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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><b>Hospitality</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Cheryl Ecker 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde</p>	<p><b>Ministry Schedule - Jan 27/28</b></p> <p><b>Lector</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Sue Armstrong 10:00 am - Andrew Steger</p>	<p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - Valerie Newman 10:00 am - Mary Hornak</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

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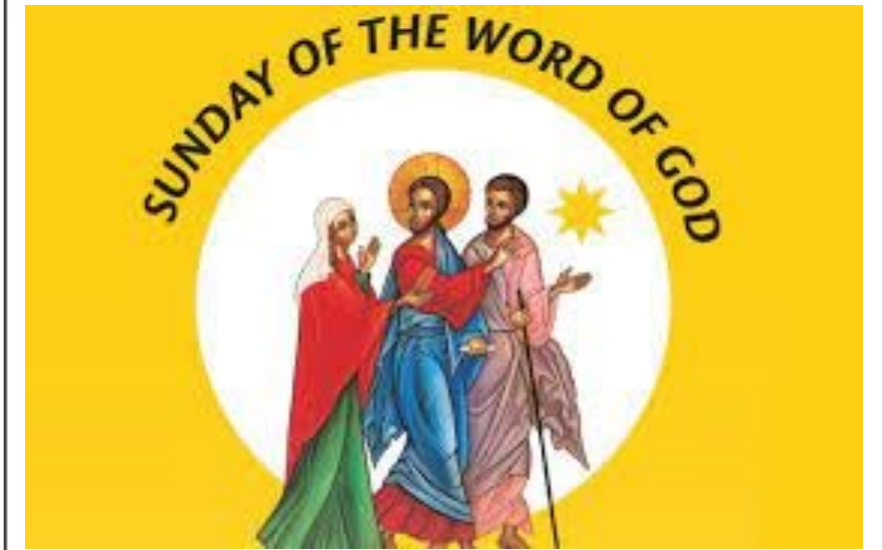
**Knights of Columbus;**  
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**Facility Maintenance**  
Chair Frank DeFilippis

**Parish Groups**  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Parish Financial Council  
Parish Events Group  
Cemetery Committee  
Responsible Faith Ministry  
Children's Liturgy.  
ACTS Retreats Teams

Diocese of St. Catharines  
**Bishop of the Diocese**  
Most Reverend Gerard Paul Bergie, D.D.  
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**St. Martin of Tours Catholic Faith Community**  
**1866 -2024**



**Mission of St. Martin of Tours**  
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**January 21, 2024 - Year - B**  
**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

January 21, 2024

# The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

## MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Jan 22	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Jan 23	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
Wed	Jan 24	<i>St. Francis de Sales</i>	
		NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
		7:00 pm	- 8:30 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session 18 Team
Thurs	Jan 25	<i>The Conversion of St. Paul</i>	
		NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
Fri	Jan 26	<i>St. Timothy and St. Titus</i>	
		NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Sat	Jan 27	<i>The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
		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 28	10:00 am	For God's blessings upon Bob Hignett on his birthday by Heather Belmont

### 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.

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for the Month of January

For the gift of diversity in the Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Jan. 18-25 2024 theme: "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself" (Luke 10:27)

Here are the biblical reflections for the eight days...

**Day 1:** "help us, Lord, to have a life turned towards (Romans 14:8-9; Luke 10:25)

**Day 2:** "help me, Lord, to love you, my neighbour and myself with all that I am" (Deuteronomy 10:12-13; Luke 10:27)

**Day 3:** "Lord, open our hearts to those we do not see" (Romans 13:8-10; Luke 10:29)

**Day 4:** "may we never turn away from those in need" (Isaiah 58:6-9a; Luke 10:31)

**Day 5:** "Lord, help us see the wounds and find hope" (Joel 2:23-27; Luke 10:34)

**Day 6:** "Lord, turn our churches into 'inns,' to welcome those in need" (Genesis 18:4-5; Luke 10:34)

**Day 7:** "Lord, show us how to respond to our neighbour" (Philippians 2:1-5; Luke 10:36)

**Day 8:** "Lord, may our fellowship be a sign of your Kingdom" (Romans 12:9-13; Luke 10:37)

### PASTORALLY LOOKING AHEAD

Ash Wednesday is February 14.

Parish Mass with distribution of ashes  
9 am and 6:30 pm

St. Martin Catholic Elementary School.

Penitential Celebration with distribution of ashes.

Group One: 11:30 am. Group Two: 12:15 pm.

### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

#### CARITAS CANANADA

#### **"Stand for the Land"**

"We in Canada are deeply concerned about how some of your compatriots who are defending their water sources, forests, and territories are being treated. We are particularly afraid for those seeking to protect the Montaña de Botaderos - Carlos Escaleras National Park, and the Guapinol and San Pedro rivers on which they depend for their livelihoods in Tocoa (Colón department). Since 2018, environmental and water defenders from this region have been the victims of smear campaigns, criminalized and arbitrarily detained. Three of them have even been murdered since January 2023. These people are only peacefully contesting the legality of the Inversiones Los Pinares iron mine, whose concession to operate in the national park appears to have been granted in an irregular manner. In solidarity with the defenders in the Guapinol community, the San Pedro sector and their families, we therefore call on the Government of Honduras to:

- (1) Strengthen existing protection mechanisms
- (2) Investigate, arrest, and prosecute
- (3) Provide full and fair reparations
- (4) Restore the protected areas
- (5) Cancel all mining projects that hold irregularly issued licenses

The thousands of Canadians who have endorsed this letter are looking forward to the Government of Honduras acting to protect the constitutional rights to life and dignity of Honduran land and environmental defenders." Development and Peace thanks you in advance for acting in solidarity with these communities!

### SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Since 2020, the Church celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time. Based on Pope Francis's Apostolic Letter "Aperuit Illis" from Sept 30, 2019, this designates the third Sunday of Ordinary Time for celebrating, studying, and spreading the Word of God.

The theme for this Sunday of the Word of God, observed on January 21, 2024, is "Remain in my Word" (John 8,31)."

### MOUNT. CARMEL SPIRITUAL CENTRE (NF)

Jan. 26-28 "Singing in the Rain: the Art of Positive Thinking"

Led by Anna Racine (cost \$350)

Feb. 3 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

"The Journey of Faith: A Trip for a Lifetime!"

Led by Anna Racine  
(cost \$70, incl. lunch)

Feb. 10 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

"Rest: Winter Day Retreat"

Led by Beth Woelk (cost \$70)

To register for any of these, call 905-356-4113.

### PASTORAL NOTE

Due to the privacy laws, the hospital does not list our parishioners by address or parish unless you state your religion as ST. MARTIN PARISH when you are admitted. If you or a family member enter a hospital for several days please be sure to call the parish office to let us know if you wish a visit. If you wish the Anointing of the Sick before an operation, either at home or while in the hospital, be sure to inform the parish office. Father Christopher will come immediately to administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Also, if you require a pastoral home visit with Holy Communion/Anointing of the Sick please inform the parish office as those visits are done weekly. Thank you.

### 2023 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Your Income tax receipts for 2023 are available at the back of the church for pick up. Please take only your receipt. Thank you for your generous support to the parish.