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Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am
Weekday Masses
See Schedule
on the inside of the bulletin

In Office Hours
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Administrative Assistant
Financial Recorder
Sandy Johnson

Reconciliation/Confessions
Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

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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 Organizations
Catholic Women's League
President - Maryanne Mous
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Grand Knight - Pierre Paradis
jpierre.paradis@live.ca

Facility Maintenance
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Parish Groups
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Youth Ministry
ACTS Retreats(4) Teams

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April 30, 2023 - Year - A
The 4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd and
Vocation Sunday
Catholic Education Week

Hospitality	Ministry Schedule - May 6/7	Holy Communion
5:00 pm - Tony Mous 10:00 am - George Yakowenko	Lector 5:00 pm - Andrew Steger 10:00 am - Marg Van Geest	5:00 pm - Caroline Steger 10:00 am - Dick Van Geest

April 30, 2023

The 4th Sunday of Easter

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	May 1	St. Joseph the Worker 9:00 am Mass +Susan Kerr	by the Newman family
Tues	May 2	St. Athanasius 9:00 am For the special intentions of Mike & Amy Urban 9:30 am - 10:45 am Choir Practice 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm What We Believe Session Four - parish hall.	by Mike Urban
Wed	May 3	St. Philip and St. James 9:00 am +Paul Lowrey 10:30 am Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/Confessions	by Maria Chorley Fr. Christopher
Thurs	May 4	NO MASS AND PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group ACTS WOMEN'S RETREAT EVENING 1. Queen of Apostles	Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Fri	May 5	NO MASS. ACTS WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY 2.	Fr. Christopher
Sat	May 6	The 5th Sunday of Easter Sunday - Year A ACTS WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY 3 11:00 am First Holy Communion Group Two 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions. 5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family For the special intentions of Gail & Tom Richardson on the 45th Wedding Anniversary	Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Sun	May 7	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm ACTS WOMEN'S RETREAT CANDLIGHT SERVICE 10:00 am +Antonio Mancini 11:30 am Celebration of Christian Baptism Jackson Anthony McLean	Fr. Christopher by Fr. John Buis Assembly #3498 Fr. Christopher

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Group Two: Saturday May 6, 11:00 am.

There is a limit of four family members per child due to large numbers and our small church.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION MAY

"For Church movements and groups"

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world. "

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 7 Spring High Tea - parish hall 2:00 pm
Please join us for a fun afternoon
Tickets available from Elaine Parry
905-957-0673
No tickets at the door or walk ins
- May 10 Regular Meeting 7:00 pm, parish hall.
- May 17 "Feed Your Tummy, Feed Your Soul"
- every third Wednesday Mass at 9 and breakfast following at Lackis
Please join us, room for everyone
husbands welcome)
- June 14 Last meeting until September.

FRAUD AWARENESS SEMINAR

Friday May 12, 2023 - 9:30 am
West Lincoln Community Center
2nd Floor Program Room
Come and learn how to protect yourself from increasing Fraud Scams.

SPRING ACTS RETREAT

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE

MISSISSAUGA. Men's ACTS Retreat

May 25 - 28

This is all done through Adoration, Community, Theology and Service which represents the call letters of ACTS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Men's Retreat: Carlo Agostino
905-755-9166, email: agostinocg@gmail.com

SYNOD UPDATE

The Continental Stage of the Synod on Synodality concluded on March 31, at which time the CCCB, along with the US Conference of Bishops (USCCB), submitted the *North American Final Document for the Continental Stage* to the Synod Secretariat.

The *Final Document* from North America, along with the contributions of the six other Continental Assemblies, will form the basis of the *Instrumentum Laboris* to be released by the General Secretariat of the Synod in June 2023. The Final Document from North America is now publicly available on the CCCB website at the following links:

<https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/bishops-release-north-american-final-document-to-conclude-continental-stage-of-the-2021-2024-synod/>

NATIONAL FAMILY & LIFE WEEK (NFLW)

May 7-14, 2023

This is an invitation from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to the faithful in Canada to celebrate the joy and beauty of family and life by seeking out new and creative ways to live out this call in our daily lives. The NFLW theme is Jesus' words, "*Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another*" (John 13:34). Love is at the heart of familial relationships and our families are a communion of love in Christ. We are "guardians of life" when we love one another within our families, as well as in wider society when we show kindness toward and care for the vulnerable and marginalized. A Pastoral Toolkit, which includes daily resources for homes, parishes, and faith communities, may be found on the CCCB website:

<https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/national-family-and-life-week/>

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

April 30 - May 5, 2023

We are Many, We are One.

We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another.

(Romans 12:5)

With the complexities of our world and our communities today, we can stray from the peace that comes when we are in communion with each other. In our unity, we celebrate our diversity, all uniquely created by God. We read in Corinthians that if one member suffers, we all suffer. Unity brings us to peace and understanding. The theme for Catholic Education Week 2023 was inspired by the following considerations:

- The Church worldwide has embarked on a synodal process, "a synod on synodality," which centres on intentional listening: listening to each other and listening to the Holy Spirit. We have each been asked to actively reach out and listen to the voices and experiences of people where they are at and consider what steps the Holy Spirit is inviting us to take as we walk together. As the Catholic Bishops of Ontario highlighted in Renewing the Promise, "It is about taking the time to walk alongside one another, to listen and to teach, and in doing so, to transform." Ongoing recognition of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission and the importance of Indigenous culture and spirituality as we move forward together.
- The Ministry of Education's focus on Inclusion and Equity resonates with all educators and administrators as we desire to serve all of God's children and Pope Francis' encyclical entitled, Fratelli Tutti, will guide us in this good work.
- The challenges to personal and spiritual well-being posed by the uncertainty of the current global crisis makes the timing and the concerns of Mental Health Week, which takes place during the same week as Catholic Education Week, all the more relevant.