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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 - Apr 25/26

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Ron & Janet R. 10:00 am - Marcel Pouliot	5:00 pm - Lisa Poort 10:00 am - Caroline Steger	5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde	10:00 am Sue Priestly

Ministry Schedule - May 2/3

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Tony Mous 10:00 am - George Y.	5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Andrew Steger & Abigail Vieira	5:00 pm - Carmen Bucci 10:00 am - Marcel Pouliot	10:00 am Sherri deWilde

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

Parish Organization

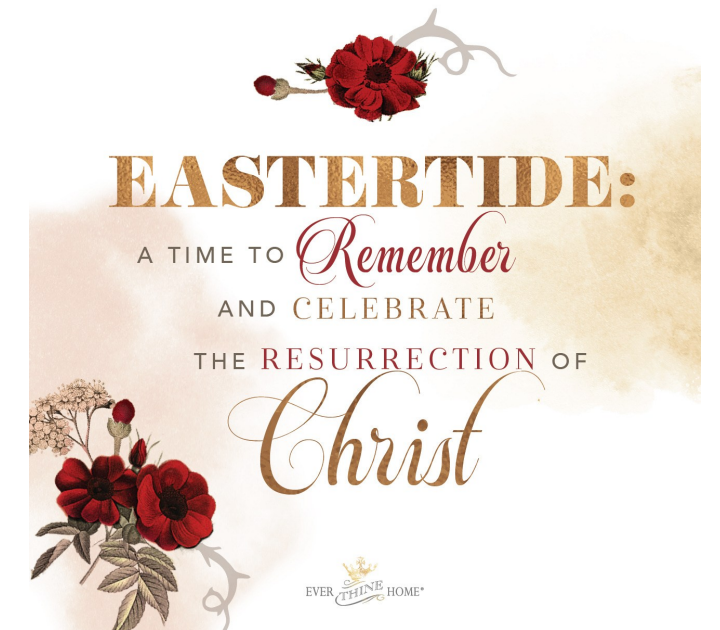
Catholic Women's League
President - Sherri De Wilde
sherridewilde@hotmail.com

Parish Groups

Parish Pastoral Council
Parish Financial Council
Parish Events Group
Cemetery Committee
Responsible Faith Ministry
Facility Maintenance
Funeral Committee
Children's Liturgy
ACTS Retreats Teams

Diocese of St. Catharines
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Most Reverend Gerard Paul Bergie, D.D.
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**April 19 and April 26, 2026 -Year -A
Bi-Weekly Bulletin
The 3rd and 4th Sundays of
Easter-Tide**

April 19 and April 26 2026

The 3rd & 4th Sunday of Easter - Year A

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Apr 20	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
		9:00 am OCIA Class	
Tues	Apr 21	9:00 am +Melva Clarke	by Sandy Johnson
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
		8:00 am - 8:00pm Diocesan Catholic Women's League - All Councils AGM St. Catharines	
Wed	Apr 22	9:00 am +Barb O'Quinn	by Brenda Moniz
		10:30 am - 11:45 am Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Confessions	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Apr 23	9:00 am For God's blessings upon St. Martin's Bible study members	by Fatima & Manuel Araujo
		1:30 pm - 3:00pm College of Consultors - Catholic Centre	Fr. Christopher
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Readings	
Fri	Apr 24	9:00 am +Elizabeth Martin	by Brenda Moniz
		9:45 am First Holy Reconciliation - Group 1 at St. Martin's School	Fr. Christopher
Sat	Apr 25	The 4th Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday	
		11:00 am First Holy Communion Group 1	Fr, Christopher
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions	
		5:00 pm +Jeremais Machado	by Agostinha Machado
Sun	Apr 26	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Mon	Apr 27	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Apr 28	9:00 am +Wlaoylaw Rajda	by Danuta Mazur
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
Wed	Apr 29	St. Catherine of Siena	
		9:00 am +Sofia Modrzejewski	by Family
		10:30 am - 11:45 am Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/Confessions	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Apr 30	St. Marie De L'Incarnation	
		9:00 am For God's blessing upon Vera Fedorik	by Family
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Readings	
Fri	May 1	9:00 am For the health and healing of Pat Gillis	by Helen & Andy Lipiec
		9:45 am First Holy Reconciliation - Group 2 at St. Martin's School	Fr. Christopher
Sat	May 2	The 5th Sunday of Easter	
		11:00 am First Holy Communion Group 2	Fr, Christopher
		2:00 pm Baptism Prep	
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions	
		5:00 pm Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	May 3	10:00 am +Lloyd Buchan	by Cheryl Ecker
		11:30 am Christian Baptism of Dominic Pereina	Fr. Christopher

