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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.

**Ministry Schedule - March 22/23**

<p><b>Hospitality</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Tony Mous 10:00 am - Marcel Pouliot</p>	<p><b>Lector</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Barb Joyner</p>	<p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Valerie N. 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde</p>	<p><b>Children's Liturgy</b></p> <p>10:00 am - Judy Terpstra</p>
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**Ministry Schedule - March 29/30**

<p><b>Hospitality</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Barb Joyner</p>	<p><b>Lector</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Andrew Steger</p>	<p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Andy Lipiec</p>	<p><b>Children's Liturgy</b></p> <p>10:00 am - Sherri deWilde</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 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 Organizations**

**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  
Children's Liturgy  
ACTS Retreats Teams

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Most Reverend Gerard Paul Bergie, D.D.  
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**St. Martin of Tours Catholic Faith Community**  
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**March 16 and 23, 2025 - Year - C**  
**Bi-Weekly Bulletin**  
**The 2nd and 3rd Sunday of Lent**

# March 16 & 23, 2025

## 2nd and 3rd Sunday of Lent - Year C

### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Mar 17	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Mar 18	9:00 am +Steve Golding 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm No Greater Love Lenten Programme Upper Meeting Room (12) Participating	by Andrew & Caroline Steger
Wed	Mar 19	<b>St. Joseph</b> 9:00 am +Vincent Astolfo 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Gethsemane Center Mass /Adoration	by Andrew & Caroline Steger Fr. Christopher by the CWL
Thurs	Mar 20	9:00 am +Kevin Anthony Van Den Elzen 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
Fri	Mar 21	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual 9:00 am +Barry Stevens 9:30 am - 6:00 pm Exposition and Adoration 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross	Fr. Christopher by Joan & Bob Hignett
Sat	Mar 22	<b>The 3rd Sunday of Lent</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	Mar 23	10:00 am For God's blessings upon Julia on her birthday +Nick DeFillippis	by Danuta Mazur by Frank & Donna DeFillippis
Mon	Mar 24	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	
Tues	Mar 25	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b> 9:00 am For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice 9:45 am - 12 Noon St. Martin Catholic Elementary School Confessions 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm No Greater Love Lenten Programme	by Michael Urban Fr. Christopher
Wed	Mar 26	9:00 am +Anna Verrecchia 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Gethsemane Center Mass /Adoration	by Cheryl Ecker Fr. Christopher by Michael Urban
Thurs	Mar 27	9:00 am For the health and healing of Carol Elliott 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group 10:00 am - 1:30 pm School Confessions at Our Lady of Fatima Grimsby.	Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher by Sherri deWilde
Fri	Mar 28	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual 9:00 am For the health and healing of John & Doreen deWilde 9:30 am - 6:00 pm Exposition and Adoration 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross	
Sat	Mar 29	<b>The 4th Sunday of Lent</b> 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm +Jeremias Machado 10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	by Agostinha Machado

#### E-TRANSFERS

These 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.**

#### ALL MINISTRIES

##### **Hospitality, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Serving.**

Though the upcoming season of Lent we will present an opportunity for review, updates, and training. We invite new members to join a ministry. We thank you for your ministry of Service. Check bulletin for the scheduled gatherings. Thank you.

#### PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Lent reminds us of that yearning to clean the house of our interior lives - our souls. Gradually, we will address the cobwebs in our own hearts. Times of silence, prayer, fasting and giving move us with gratitude and stewardship into the beautiful liturgies of the Easter Triduum. Yet, sometimes a nagging feeling troubles us. Will our efforts match our Ash Wednesday resolve? Are we doing "enough"?

#### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

##### UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 19 - "Feed your Soul, Feed Your Tummy" Every 3rd Wed, Mass at 9 am and Breakfast following at Lackis Please join us (husbands welcome)
- March 20 - Attending Mass at our Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria at 12 pm Lunch following - Contact: Helen Lipiec, or any CWL member if you wish to attend. We will car pool.
- May 4 - Tentative - High Tea
- May 31 - Trip to Midland via bus to visit Shrine

#### DEVELOPMENT & PEACE CARITAS CANADA

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: Turn Debt into Hope. Pope Francis asks us to "forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them" (Spes non confundit, 16). We respond to his call by joining the Caritas International campaign to stop the debt crisis by cancelling or remedying unjust debts, and by preventing debt crises from happening again by addressing their root causes.

This year, under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," Pope Francis invites Catholics to renew their hope and adopt a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone."

Find out how Development and Peace - Caritas Canada will be living the Jubilee at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent). Share Lent collection is on Solidarity Sunday (April 5th/6th).

#### POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

##### **For families in crisis**

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

#### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday, April 5, 2025

In every parish church across the diocese, a priest will be available from 10 am to 2 pm to hear individual confessions. No matter how long it has been you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at this time for prayer and reflection. Please come, and pray. Benediction will conclude the day at 2:00 pm.

#### 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:**

Nick Ali, Director of Evangelization & Faith Formation for the diocese  
Topic: Hope in Evangelization

Tuesday, March 18 @ 7:00 pm at St. Kevin's Church, 303 Niagara Street, Welland.

April 30, 2025 Speaker: Father Peter Rowe, Pastor, St. Vincent de Paul Parish

#### JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

You, are invited to participate in the Lent Mission at St. Alfred Church, St Catharines. March 26-28 (7:00-9:00 p.m.) Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and keynote speaker: David Patterson (host and founder of "Yes Catholic")

For more info contact Gerarda (289/687-6472).

#### 2025 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Join fellow Catholics from the Greater Toronto Area at the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on Saturday, March 29!

Lift Jesus Higher is a Spirit-filled day filled with fellowship, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, compelling talks from Bishop Scott McCaig, Deacon Larry Oney, Peter Herbeck, and more!

The day also features a youth rally in the Centre's John Basset Theatre for youth ages 13-18. Get details and tickets at [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca)!