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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 - Jan 17/18

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Helen & Andy L	5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Marg Van Geest	5:00 pm - Paula Verrecchia 10:00 am - Fatima Araujo	10:00 am Sherri deWilde

### Ministry Schedule - Jan 24/25

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Cheryl Ecker 10:00 am - John Terpstra	5:00 pm - Andrew Steger 10:00 am - Theresa Wilson	5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde	10:00 am Judy Terpstra

**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  
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**Parish Groups**

Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Financial Council

Parish Events Group

Cemetery Committee

Responsible Faith Ministry

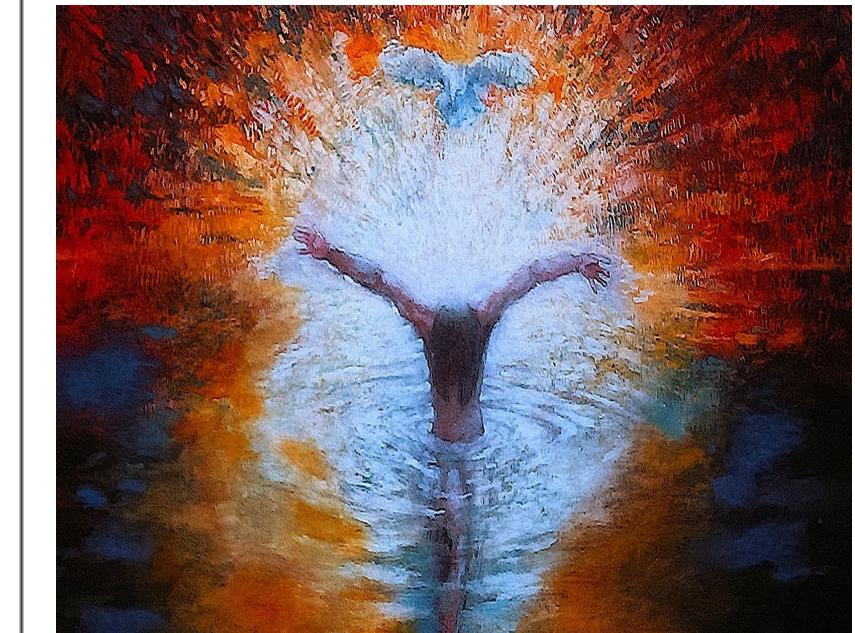
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Children's Liturgy

ACTS Retreats Teams

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## St. Martin of Tours Catholic Faith Community 1866 -2026



### Mission of St. Martin of Tours

We will follow Jesus Christ, and love all people.

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**Jan 11, 2025 & Jan 18, 2026 -Year -A**

**Bi-Weekly Bulletin**

**The Baptism of the Lord  
& The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

# January 11 & January 18, 2026

## The Baptism of the Lord & 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon Jan 12	9:00 am	Mass at St. Joseph's Parish, Grimsby	Fr. Christopher
Tues Jan 13	9:00 am	+Rose Smith	by the Kotuza Family
	9:30 am	- 10:30 am Choir Practice	
Wed Jan 14	9:00 am	+Mary Pikula	by Cheryl Ecker
	10:30am	- 11:45 am Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/Confessions	Fr. Christopher
	1:00pm	- 2:30pm Diocesan Deans Virtual Meeting	Fr. Christopher
	7:00pm	- 8:00pm Catholic Women's League Meeting in the Parish Hall	
Thurs Jan 15	9:00 am	For the health & healing of Bob Hignett	by Sherri deWilde
	9:30 am	- 10:30 am Parish Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Readings	
Fri Jan 16	9:00 am	For the health & healing of Barb Joyner	by Sherri deWilde
	11:30am	-12:30pm Pastoral Home Visits to those who have registered	Fr. Christopher
Sat Jan 17	<b>The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	4:00 pm	- 4:30 pm Confessions	by Michael Urban
	5:00 pm	For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban	
Sun Jan 18	10:00 am	+Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
	10:50:am	- 11:45am Fellowship/Hospitality/Coffee Sunday	
Mon Jan 19	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY		
Tues Jan 20	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY		
Wed Jan 21	9:30 am	- 10:30 am Choir Practice	Fr. Christopher
	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY		
	10:30am	- 11:45 am Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/Confessions	
Thurs Jan 22	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY		
	9:30 am	- 10:30 am Parish Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Readings	
Fri Jan 23	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY		
Sat Jan 24	<b>The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	4:00 pm	- 4:30 pm Confessions	
	5:00 pm	+Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun Jan 25	10:00 am	For God's blessings upon Paula & Nick Verrecchia	by Sherri deWilde

### E-TRANSFERS

These are often referred to as **e-Transfers** and done through your online banking, website or app.

**We thank you for your ongoing Parish Stewardship.**

### POPE LEO'S JANUARY INTENTIONS

#### For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

(January 18-25, 2026),

Highlighting the theme "There is one body and one Spirit, as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4).

### FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Jan 18, 2026

after the 10 am Mass

Join us for fellowship, coffee and treats.

### STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES 2026

#### **Please do not use 2025 envelopes**

The 2026 Envelopes are available in the foyer of the church for a few more weeks. Any unclaimed box sets will be repurposed for others. As a result, many numbers will change. Please do not use old envelopes, you will not get credit for your donation if you do.

If your address, phone number or name has changed, please notify the office directly via email or phone. Take the time to print your full name and address correctly on your envelope, and ensure that your number is correct. Something like "Smith Family" is not acceptable; there may be many "Smiths" in the parish and we will not know which family your offering comes from.

If you currently do not use a box set of offertory envelopes and would like to, please notify the office as soon as possible.

Please do not fold your money in the envelopes or use tape or staples to seal the envelopes. The money counters will be very grateful. Thank you.

### MASS INTENTIONS

The offering of a Mass intention is one of the most beautiful and powerful gifts we can give. Through the Holy Eucharist, we entrust our loved ones — living and deceased — to the infinite mercy and grace of Christ's sacrifice. Masses may be offered in thanksgiving, for healing and guidance, or for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed, assisting them on their journey to heaven.

Rooted in the Church's ancient tradition, offering a Mass intention unites our personal prayers with the perfect sacrifice of Jesus on the altar. It is a profound act of love, especially for those who are unable to pray for themselves.

Many Mass intention openings are currently available. Please prayerfully consider having a Mass offered for your loved one.

### 2025 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

We are deeply grateful for your generous financial support throughout 2025.

Through your stewardship, our parish is able to keep its doors open and continue the mission entrusted to us by Christ — serving God and one another in faith, hope, and love.

Income Tax Receipts for 2025 will be available for pick-up in the front foyer by mid-January. We kindly ask that you pick up only your own receipt and keep it in a safe place.

May God bless you for your continued generosity and commitment to our parish community.

### ENHANCE YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY THIS YEAR!

As we prepare our hearts for the sacred season of Lent, we invite you to enrich your spiritual experience with a special Lenten Journal crafted locally by our dedicated clergy and devoted laypeople. This journal offers thoughtful reflections and prayers inspired by the daily readings throughout Lent, inviting you to discover new insights and deepen your faith like never before.

Join us in this sacred time of reflection, prayer, and growth. Your journey toward Easter can be even more meaningful with the guidance of these reflections.

The Journals will be available in the foyer of the church on February 7/8 and 14/15. We kindly ask for a suggested donation of \$5, if you are able, to help cover printing costs. Please note that supplies are limited, so be sure to secure your journal early!

Let this Lenten season be a transformative journey, drawing us closer to God and to one another.