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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  
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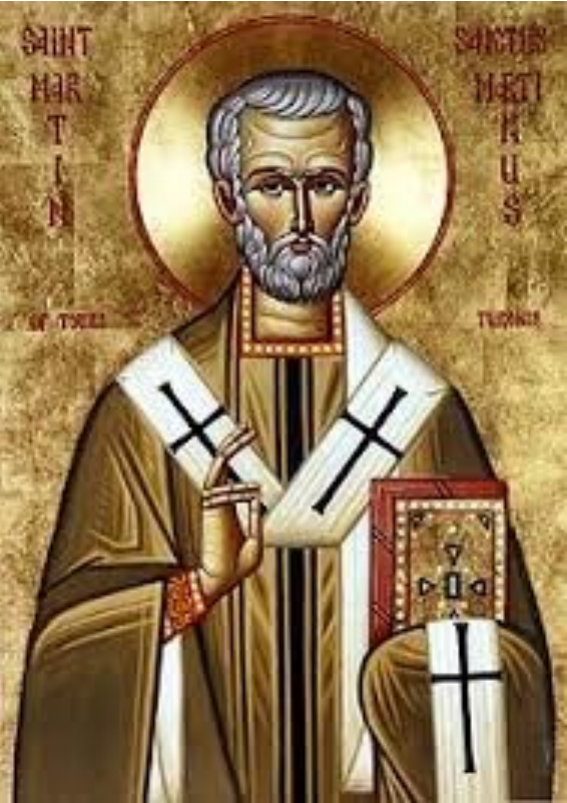
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**Parish Groups**  
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Parish Financial Council  
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ACTS Retreats Teams  
RCIA TEAM

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<p><b>Hospitality</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Cathy &amp; Frank Cartagine</p>	<p><b>Ministry Schedule - Nov 11/12</b></p> <p><b>Lector</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Lisa Poort 10:00 am - Andrew Steger</p>	<p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Bob Hignett</p>
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**November 5, 2023 - Year - A**

**The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

# November 5, 2023

## The 31st 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 6	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Sanctuary Program Mental Health Session 3 of 8 at St. Lukes Anglican Church 7:00 pm - Parish Meeting Upper Meeting Room	Fr. Christopher
Tues	Nov 7	9:00 am +From the Book of Remembrance 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
Wed	Nov 8	9:00 am For the special intentions of Mike & Amy Urban 10:30 am - 12 NOON Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Confessions 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session Six 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Catholic Women's League Monthly Meeting parish hall	by Michael Urban Fr. Christopher TEAM
Thurs	Nov 9	<b>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b> 9:00 am + Kamil Pachowicz 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study	by Danuta Mazur
Fri	Nov 10	<b>St. Leo the Great</b> 7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual 9:00 am +Kamil Pachowicz 11:30 am School Remembrance Day Celebration - Group 1 12:15 pm School Remembrance Day Celebration - Group 2	Fr. Christopher by Danuta Mazur Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Sat	Nov 11	<b>The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A</b> 8:00 pm - 10:00 am That Man is You. Merciful Redeemer Parish, Mississauga 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions. 5:00 pm +Jose Carlos DaSilva	Fr. Christopher by the Melo & Mikhail Families
Sun	Nov 12	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

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Mon, Nov 6 - 7:00 pm - Some members of the Parish Pastoral Council to plan our pastoral outreach with the Santa Claus Parade Nov 25.
- Mon, Nov 20 - 7:00 pm - Parish Pastoral Council meeting.
- Tues, Nov 14 - 7:00 pm - Confirmation Orientation Meeting for parents, candidates and if possible sponsors.

### 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."

### ALTAR SERVERS / CHILDREN'S LITURGY

#### Another dimension of our Parish Outreach

We are inviting boys and girls (grades 3/4 & up) to think about being an Altar Server! It's an "extreme" privilege to share in this important role in our Sunday Mass. It's not difficult, and training will be provided once we receive some names. As well, we require another two volunteers willing to facilitate a Children's Liturgy for school age children, in an age appropriate celebration of the word of God: the readings are presented in a manner younger children can easily appreciate and celebrate. Of course, for this to happen, not only do we need the children at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass, but leaders and helpers for sure! It's a way our young people of our parish to become involved. Hopefully we can get underway soon!

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 8 Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm in parish hall. There will be a Memorial Celebration for the deceased CWL members.
- Nov 15 "Feed Your Soul, Feed Your Tummy" Every third Wed Mass at 9:00 am and breakfast following at Lackis. Please join us. (husbands welcome)
- 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](mailto:parryee@gmail.com) - Elaine 905-957-0673 Names and payment required by November meeting.
- No regular meeting for December.

**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](mailto: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.**

### SYNOD UPDATE

#### **As We Move Forward as a Synodal Church.**

Pope Francis has called for a "paradigm shift" in Catholic theology that takes widespread engagement with contemporary science, culture, and people's lived experience as an essential starting point. Citing the need to deal with "profound cultural transformations," the pope presented his dramatic vision for the future of Catholic theology in a new motu proprio issued November 1, 2023. Titled *Ad Theologiam Promovendam*, or "to promote theology," the document revises the statutes of the Pontifical Academy of Theology (PATH) "to make them more suitable for the mission that our time imposes on theology."

"Theology can only develop in a culture of dialogue and encounter between different traditions and different knowledge, between different Christian confessions and different religions, openly engaging with everyone, believers and nonbelievers," the pope wrote in the apostolic letter.

Pope Francis emphasized that this bottom-up reenvisioning of theology is necessary to better aid the Church's evangelizing mission. "A synodal, missionary, and 'outgoing' Church can only correspond to an 'outgoing' theology," the pope wrote.

### ANNUAL DEO GRATIAS COLLECTION

The Diocese of St. Catharines is blessed to have 18 retired priests who dedicated, in some cases, almost 65 years of their lives to caring for and ministering to others. Even in retirement, many continue to give of themselves in countless ways of service for which we are most grateful. At age 75, priests in the Diocese of St. Catharines begin receiving a monthly benefit and health insurance coverage from the Clergy Aid Society. Next weekend, November 11 & 12, our parish will take up the annual *Deo Gratias* to show our appreciation for those priests who have cared for us and ministered to us throughout the years. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best contribute to the *Deo Gratias* collection this year. You may return your special *Deo Gratias* envelope at Mass next weekend or the next. Thank you in advance for your prayerful generosity.