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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.

<b>Ministry Schedule - Dec 16/17</b>		
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
5:00 pm - Cheryl Ecker 10:00 am - Helen & Andy Lipiec	5:00 pm - Caroline Steger 10:00 am - Lisa Poort	5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Bob Hignett

**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

**Parish Organizations**  
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President - Maryanne Mous  
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Chair Frank DeFilippis

**Parish Groups**  
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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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**Bishop of the Diocese**  
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**Mission of St. Martin of Tours**  
We will follow Jesus Christ and love all people.

**December 10, 2023 - Year - B  
The Second Sunday of Advent**

# December 10, 2023

## The 2nd 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 11	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED	
Tues	Dec 12	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> 9:00 am +Robert Shoalts 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	by St. Martin's School
Wed	Dec 13	<b>St. Lucy</b> 9:00 am +Maria Jose Cordeiro 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Confessions 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session 9	by the Melo & Mikhail Families Fr. Christopher Team
Thurs	Dec 14	<b>St. John of the Cross</b> 9:00 am +Diane McIntyre 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study 5:00 pm - 8:00pm Catholic Women's League Christmas Dinner parish hall.	by St. Martin's School
Fri	Dec 15	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual 9:00 am +Ross Clarke	Fr. Christopher by Sandy Johnson
Sat	Dec 16	<b>The 3rd Sunday of Advent - Year A</b> 5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special Intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Dec 17	10:00 am +Gabriella Bush	by Caroline & Andrew Steger

#### 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.**

#### 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.

#### DECEMBER COFFEE SOCIAL

Please plan on attending our next Coffee Social in the parish hall following our Sunday Mass on, Dec. 17. We thank Parish Events Group for planning this social event. We look forward to gathering with you, and welcoming several new parishioners to our community of faith.

#### 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.

#### 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."

#### 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 School. 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 - Jan 13 at 4:45 pm

**Where:** St. Martin's Church

**Cost:** \$50 cover meals and course material

#### 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).

#### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

**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. This presents an opportunity to spiritually prepare ourselves for the Christmas Feasts. Extra Confessions will be made available here at St. Martin. Check bulletin for further details.

Confession can also be requested any day by calling the parish office to schedule an appointment that is convenient to YOU!