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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 - May 31/June 1

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Tony Mous 10:00 am - Marcel Pouliot	5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Caroline Steger	5:00 pm - Valerie N. 10:00 am - Nick Verrecchia	10:00 am - Jennifer N.

Ministry Schedule - June 7/8

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Ron & Janet R. 10:00 am - Helen & Andy L.	5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Andrew Steger	5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Caroline Steger	10:00 am - Jennifer N.

**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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Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

**Parish Organizations**  
  
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President - Sherri De Wilde  
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**Parish Groups**  
Parish Pastoral Council  
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Cemetery Committee  
Responsible Faith Ministry  
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Children's Liturgy  
ACTS Retreats Teams

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**May 25 & June 1, 2025 - Year - C**  
**Bi-Weekly Bulletin**  
**The 6th Sunday of Easter &**  
**The Ascension of the Lord**

May 25 & June 1, 2025

## 6th Sunday of Easter & The Ascension of the Lord - Year C MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	May 26	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - PRIESTS RETREAT	
	6:30 pm	- 8:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	Upper Meeting Room
Tues	May 27	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - PRIESTS RETREAT	
	9:30 am	- 10:30 am Choir Practice	
Wed	May 28	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - PRIESTS RETREAT	
	7:00 pm	- 9:30 pm Baptism Preparation Class	Upper Meeting Room
Thurs	May 29	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - PRIESTS RETREAT	
	9:30 am	- 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
Fri	May 30	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - PRIESTS RETREAT	
Sat	May 31	<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	
	4:00 pm	- 4:30 pm Confessions	
	5:00 pm	+Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	June 1	10:00 am +John Fedorik Jr.	by Family
Mon	June 2	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	June 3	<i>St. Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions</i>	
	9:00 am	For the special intentions of Mark & Tony Edwards on their birthdays	by Norrie Franko
	9:30 am	- 10:30 am Choir Practice	
Wed	June 4	9:00 am +Vincent Astolfo	by Andrew & Caroline Steger
	10:30 am	Gethsemane Centre Wellandport. Mass /Adoration.	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	June 5	<i>St. Boniface</i>	
	9:00 am	+Bill & Maria Fonseca	by Maria Martins
	9:30 am	- 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
Fri	June 6	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group	Virtual Fr. Christopher
	9:00 am	For the special intentions of Pierre & Mary Anne Paradis	by Joan & Bob Hignett
Sat	June 7	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	
	4:00 pm	- 4:30 pm Confessions	
	5:00 pm	For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban	by Michael Urban
Sun	June 8	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

### E-TRANSFERS

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### OFFICIAL PICTURE OF POPE LEO XIV

The official picture of Pope Leo the XIV was released this past week. If anyone would like a copy, please let us know.

### PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship involves reflecting on God's gifts and how we can best use them in service to others and the church.

From time, to time, stewardship awareness offers us an opportunity to examine our talents, time, and resources, and to commit to actively participating in the life and mission of the parish.

### UPCOMING CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISMS

June 22, 2025

Emilia Gabriella Annette Chabot

July 20, 2025

Lennon Rae Hare

### EASTERTIDE 2025

Easter is a 50-day celebration in Christianity, not just the single day on which the Resurrection of Jesus is commemorated. This period, known as Eastertide or Easter season, is a time for ongoing joy and reflection on the Resurrection and its implications. It extends from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, 50 days later, and is marked by various traditions and celebrations.

### DIOCESAN INITIATIVES IN OUR JUBILEE YEAR

The MESSAGES OF HOPE Speaker Series continues. Messages of Hope Sessions are free; Everyone is welcome!

To register use this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/rehnH9PdnB?origin=lprLink>

### Upcoming sessions in the Series:

June 14, 2025 Speaker: Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop Emeritus Toronto  
Place: Gethsemane Ministries, Wellandport

### WEEKEND COMPUTER OPERATOR FOR LARGE SCREEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer to operate the computer before and during the Sunday Mass.

No experience is required.

Training will be available.

Requirements are:

- Arrive for Sunday Mass 30 minutes early
- Commitment to show up when scheduled

### DIOCESAN PRIESTLY RETREAT

May 26 - 30, 2025.

Bishop Bergie and diocesan priests will be at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre for their annual retreat. There will be no weekday Masses. Office is open and Emergences are covered.

### ACTS RETREAT

The Women's ACTS Retreat is this weekend, May 22 - 25. Please pray for all the women who will be attending that the Holy Spirit will guide and lift them all. We have 2 members from our parish on the team and 1 member who will be attending.

The Men's ACT's retreat will be on June 19-22. It is not too late to sign up.

### UPCOMING SOLEMNITIES

May 31st is the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrating Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth. This feast commemorates the event described in the Gospel of Luke where Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visits Elizabeth, who is also pregnant with John the Baptist. The feast day was established by Pope Urban VI in 1389 and is a time for prayer and reflection on Mary's role in the salvation story.

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates Jesus' bodily ascension into heaven, 40 days after his Resurrection. It signifies the completion of his earthly mission and his exaltation, now seated at the right hand of the Father, guiding the Church through the Holy Spirit. This feast serves as a reminder of our own call to "ascend" with Christ, embracing a life of faith and love, ultimately leading to a heavenly union with God.

Pentecost reflection is a time to consider the gift of the Holy Spirit and how it empowers us to live a life of love, forgiveness, and service. It's a time to reflect on the transformative power of the Holy Spirit, as seen in the early church's experience on the day of Pentecost, and to consider how that same Spirit can empower us today to be agents of change in the world.

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in Himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the "hierarchy of the truths of faith." The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men "and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin."

Corpus Christi also known as the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is a feast that honours Jesus Christ, Really, Truly and Substantially Present under the appearances of bread and wine. This Presence happens through the change which the Church calls transubstantiation ("change of substance") when at the Consecration of the Mass, the priest says the words which Christ Himself pronounced over bread and wine "This is My Body," "This is the chalice of My Blood," "Do this in remembrance of me." In 2025 the Solemnity of Corpus Christi is on June 19, but it is transferred to Sunday June 25 in some diocese.