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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.

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 - Feb 14/15

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Julie Notarianni 10:00 am - George Y.	5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Marg Van Geest	5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 10:00 am - John Terpstra	10:00 am Judy Terpstra

Ministry Schedule - Feb 21/22

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Tony Mous 10:00 am - Nick Verrecchia	5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Caroline Steger	5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Andy Lipiec	10:00 am Sue Priestly

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
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Feb 8 & Feb 15, 2026 -Year -A Bi-Weekly Bulletin
The 5th & 6th 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 8:30 am

Mon	Feb 9	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
		9:00 am - 11:00am	Order of Christian Initiation of Adults Class
Tues	Feb 10	<i>St. Scholastica</i>	
		9:00 am	For the health and happiness of the families of St. Martin’s Parish by Sue Priestly
		9:30 am - 10:30 am	Choir Practice
		6:30 pm -7:30pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in Upper Meeting Room
Wed	Feb 11	9:00 am	For the health and healing of Rick and Melanie Whitaker by Heather Belmont
		10:30 am - 11:45 am	Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/Confessions Fr. Christopher
		1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Diocesan Council of Priests Meeting Catholic Centre Fr. Christopher
		6:45 pm - 8:00 pm	Catholic Women’s League monthly meeting parish hall
Thurs	Feb 12	9:00 am	For God’s mercy and grace upon the McHugh-Maynard family members by Sue Priestly
		9:30 am - 10:30 am	Parish Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Readings
Fri	Feb 13	9:00 am	+Lina DeFilippis by Frank & Donna DeFilippis
Sat	Feb 14	<i>The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Confessions
		5:00 pm	+Ross Moniz by Brenda Moniz
Sun	Feb 15	10:00 am	+Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin’s Parish Family
Mon	Feb 16	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Feb 17	9:00 am	For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban by Michael Urban
		9:30 am - 10:30 am	Choir Practice
Wed	Feb 18	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
		9:00 am	+Joyce Ross by Colin Ross
		10:30 am	Gethsemane Centre Mass Fr. Christopher
		11:30 am	St. Martin’s School Lenten Celebration with Distribution of Ashes
		3:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Baptismal Prep Class
		6:30 pm	For the special intentions of Julie Notarianni by Heather Belmont
Thurs	Feb 19	9:00 am	Mass Intention Available
		9:30 am - 10:30 am	Parish Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Readings
Fri	Feb 20	9:00am	For the special intentions of Pat Gillis by Heather Belmont
Sat	Feb 21	<i>The 1st Sunday of Lent</i>	
		8:00 am - 10:30 am	Baptismal Prep Class
		3:00 pm - 4:45pm	Order of Christian Initiation of Children Class
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Confessions
		5:00 pm	+Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin’s Parish Family
Sun	Feb 22	10:00 am	+Jeremias Machado by Agostinha Machado

E-TRANSFERS

These are often referred to as **e-Transfers** and done through your online banking, website or app.

We thank you for your ongoing Parish Stewardship.

2025 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

We are deeply grateful for your generous financial support throughout 2025. Through your stewardship, our parish is able to keep its doors open and continue the mission entrusted to us by Christ — serving God and one another in faith, hope, and love. We kindly ask that you pick up only your own receipt and keep it in a safe place. May God bless you for your continued generosity and commitment to our parish community.

MASS INTENTIONS

The offering of a Mass intention is one of the most beautiful and powerful gifts we can give. Through the Holy Eucharist, we entrust our loved ones — living and deceased — to the infinite mercy and grace of Christ’s sacrifice. Masses may be offered in thanksgiving, for healing and guidance, or for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed, assisting them on their journey to heaven.

Rooted in the Church’s ancient tradition, offering a Mass intention unites our personal prayers with the perfect sacrifice of Jesus on the altar. It is a profound act of love, especially for those who are unable to pray for themselves.

Many Mass intention openings are currently available. Please prayerfully consider having a Mass offered for your loved one.

POPE LEO’S FEBRUARY INTENTIONS

For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE – CARITAS CANADA

In our Lenten giving to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada’s Solidarity Sunday Collection on 22 March 2026, Canadians can support communities, organizations, farmers, humanitarian workers and so many others who are making such a decisive and radical choice in some of the world’s most challenging situations. Development and Peace – Caritas Canada has titled its campaign on Track for Justice to emphasize that by giving to Share Lent, we are all able to join these courageous efforts, along with many others around the world.

Please review the current flyer contained in today’s parish bulletin. We present the Solidarity Calendar and in two weeks the Magazine and the special Share Lent envelope.

Let us all make_a sacrificial offering to the good works of Development & Peace& Caritas Canada this Lent.

ENHANCE YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

THIS YEAR!

As we prepare our hearts for the sacred season of Lent, we invite you to enrich your spiritual experience with a special Lenten Journal crafted locally by our dedicated clergy and devoted laypeople. This journal offers thoughtful reflections and prayers inspired by the daily readings throughout Lent, inviting you to discover new insights and deepen your faith like never before.

Join us in this sacred time of reflection, prayer, and growth. Your journey toward Easter can be even more meaningful with the guidance of these reflections.

The Journals will be available in the foyer of the church on February 7/8 and 14/15. We kindly ask for a suggested donation of \$5, if you are able, to help cover printing costs. Please note that supplies are limited, so be sure to secure your journal early!

Let this Lenten season be a transformative journey, drawing us closer to God and to one another.

LENTEN 2026 PRACTICES:

- **Daily Mass:** A, recommended way to deepen your connection with Christ, and others.
- **Friday Way of the Cross (Stations of the Cross):** A traditional devotion, typically held on Fridays to meditate on Christ's passion.
- **Fasting and Abstinence:** Mandatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday; abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent.

Prayer Focus:

The season emphasizes the three pillars of Lent:

Prayer,
Fasting,
Almsgiving

Embrace the desert of Lent as a sacred time to let go of what weighs you down, making space to be filled with the transformative light and love of the Resurrection.