

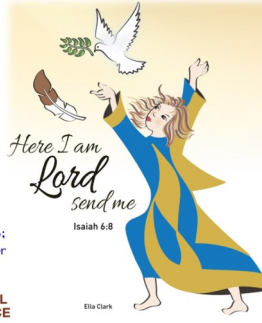






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Vision of St. Martin of Tours

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.

Ministry Schedule - Dec 21/22

<p>Hospitality</p> <p>5:00 pm - Julie Notarianni 10:00 am - Joan & Bob H.</p>	<p>Lector</p> <p>5:00 pm - Sue Armstrong 10:00 am - Barb Joyner</p>	<p>Holy Communion</p> <p>5:00 pm - Nick Verrecchia 10:00 am - Andrew Lipiec</p>	<p>Children's Liturgy</p> <p>10:00 am - Sherri deWilde</p>
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Ministry Schedule - Dec 24/25

<p>Hospitality</p> <p>5:00 pm - Joan & Bob H. 9:00 pm - Cheryl Ecker 10:00 am - Cathy & Frank</p>	<p>Lector</p> <p>5:00 pm - Sherri deWilde 9:00 pm - Andrew Steger 10:00 am - Mitch Pogoda</p>	<p>Holy Communion</p> <p>5:00 pm - Marcel Pouliot 9:00 am - Cathy C. 10:00 am - John Terpstra</p>	<p>Children's Liturgy</p> <p>10:00 am - Judy Terpstra</p>
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Ministry Schedule - Dec 28/29

<p>Hospitality</p> <p>5:00 pm - Cheryl Ecker 10:00 am - George Y..</p>	<p>Lector</p> <p>5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Caroline Steger</p>	<p>Holy Communion</p> <p>5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Bob Hignett</p>	<p>Children's Liturgy</p> <p>10:00 am - Jennifer N.</p>
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Ministry Schedule - Dec 31/Jan 1

<p>Hospitality</p> <p>5:00 pm - Cathy Ransome 10:00 am - Helen & Andy L.</p>	<p>Lector</p> <p>5:00 pm - Sherri deWilde 10:00 am - Caroline Steger</p>	<p>Holy Communion</p> <p>5:00 pm - Paula V. 10:00 am - Andrew Steger</p>	<p>Children's Liturgy</p> <p>No Children's Liturgy</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 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
Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

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Grand Knight - Lloyd Buchan
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Parish Pastoral Council
Parish Financial Council
Parish Events Group
Cemetery Committee
Responsible Faith Ministry
Facility Maintenance
Children's Liturgy
ACTS Retreats Teams

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Bishop of the Diocese
Most Reverend Gerard Paul Bergie, D.D.
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December 15/22 2024 - Year - C
Bi-Weekly Bulletin
The 3rd & 4th Sundays
of Advent

December 15, 2024

The 3rd/4th Sundays of Advent - Year C

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Dec 16	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
		6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	PPC Team
Tues	Dec 17	9:00 am +Jimmy & Teresa Bolton	by the Newman Family
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
Wed	Dec 18	9:00 am +John & Lucinda Cruz	by Maria Martins
		10:30 am - 12:00 pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Counselling	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Dec 19	9:00 am +Leszek Rajda and Emilia Wladyslaw parents	by Danuta Mazur
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
		7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Form II Confessions at St. Joseph's Parish Grimsby	Fr. Christopher
Fri	Dec 20	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban	by Michael Urban
Sat	Dec 21	The 4th Sunday of Advent	
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions	
		5:00 pm +Michelle McManus	by Mother & Family
Sun	Dec 22	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Mon	Dec 23	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Dec 24	The Nativity of the Lord	
		5:00 pm +Harry Belmont	by Heather Belmont
		9:00 pm For the special intentions of Fr. Christopher	
Wed	Dec 25	10:00 am For the special intentions of Fr. Christopher	
Thurs	Dec 26	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Fri	Dec 27	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
		NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Sat	Dec 28	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions	
		5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Dec 29	10:00 am For the special intentions of the Lipiec Children & Grandchildren	by Helen & Andy Lipiec
		2:00 pm Opening Mass for the 2025 Jubilee Year at the Cathedral	Fr. Christopher

UPCOMING BAPTISMS

December 15, 2024

Skylar Grace Treble.

