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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.

Ministry Schedule - Mar 23/24		
Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion
5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Cathy & Frank Cartaginense	5:00 pm - Sue A. & Lisa P. 10:00 am - Caroline & Andrew S.	5:00 pm - Andrew Steger 10:00 am - Marcel Pouliot

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 Organization
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
Children's Liturgy.
ACTS Retreats Teams
RCIA Team

Diocese of St. Catharines
Bishop of the Diocese
Most Reverend Gerard Paul Bergie, D.D.
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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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**March 17, 2024 - Year - B
5th Sunday of Lent
Solidarity Sunday**

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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	Mar 18	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Mar 19	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
		9:00 am +Melva Clarke	by the Newmans
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
		9:45 am School Confession at St. Martin's Elementary School	Fr. Christopher
Wed	Mar 20	9:00 am +Ross Moniz	by Brenda Moniz
		9:30 am - 12 Noon School Confessions at St. John's, Grimsby	Fr. Christopher
		1:00 pm - 2:00 pm School Confessions at St. Joseph's, Grimsby	Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session 26	Team
Thurs	Mar 21	9:00 am +Geraldine Bell (Sixth Anniversary of death)	by Judy Terpstra & Sherri deWilde
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
Fri	Mar 22	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 Mike Urban
		10:30 am - 12: Noon Pastoral Visits to the sick, homebound, nursing homes.	Fr. Christopher
		5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration/Prayer Time/Confessions	
		6:00 pm - 6:30 pm Lenten Way of the Cross. Catholic Women's League to lead.	
Sat	Mar 23	The 7th Sunday of Lent	
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions	
		5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special Intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Mar 24	10:00 am +Nick DeFilippis (First Anniversary of death)	by Frank & Donna DeFilippis

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.

CHOOSE LIFE NIAGARA

The annual dinner event is scheduled for Sat, April 15 at Club Roma, St. Catharines (reception 5:00 p.m., dinner 6:00 p.m.). This year's speaker is Blaise Alleyne, pro-life speaker and co-author of "A Guide to Discussing Assisted Suicide." Tickets (\$60 adults, \$30 students) can be purchased at chooselife.ca/events

LENTEN JOURNEY 2024

Each Sunday, including Palm/Passion Sunday, a video will be uploaded to the CCCB website:

www.cccb.ca/oec/journeythrough-lent/, featuring pastoral reflections based on the readings for the Sunday Eucharist. This series is meant to offer spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare well for the Easter season. It is sponsored by the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis, in collaboration with the National Liturgy Office. These videos will also be available on our diocesan Facebook page

POPE FRANCIS MARCH INTENTIONS

For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the gospel in various parts of the world infame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm. To read reflection go to www.livingwithchrist.ca

MAKE A MENTAL NOTE

No Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 pm
Easter Vigil Mass, Holy Saturday, Mar 30, at 8 pm

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

CARITAS CANADA

"CREATE HOPE: REAPING OUR RIGHTS"

Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship. Development and Peace-Caritas Canada's partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) defends farmers' rights and helps protect their lands. To learn more about the work of HOMEF, read our "mini-magazine" and watch the video at devp.org/Lent The painting at the Development and Peace table at the rear of the church was made by Nigerian painter Ben Ibebe, to represent what was happening in his home state at the time. Visit devp.org

Solidarity Sunday and our annual Share Lent Collection is March 17, 2024.

We anticipate once again your Lenten sacrifices of prayer, fasting and alms giving to those most in need - the poorest of the poor. Thank you.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope." 2024 is a Year of Prayer, in preparation. Our Parish Pastoral Council will be discussing this in upcoming meetings. Details will follow.

PASTORAL LETTER ON THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

"Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious!" (Jan. 24, 2024) The CCCB's Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace recently released this "call to all Canadian Catholics," with its "seven commitments we can make together." There is a meaningful prayer at its close, and questions for discussion. Look it up on the Canadian Bishops' website!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

UPCOMING EVENT

- Mar 20 "Feed Your Soul, Feed Your Tummy" Every 3rd Wednesday, Mass at 9 am and breakfast following at Lakis Please join us (husbands welcome)

PASTOR'S THANK YOU NOTE

My dear friends:)

I would like to take this time out to say a heartfelt 'thank you', for coming together last Sunday March 10, for my 65th Birthday lunch. How appropriate that we gathered on Laetare Sunday because it was such a joyful time had for all. First, to all the many dedicated volunteers who planned, prepared and executed the gathering with such detail. Your passion for serving others is an inspiration to us all. Its truly a blessing to have such a brilliant example of selfless love and faithfulness in our midst. Second, I'm overwhelmed by all the love, support and gifts that you bestowed upon me. To be honest, I've only opened less than half of the (103) cards, as I need to take the necessary time to read your messages and acknowledge them in a prayer of thanksgiving.

I will be forever grateful for your support, kindness and love. Indeed you revealed the true foundation of our faith community is kindness and love. Most importantly, thank you for helping to make our parish a vibrant, spiritual community.

May the grace of the Lord be with you all.
Much love. YBIC, Christopher+

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION

The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request 50 years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere.

For the sake of our brothers and sister enduring hardships, please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on Mar 29, 2024. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute by e-transfer to:

teresainte@bellnet.ca

or online at Commissariat.ca

receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support. For more information visit: www.commissariat.ca