E-TRANSFERS

These are often referred to as **e-Transfers** and done through your online banking website or app.
E-transfer: smartinsdonations@gmail.com

POPE LEO'S APRIL INTENTIONS

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

GROUNDSKEEPER POSITION - NOW HIRING

Our parish is seeking a reliable and dedicated individual to assist with groundskeeping at the rectory, church, and cemetery. Responsibilities including grass and general outdoor maintenance.

This is a bi-weekly, seasonal position, with hours depending on weather conditions.

If you are interested in serving our parish in this important role, please contact the parish office by phone or email for more information.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL- SETTING HEARTS ON FIRE

For the first time, our Diocese is launching the Bishop's Annual Appeal: Hearts on Fire. Through this appeal, our Diocese is seeking to strengthen vital ministries, especially in youth and young adult outreach, and in evangelization and faith formation for people of every age and stage of life. So many today are searching for meaning, belonging, and hope. As a Church, we are called to walk with them - just as Jesus walked with the disciples - and help them encounter the living Christ.

As a Diocese, we have a united goal of \$400,000.00 of which our Parish goal is \$2,995.00 (Anything amount raised beyond this given target the parish keeps). In the coming weeks, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you may be called to support this mission. Together, we can help set hearts on fire with the love of Christ in our Diocese.

How to give:

- Cash and Cheque (payable to St. Martin of Tours) donations, are to be placed into the special envelopes available in the church foyer. The memo line of the cheque is to read "Bishop's Appeal."
- E-Transfers donation can be sent to: smartinsdonation@gmail.com with the Message Line reading Bishop's Appeal.
- You may also give using the QR Code printed in today's parish bulletin.

For further details, please refer to the enclosed handout in the parish bulletin. Thank you for your consideration and financial support.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

- **Earth Day April 22/26 at 10:00 am**
CWL ladies and parishioners will gather together to clean up cemetery and church property. Bring gloves, rakes, compostable bags and garbage bags to tidy up.
- **Sunday April 26/26:** Installation of new officers of the Catholic Women's League during Mass.
- **Spring High Tea:** Sunday, May 3/26 2:00 pm
Come and join us for food, fun and fellowship. \$20.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased from Elaine Parry by emailing her at: parryee@gmail.com

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Group One:

- Fri. April 24, 9:30am Reconciliation
- Sat. April 25, 11:00am First Holy Communion

Group Two:

- Fri. May 1, 9:30am Reconciliation
- Sat. May 2, 11:00am First Holy Communion

SEASON OF RENEWAL

Easter is a profound season of renewal, hope, and victory, marking the resurrection of Jesus Christ as a triumph over death, sin, and despair. It offers a chance for a fresh start, encouraging believers to move from the darkness of Good Friday to the light of Easter morning. Key reflections include embracing new life, nurturing faith, and finding comfort in an unbroken, resilient love.

Core Themes of Easter Reflection

- **Hope and Renewal:** Easter reminds us that no matter the past, a new beginning is possible. It serves as a reminder to leave behind despair and embrace the joy of resurrection.
- **Resurrection as Victory:** The resurrection is a "living hope" and a demonstration that God can turn any "Good Friday" experience (suffering, darkness) into a "Sunday" morning (new life).
- **Divine Love and Sacrifice:** Reflection on Jesus's willingness to die on the cross emphasizes a God who understands and shares in human suffering.
- **The Promise of Eternity:** Easter provides assurance that Christ's promise of eternal life is fulfilled, providing a solid hope for the future beyond this life.
- **Transformation:** It is a time for personal transformation - "dying to ourselves" in a spiritual sense to experience the joy of a renewed life.

Reflective Questions and Actions

- **Wait with Hope:** Consider where you are waiting for new life and continue to trust with expectation.
- **Let Go of the Past:** Reflect on past mistakes and choose to let them go, embracing the forgiveness and "fresh start".
- **Seek Perspective:** Shift focus from personal, daily worries to "things above" - a higher perspective of love, grace, and spiritual purpose.