January 19, 2025

Luciana Lissette Balloutine

Giada Getulia Hayes Rizzuti- DeStephanis

February 16, 2025

Alden Edward Paradise.

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.**

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

We thank you for your financial support to our Parish of St. Martin, and to our Diocese of St. Catharines. We encourage, Time, Talent and Treasure. Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in redemption others. Stewardship life is a grateful life, and actions born out of gratefulness are not compulsive but free, not somber, but joyful, not fanatical but liberating. When gratitude is the source of our actions, our giving becomes receiving and those to whom we minister become our ministers.

POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER INTENTIONS

For Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis requests this month's prayers recognize Christ risen in our lives, and transforms us into pilgrims of Christian hope."

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Mass and

Anticipated Midnight Mass 9:00 pm

Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day

10:00 am Mass.

No morning Mass December 26 and 27

New Year's Eve Tuesday, December 31,

Mass at 5:00 pm

New Year's Day Wednesday,

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God,

Mass at 10:00 am.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 16421

St. Martin of Tours

The Knights of Columbus, council 16421, would like to thank St. Martin of Tours Parish community & Brothers for the last 8 years of Love and support throughout all our endeavors. It is with sad hearts, that we announce the disbanding of the Council of the St. Martin of Tours Parish as of Dec 31, 2024.

HOLY DAYS (HOLIDAYS)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Parish Office will close Christmas Eve at 12 Noon and re-open January 2, 2025, at 9:00am. Emergency Calls are Covered 24/7. Again, a gentle reminder. No administrative emails or texts during our solemn celebrations of Christmas!

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Your offertory box envelopes for 2025 are now available in the foyer of the church. We ask that you only take your own box. If you require an offertory box, please call, visit or email the office and a set will be registered for you. For all e-transfer users, please pick up the sheet of paper beside the boxes that lists all of the diocesan special collections for 2025.

Thank you all for your financial support - your stewardship in 2024. We rely, and look forward to your financial stewardship in 2025. Each new year is an opportunity to re-think our weekly giving. God Bless Your Generosity!

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Thursday, December 19, St. Joseph's Parish,

Grimsby at 7:00 pm

Form II Confessions with individual priests hearing confessions in English, French, Italian and Polish.

All parishioners are invited to attend. This is a Haldimand Deanery initiative as we support one another in a joint Service of solidarity and cooperation.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE FALL ACTION

Defending Peasant's Rights!

Visit the website: <https://devp.org/en/>

Petition signing is differed until the new year.

Thank you for being informed with our recent material presented to you.

WHY IS 2025 A JUBILEE YEAR?

This year on Christmas Eve, 2024, Pope Francis, like Pope John Paul II in 1999, will open the Holy Door to begin a Jubilee Year in 2025. It will be an ordinary holy year - in accordance with the tradition of the Church to celebrate such a year every 25 years, to give every generation a chance to experience that special time of grace and mercy in their life. The Holy Father Francis wants the coming Jubilee Year 2025 to be lived as a "year of hope," very symbolic in times when the world's wars seem to be unending and multiplying. Let us be people of hope; people of faith; and people of peace. Let each of us fully participate in the liturgical life of our parish to ensure a blessed Jubilee Year 2025!

INVITATION TO JUBILEE MASS

Mass to begin the Jubilee Year of 2025 will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines) on Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon by His Excellency, Bishop Gerard Bergie. Please plan to attend this Mass as we begin our journey as "Pilgrims of Hope".

STUDENT NEEDS AT CHRISTMAS

Poverty is often associated with developing countries when, in fact, it exists right here at home. Every day in Niagara, a very large number of students go to school hungry and waits in line for breakfast. The Niagara Region combined is just over the national average at 18%; however, when looking at the cities, that percentage increases to over 20% (that's one in every five children living in poverty and lacking proper nutrition).

The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education (NFCE) is a registered charitable foundation that assists students in need who attend our Catholic schools. Your donation to purchase food cards will help brighten Christmas! Receipts are issued for tax purposes (427 Rice Rd., Welland, ON L3C 7C1); phone 905/735-0247, x210 or donate on-line through PayPal on the NFCE website (www.nfce.org).