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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.

<p><b>Hospitality</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Cheryl Ecker 10:00 am - Nick Verrecchia</p>	<p><b>Ministry Schedule - May 18/19</b></p> <p><b>Lector</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Caroline Steger 10:00 am - Marg Van Geest</p>	<p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Nick Verrecchia 10:00 am - Andrew Steger</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  
(or by appointment)

**Requesting Sacraments**  
Interview and Classes Required

**St Martin Elementary School**  
905-957-3032  
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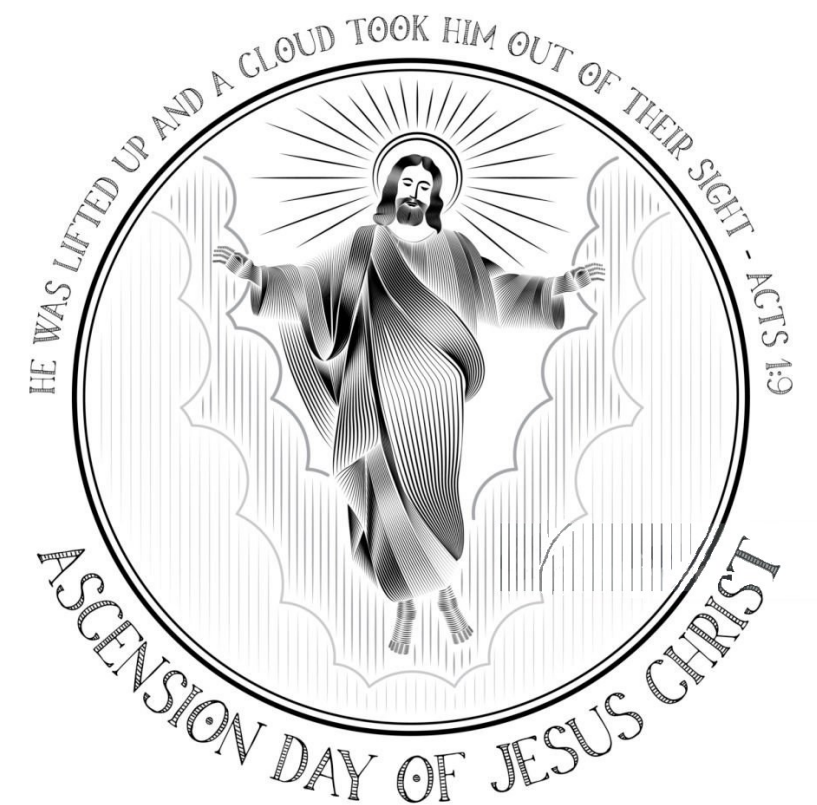
**Cemetery Management**  
Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

**Parish Organizations**  
**Catholic Women's League**  
President - Sherri De Wilde  
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**Knights of Columbus**

**Parish Groups**  
Parish Pastoral Council  
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Children's Liturgy.  
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RCIA Team

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**May 12, 2024 - Year - B  
The Ascension of the Lord**

May 12, 2024

# The Ascension of the Lord - Year B

## MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Recitation of the Holy Rosary takes place before each Weekday Mass beginning at 8:35 am

Mon	May 13	<b>Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima</b> 9:00 am Intention Available 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Rosary and Mass Gethsemane Centre	Fr. Christopher
Tues	May 14	<b>St. Matthias</b> 9:00 am +Alfred Urban 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	by Michael Urban
Wed	May 15	9:00 am +Liesbeth VanBeek 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Counselling 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session 33	by St. Martin's School Fr. Christopher Team
Thurs	May 16	9:00 am For the health and healing of Luke Hunt 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	by Dorothy Henderson
Fri	May 17	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual 9:00 am +James R. Flaherty 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Pastoral Home Visits to those who registered	Fr. Christopher by Maureen Flaherty Fr. Christopher
Sat	May 18	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban	by Michael Urban
Sun	May 19	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. 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.**

### MAY CROWNING

May 12, 2024

Children from the Grade 2 Holy Communion classes are invited to wear their Communion outfits at the May Crowning, and join their classmates who will be Crowning Our Blessed Mother after the 10 am Mass. Pass the word and let's make this a beautiful celebration for Mother Mary.

### MONTH OF MAY DEDICATED TO MARY

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May, but the entire month. In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centering around the practice of expelling winter, as May 1st was considered the start of new growth. For May, give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner. It can be a statue or picture, but place there some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and Virtue. Recite the Holy Rosary daily.

### DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Ministry "Feed Your Faith" event: All young adults (19 - 39 years old), whether in school or working, single, married, or separated/divorced, whether cradle Catholics who were raised and educated in faith or those who have drifted away and are searching for meaning and purpose from a life centred on Christ, are invited and welcome to gather at the Catholic Centre (3400 Merrittville Hwy, Thorold) for a shared meal, fellowship, and quiet prayer beginning at 6 pm on Friday, April 26, 2024.

Contact: Terri Pauco at:

905-684-0154, ext. 209 or email:

[familyandyouth@saintcd.com](mailto:familyandyouth@saintcd.com). The next "Feed Your Faith" event will be on Fri, May 31, 2024

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children's Liturgy happens at our Sunday 10:00 am Mass. This liturgy is such a special program and we are grateful to our excellent volunteers who make it happen. In the last several months we have had new families with young children move into the parish and we want to be sure that they are aware of it. There, they listen to Gospel passages and partake in activities relating to the readings of the week. At the Offertory they rejoin the congregation in the church. We encourage young families to have their little ones participate.

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Those who would like to celebrate this sacrament during the morning Mass on Monday, May 13, are invited to do so. It occurs on the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima and follows Canada Health Day (May 12).

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2024

Began on Sunday, May 5, 2024. This past week was specially set aside to celebrate our Catholic schools and why the triple connection of home, school and parish is an important and integral part of Catholic education. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. Our schools instill the Catholic imagination in the hearts of its students and the current generation in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme was "We are called to love" and was inspired by the following considerations:

With joyful anticipation of the Jubilee Year of 2025, we are inspired by Pope Francis to support each other's wellbeing. God is love and we are always called to live out this love.

In our continued work for Equity and Inclusion in Catholic schools, a focus on love reminds us that all God's children are loved unconditionally.

The Catholic Education Week biblical quote was: "If we love one another, God lives in us." (1 John 4:12)

### DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETREAT

Monday, June 3, to Friday, June 7.

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre.

Retreat Master: Cardinal Collins Emeritus  
Archbishop of Toronto.

There will be no parish weekday Mass during the retreat. Parish Emergency Calls will be covered at this time. Parish Office remains open.

### MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER BOUQUET SALE

May 12, 2024

Our Catholic Women's League will be selling flower bouquets to celebrate Mother's Day. All proceeds will go towards expenses for the Annual Parish Picnic.

### POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

For the Formation of Men and Women Religious and Seminarians. Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

### NEXT COFFEE SOCIAL

Sunday, May 19 after the 10:00 am Mass

### UPCOMING FEASTS

May 12 - Ascension of the Lord

May 19 - Pentecost Sunday

May 26 - Most Holy Trinity

June 2 - Most Holy Body & Blood