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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.

Hospitality	Ministry Schedule - Mar 28/29/30/31	Holy Communion
<p>7:30 pm - Marcel Pouliot 3:00 pm - Helen & Andy Lipiec 8:00 pm - Sherri deWilde 10:00 am - Cathy Ransome</p>	<p>Lector</p> <p>7:30 pm - Caroline Steger. 3:00 pm - N: Sue Armstrong S: Sandy Johnson 8:00 pm - Marg V, Andrew S. Caroline S. Sherri D 10:00 am - Barb Joyner</p>	<p>7:30 pm - Andy Lipiec 3:00 pm - John Terpstra 8:00 pm - Paula Verrecchia 10:00 am - Cathy Cartaginese</p>

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
(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
Knights of Columbus

Parish Groups
Parish Pastoral Council
Parish Financial Council
Parish Events Group
Cemetery Committee
Responsible Faith Ministry
Facility Maintenance
Chair Frank DeFilippis
Children's Liturgy.
ACTS Retreats Teams
RCIA Team

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 -2024



HOLY WEEK

Mission of St. Martin of Tours
We will follow Jesus Christ, and love all people.

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March 24, 2024 - Year - B
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year B

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Mar 25	10:30 am	Church cleaning for Holy Week/Easter- Volunteers required. Thank you.		
Tues	Mar 26	9:00 am	For the health and healing of Joyce Ross	by Joan & Bob Hignett	
		9:30 am	- 10:30 am	Choir Practice	
		7:30 pm	- 9:00 pm	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral. All are invited to attend.	
Wed	Mar 27	9:00 am	+Andy Wirth	by the KOC	
		7:00 pm	- 8:30 pm	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Session 27	Team
Thurs	Mar 28	Holy Thursday of the Last Supper			
		9:30 am	- 10:30 am	Parish Bible Study Group	
		7:30 pm	+For all deceased Priests of the Diocese of St. Catharines		
Fri	Mar 29	Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord			
		7:30 am	- 8:00 am	Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
		3:00 pm	Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord. Good Friday Collection. Holy Communion		
Sat	Mar 30	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil			
		9:00 am	- 1 pm	RCIA Retreat upper meeting room/church. Lunch served at Noon.	
		8:00 pm	+Pro Populo Dei - For the special Intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family		
			Reception of Sacraments of the RCIA Candidates		
Sun	Mar 31	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord			
		10:00 am	+For all deceased parishioners who passed since last Easter and Fr. Christopher's Intentions		

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. Together, we make a difference.

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.

CHOOSE LIFE NIAGARA

The annual dinner event is scheduled for Sat, April 15 at Club Roma, St. Catharines (reception 5:00 p.m., dinner 6:00 p.m.). This year's speaker is Blaise Alleyne, pro-life speaker and co-author of "A Guide to Discussing Assisted Suicide." Tickets (\$60 adults, \$30 students) can be purchased at chooselife.ca/events

LENTEN JOURNEY 2024

Each Sunday, including Palm/Passion Sunday, a video will be uploaded to the CCCB website:

www.cccb.ca/oec/journeythrough-lent/,

featuring pastoral reflections based on the readings for the Sunday Eucharist. This series is meant to offer spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare well for the Easter season. It is sponsored by the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis, in collaboration with the National Liturgy Office. These videos will also be available on our diocesan Facebook page

POPE FRANCIS MARCH INTENTIONS

For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the gospel in various parts of the world infame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm. To read reflection go to www.livingwithchrist.ca

MAKE A MENTAL NOTE

No Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 pm
Easter Vigil Mass, Holy Saturday, Mar 30, at 8 pm

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

CARITAS CANADA

"CREATE HOPE: REAPING OUR RIGHTS"

Last weekend was "Solidarity" Sunday, Development and Peace - Caritas Canada's "Reaping Our Rights" campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity! Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. Help create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your "Share Lent" parish collection or at devp.org/give or use the special envelopes provided.

This collection remains "OPEN" until Apr 7.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope." 2024 is a Year of Prayer, in preparation. Our Parish Pastoral Council will be discussing this in upcoming meetings. Details will follow.

PASTORAL LETTER ON THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

"Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious!" (Jan. 24, 2024) The CCCB's Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace recently released this "call to all Canadian Catholics," with its "seven commitments we can make together." There is a meaningful prayer at its close, and questions for discussion. Look it up on the Canadian Bishops' website!



The Vineyard, the Diocese of
St. Catharines journal has gone digital.

It can be viewed at <http://saintcd.com/diocesan-directory/the-vineyard>

PASTOR'S THANK YOU NOTE

My dear friends:)

I would like to take this time out to say a heartfelt 'thank you', for coming together Sunday March 10, for my 65th Birthday lunch. How appropriate that we gathered on Laetare Sunday because it was such a joyful time had for all. First, to all the many dedicated volunteers who planned, prepared and executed the gathering with such detail. Your passion for serving others is an inspiration to us all. Its truly a blessing to have such a brilliant example of selfless love and faithfulness in our midst. Second, I'm overwhelmed by all the love, support and gifts that you bestowed upon me. To be honest, I've only opened less than half of the (103) cards, as I need to take the necessary time to read your messages and acknowledge them in a prayer of thanksgiving.

I will be forever grateful for your support, kindness and love. Indeed you revealed the true foundation of our faith community is kindness and love. Most importantly, thank you for helping to make our parish a vibrant, spiritual community.

May the grace of the Lord be with you all.
Much love. YBIC, Christopher+

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION

The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request 50 years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere.

For the sake of our brothers and sister enduring hardships, please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on Mar 29, 2024. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute by e-transfer to:

terresainte@bellnet.ca

or online at Commissariat.ca

receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support. For more information visit: www.commissariat.ca