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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>Hospitality</p> <p>5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Barb Joyner</p>	<p>Ministry Schedule - Dec 9/10</p> <p>Lector</p> <p>5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Andrew Steger</p>	<p>Holy Communion</p> <p>5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 10:00 am - Caroline 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

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


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Parish Financial Council
Parish Events Group
Cemetery Committee
Responsible Faith Ministry
Children's Liturgy.
ACTS Retreats Teams
RCIA TEAM

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Mission of St. Martin of Tours
We will follow Jesus Christ and love all people.

December 3, 2023 - Year - B
The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

The 1st Sunday of Advent - Year B

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Dec 4	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED	
		11:30 am Advent Wreath Blessing and Prayer Service - School Grp 1	Fr. Christopher
		12:15 pm Advent Wreath Blessing and Prayer Service - School Grp 2	Fr. Christopher
Tues	Dec 5	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED - Priests Advent Retreat & Study Days	
		9:30 am Choir Practice	
Wed	Dec 6	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED - Priests Study Days	
		7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session 12	Team
Thurs	Dec 7	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED - Priest Study Days	
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study	
Fri	Dec 8	The Immaculate Conception	
		7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
		NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED	
		11:30 am Confirmation Rehearsal/ And Sacrament of Reconciliation. - Grade 8	
Sat	Dec 9	The 2nd Sunday of Advent - Year A	
		11:00 am The Sacrament of Confirmation - Grade 8	
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions.	
		5:00 pm +Michael Chorley	by Maria Chorley
		5:45 pm Grade Seven Confirmation Prep - Session 2	
Sun	Dec 10	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

These transfers 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.

YEAR END STEWARDSHIP

If you would like to make a financial contribution to be added to your 2023 income tax receipt, please ensure it is in the office before December 25, 2023. Thank you.

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

The 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve.

- Mass 10:00 am. (Forth Sunday of Advent)
- Vigil Mass for Christmas 5:00 pm.
- Anticipated midnight Mass 10:00 pm
- Christmas Day Mass 10:00 am.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

- Tue Dec 19 - 7:00 pm
Haldimand Deanery Initiative: St Helen's. St. Joseph and St. Martin
- Advent Reconciliation Service (Confession Form 2 with individual priests hearing confessions)
Host parish St. Joseph's.

GRADE 7 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

St. Martin's Parish kicked off the award winning *Chosen* Confirmation program on Sat Nov 18 with 5 youth from St. Martin's Elementary. We welcome and pray for these students as they start their Confirmation Journey.

Still want to join us?

Who: Grade 7 Students.

When: Next session - Dec 9 at 4:45 pm

Where: St. Martin's Church

Cost: \$50 cover meals and course material

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE

"With input from the Synod Listening Sessions and the team, the Parish Pastoral Council has worked to develop a Parish Mission and Vision. The Mission is a reflection of Jesus call to his followers on a daily basis. It is what we need to do today and always. The Vision is a reflection of the journey St. Martin's will embark on. We invite everyone to join us on this journey and more will come on how you can participate in the new year."

WEST LINCOLN COMMUNITY CARE

ADVENT DRIVE

St. Martin's Parish has partnered with West Lincoln Community care to sponsor four Families in need for Christmas. If you are interested in helping someone in need in our community this season, please sign up in the foyer with your name and phone number beside a listed item. All items **must be NEW and UNWRAPPED** and must be brought in to the parish no later than **Sunday December 10th**. The maximum amount for each item is \$50.

UPDATE: Thank you for your generous and thoughtful response as we have fulfilled our Christmas Wish List for Four Families.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 14 Christmas Dinner in Parish Hall
Hall open at 6, dinner sharp at 6:30
- No regular meeting for December
- Dec 20 Christmas Breakfast at Lackis
Mass at 9 am - husbands welcome
- Jan 10 Regular Meeting - Nominations at this meeting for the next year.
Please give us your thoughts **before** the meeting and even consider taking a position.
We need to move forward.

Memberships were due in November, hopefully you renewed.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION

for the Month of December

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation (Apostleship of Prayer/Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network).

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Your 2024 Offertory Envelopes are in the foyer of the Church for you to pick up. Thank you for your continuing financial support.