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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 - Mar 14/15

| Hospitality | Lector | Holy Communion | Children's Liturgy |
|--|--|---|--------------------------|
| 5:00 pm - Cheryl Ecker 10:00 am - John Terpstra | 5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde | 5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Andrew Steger | 10:00 am Sue Priestly |

Ministry Schedule - Mar 21/22

| Hospitality | Lector | Holy Communion | Children's Liturgy |
|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| 5:00 pm - Priscila Mancini 10:00 am - Chuck & Elaine P | 5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Caroline Steger | 5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde | 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
Bishop of the Diocese
Most Reverend Gerard Paul Bergie, D.D.
President of Assembly of Ontario Catholic Bishops
Diocesan Website: www.saintcd.com

**St. Martin of Tours
Catholic Faith Community
1866 -2026
160th Year of Founding**



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**March 8 & March 15, 2026 -Year -A
Bi-Weekly Bulletin
The 3rd & 4th Sunday
Of Lent**

March 8 & March 15, 2026

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

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

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| Mon | Mar 9 | NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY | |
| | | 9:00 am OCIA Class | |
| | | 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Visitation for Llyod Buchan at Merritt Funeral Home. Vigil Prayers at 6:15pm | |
| Tues | Mar 10 | 9:00 am +Emilia Rajda | by Danuta Mazur |
| | | 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice | |
| | | 11:00 am Funeral Mass/ Reception and Burial +Llyod Buchan | |
| Wed | Mar 11 | 9:00 am For the health & healing of Ursula Jansinski | by Helen & Andy Lipiec |
| | | 10:00 am Blessed Trinity High School Confessions, Grimsby. | Fr.Christopher |
| | | 1:00 pm - 2:30pm Diocesan Deans Virtual Meeting | Fr.Christopher |
| | | 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Parish Funeral Committee Meeting | Fr. Christopher |
| | | 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Catholic Women's League Monthly Meeting in the parish hall. | |
| Thurs | Mar 12 | 9:00 am +Jose Martins | by Maria Martins |
| | | 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Readings | |
| | | 11:00 am - 12:Noon Funeral Mass with Internment +Mary Fisher | |
| Fri | Mar 13 | 9:00 am For the health & healing of Barb Joyner | by Heather Belmont |
| | | 11:30 am -12:30 pm Pastoral Home Visits to those who have registered | Fr. Christopher |
| | | 6:00 pm Station of the Cross | |
| Sat | Mar 14 | The 4th Sunday in of Lent | |
| | | 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions | |
| | | 5:00 pm +Jeremias Machado | by Agostinha Machado |
| Sun | Mar 15 | 10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family | |
| | | Fellowship Sunday following the Sunday Mass | |
| Mon | Mar 16 | NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY | |
| Tues | Mar 17 | 9:00 am +James R. Flaherty | by Maureen Flaherty |
| | | 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice | |
| | | 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Haldimand Deanery Luncheon/Meeting St. Helen's Parish | Fr. Christopher |
| Wed | Mar 18 | 9:00 am For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban | by Michael Urban |
| | | 10:30 am - 11:45 am Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/Confessions | Fr. Christopher |
| Thurs | Mar 19 | 9:00 am For the special intentions of Heather Belmont | by Joan & Bob Hignett |
| | | 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Readings | |
| Fri | Mar 20 | 9:00 am For the health & healing of Maria Chorley | by Heather Belmont |
| | | 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross | |
| Sat | Mar 21 | The 5th Sunday of Lent | |
| | | 10:00 am 2:00 pm Diocesan Wide Day of Reconciliation/Confessions | |
| | | 5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family | |
| Sun | Mar 22 | 10:00 am +Nick DeFilippis | by Frank & Donna DeFilippis |

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 MARCH INTENTIONS

For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS

March 15, 2026

after the 10 am Mass

Join us for fellowship, coffee and treats

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE – CARITAS CANADA

In our Lenten giving to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's Solidarity Sunday Collection on 22 March 2026, Canadians can support communities, organizations, farmers, humanitarian workers and so many others who are making such a decisive and radical choice in some of the world's most challenging situations. Development and Peace – Caritas Canada has titled its campaign on Track for Justice to emphasize that by giving to Share Lent, we are all able to join these courageous efforts, along with many others around the world.

Let us all make a sacrificial offering to the good works of Development & Peace & Caritas Canada this Lent.

A special envelope is inserted with this bulletin. Also, the stewardship box contains our annual Share Lent envelope also. Thank You.

LENTEN 2026 PRACTICES

- **Daily Mass:** A, recommended way to deepen your connection with Christ, and others.
- **Friday Way of the Cross (Stations of the Cross):** A traditional devotion, typically held on Fridays to meditate on Christ's passion.
- **Fasting and Abstinence:** Mandatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday; abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent.

Prayer Focus:

The season emphasizes the three pillars of Lent:

Prayer,
Fasting,
Almsgiving

Embrace the desert of Lent as a sacred time to let go of what weighs you down, making space to be filled with the transformative light and love of the Resurrection.