Covenant of Blood.

The Flames. A number of flames are above the upper, center of the heart, and they represent the intensity of the warmth of Jesus' love.

The Cross. Is in the midst of the flames, because it is on the cross where Jesus most decisively demonstrated the love of his Sacred Heart.

The Rays of Light. The light radiating from Jesus' heart indicates the Jesus is light and the love of his heart enlightens the world.

CAN CATHOLICS CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH?

First, it's important to remember that there are (at least) two kinds of pride. The first is the satisfaction that can come from your own accomplishments. This can turn into vanity, which is something to avoid. Humility reminds us that we are not the center of the universe and that our lives depend on God.

But the second kind of pride is a consciousness of one's own dignity. And that's closer to what Pride Month is meant to be for the LGBTQ+ community: a recognition of the human dignity of a group of people who have, for centuries been, treated with contempt, rejection and violence.

For the religious person, this month is also a reminder that LGBTQ people are beloved children of God. Pride Month reminds Catholics to treat LGBTQ+ people with the "respect, compassion and sensitivity" that the Catechism commands, the "**closeness, compassion and tenderness**" that Pope Francis has taught, and the love and mercy that Jesus showed to all people, especially those on the margins, during his public ministry.

It's especially important for churches to mark Pride Month since much of the rejection that LGBTQ+ people have faced has been motivated by Christianity.

Churches have also been places where LGBTQ+ people have felt insulted, rejected and unwelcome, a result of the words and deeds of not only some bishops and pastors, but Catholic lay leaders and the faithful. So, it's important for churches to mark Pride Month and remind our LGBTQ+ friends that they are welcome in what is, after all, their church, too.

We also have to remember that in many countries, being LGBTQ+ is a **life and death issue**. The church is called to stand with these persecuted people throughout the year, but especially during Pride Month.

And just because you celebrate Pride Month doesn't mean that you necessarily agree with what every person, every organization or even every float in every parade has to say. Pride Month is mainly about supporting the fundamental human rights of the LGBTQ+ community: the right to live in safety, the right to be treated as equals, and the right to be fully welcome in society.

Besides, complaints about the use of the word "pride" never seem to apply to other groups. People often say, "I'm proud to be an American" on the Fourth of July. Or they wear buttons that say "Proud to be Irish" on St. Patrick's Day. Or when something wonderful happens in the church they tell their friends, "I'm so proud to be Catholic." Few people object to that or would describe that as vanity. People generally understand the kind of pride that these people are talking about. For the LGBTQ+ person, pride is not about vanity but about human dignity.

Another objection is marking Pride Month during the same month that Catholics celebrate the Month of the Sacred Heart. But the two are complementary, not contradictory. The Sacred Heart teaches us how Jesus loves; Pride Month reminds us whom Jesus invite us to love today.

Fr. James Martin, S.J.