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<p>Hospitality</p> <p>5:00 pm - Tony Mous 10:00 am - Helen & Andy Lipiec</p>	<p>Ministry Schedule - Nov 25/26</p> <p>Lector</p> <p>5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Marg Van Geest</p>	<p>Holy Communion</p> <p>5:00 pm - Bianca Verrecchia 10:00 am - Dick Van Geest</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
Blessed Trinity High School
905-945-6708

Cemetery Management
Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

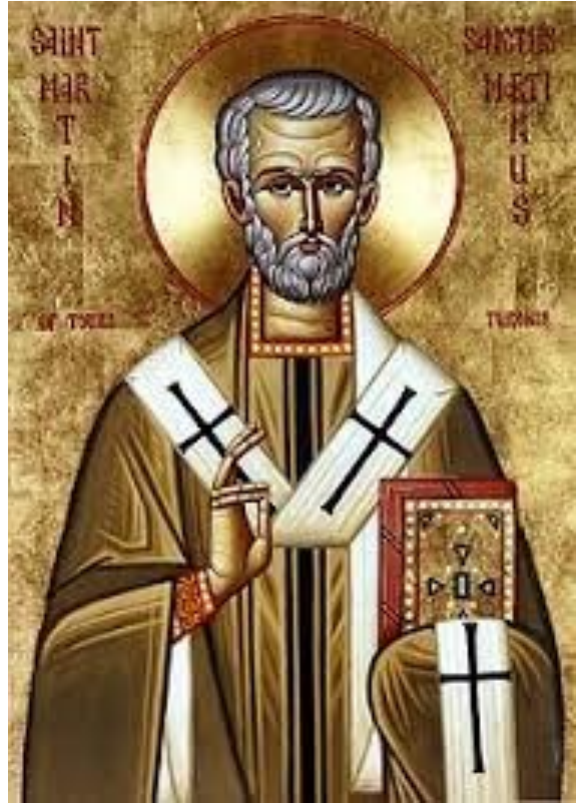
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Chair Frank DeFilippis

Parish Groups
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Parish Financial Council
Parish Events Group
Cemetery Committee
Responsible Faith Ministry
Children's Liturgy.
ACTS Retreats Teams
RCIA TEAM

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November 19, 2023 - Year - A

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The 33rd 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	Nov 20	9:00 am +John & Lucinda Cruz 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in upper meeting room	by Maria Martins
Tues	Nov 21	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
Wed	Nov 22	St. Cecilia 9:00 am +David Robinson 10:30 am - 12 NOON Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Confessions 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session 8	by Pauline Lewis Fr. Christopher Team
Thurs	Nov 23	9:00 am + Christine Ross 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study 9:45 am - 12 Noon School Confessions - St. Joseph's Grimsby 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm Diocesan Council for Development and Peace Virtual Mtg	by Maria Chorley Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Fri	Nov 24	St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions 7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual 9:00 am +From the Book of Remembrance 11:00 am - 12:30 pm 65th Diocesan Anniversary Mass Cathedral	Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Sat	Nov 25	The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions. 5:00 pm +Maria & Jose Cordeiro	by the Melo & Mikhail Families
Sun	Nov 26	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special Intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

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.

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.

SANTA CLAUS PARADE IS NOVEMBER 25.

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

This presents an opportunity for pastoral outreach. Church foyer will be a welcoming station and use of the washroom. The Vigil Mass moves to 4:00 pm. You can enter and exit by Smits Cove and Wes-Li Gardens. Thank You!

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

The 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve.

- Mass 10:00 am. (Forth Sunday of Advent)
- Vigil Mass for Christmas 5:00 pm.
- Anticipated midnight Mass 10:00 pm
- Christmas Day Mass 10:00 am.

NOVEMBER COFFEE SOCIAL

served in the parish hall following our Sunday Mass this Sunday, Nov 19. We thank Parish Events Group for planning this social event. We look forward to gathering with you, and welcoming several new parishioners to our community of faith.

GRADE 7 CONFIRMATION PREP

Kick Off - Nov. 18, 2023

St. Martin's Parish is excited to offer the award winning *Chosen* Confirmation preparation program to our Grade 7 students.

When: Nov 18, 2023 Nov 2023 then 2nd Sat. of the month until Nov 2024 (excluding July and August)

Where: St. Martin's Church

Cost: \$50 cover meals and course material

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

- Mon, Nov 20 - 7:00 pm
Parish Pastoral Council meeting.
- Sat Dec 2 - 6:00 - 10:00 pm
Gethsemane Ministries annual Christmas Appreciation Concert and Dinner
- Dec 5 - 7 (No weekday Masses)
Diocesan Advent Day of Recollection and Priests Study Days, Mount Carmel Centre
- Dec 9 - 11:00 am
Sacrament of Confirmation
- Tue Dec 19 - 7:00 pm
Haldimand Deanery Initiative: St Helen's. St. Joseph and St. Martin
- Advent Reconciliation Service (Confession Form 2 with individual priests hearing confessions) Host parish St. Joseph's.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 22 Lunch at Grand Oak Barn, Vineland 12:00 pm Meet at church at 11:15 to arrange rides. Contact Helen Lipiec if you wish to come as reservation required
- Dec 14 Christmas Dinner in Parish Hall \$30.00 New this year "invite a friend" E Transfer parryee@gmail.com - Elaine 905-957-0673 Names and payment required by November meeting.
- No regular meeting for December.
- Dec 20 "Feed Your Soul, Feed Your Tummy" Every third Wednesday Mass at 9 am and breakfast following at Lackis. Please join us. (All are welcome)

Memberships for 2024 for returning members and NEW MEMBERS due by Nov Meeting.

Please remember to renew your membership and a special invitation for new members to join us. Membership fee for 2024 is \$35.00. Payment can be made by E-Transfer to:

stmartinscwl@hotmail.com marked MEMBERSHIP.

Payment can also be made by depositing an envelope with your name, address, email and phone number in the weekly collection basket. **Please be sure to mark your envelope CWL Membership.**

ANNUAL DEO GRATIAS COLLECTION

Last weekend, our parish took up the special **Deo Gratias** collection to support our Priests' monthly benefit through the Clergy Aid Society. We are happy to report that your gifts already total \$735.00. The St. Catharines Clergy Aid Society pays a monthly benefit and health insurance for retired priests at age 75. Many of our Diocesan priests live independently during their retirement years, and they use their benefit for basic needs, such as food, housing, and transportation. If you have already made a gift to the **Deo Gratias** special collection, please know how much we truly appreciate your support. If you have not completed and returned your envelope, you may still do so at mass or by returning it to the parish office. Thank you for your prayerful generosity.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION

FOR NOVEMBER

Pope Francis reminds the faithful in this month's video that "The fact that someone is Pope doesn't mean they lose their humanity. On the contrary, my humanity grows each day with God's holy and faithful people." He adds, "Being Pope is also a process. The person becomes aware of what it means to be a pastor. And in this process, he learns how to be more charitable, more merciful, and, above all, more patient, like God our Father, who is so patient."

Pope Francis asks his listeners "to judge benevolently" and "pray that the Pope, whoever he might be – today it is my turn – may receive the help of the Holy Spirit, that he may be docile to that help." Specifically, he asks for prayers for the Pope "so that in the exercise of his mission, he may continue to accompany in the faith the flock entrusted to him by Jesus, always with the help of the Holy Spirit."

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you are currently not use Offertory Envelopes and would like to, please contact the office before Dec 1st, via phone, visit or email, and a set will be made for you for the coming year, 2024.

If you wish to use E-Transfers for your contributions, please ensure that the office has you contact information. Thank you.