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Pastor
Very Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen
Parish Priest / Vicar Forane
(Dean of Haldimand)

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

Requesting Sacraments
Must be registered and practicing
Call office for details

St Martin Elementary School
Phone 905-957-3032

Cemetery Management
Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

Parish Organizations
Catholic Women's League
President - Maryanne Mous
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Parish Events Group
Parish Financial Council
Responsible Faith Ministry
ACTS Retreat Teams

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**November 27, 2022 - Year - A
1st Sunday of Advent**

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MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Nov 28	9:00 am For God's blessings upon Zaklina & Magdalena Mazur 9:45 am - 11:30 am Advent School Wreath Blessings Each Classroom 7:45 pm - 9:30 pm. Bible Study by Zoom. New Testament Letters	by Danuta Mazur Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Tues	Nov 29	NO PARISH MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - Priests Advent Retreat & Study Days	
Wed	Nov 30	NO PARISH MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - Priests Study Days 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Parish Hall	
Thurs	Dec 1	NO PARISH MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - Priests Study Days 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
Fri	Dec 2	7:30 am - 8:15 am That Man Is You - Paradisus Dei - Men's Rosary Group 8:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am +Christopher Coxe 9:30 am - 10:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Benediction 10:30 am - 12 Noon Pastoral Home Visits for those who registered. 7:30 pm - 9 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre	Fr. Christopher by Andrew & Caroline Steger Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Sat	Dec 3	2nd Sunday of Advent - Year A 8:00 am - 10:00 am Paradisus Dei That Man Is You Merciful Redeemer Parish 9:30 am Catholic Women's League Advent Retreat in the Parish Hall 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions. 5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Dec 4	10:00 am +Antonio Mancini	by Fr. John Buis Assembly #3498

E-TRANSFERS

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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. Thank you

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES 2023

Please do not use old envelopes.

Envelope numbers sometimes get recycled, so if you use old envelopes, you will not get credit for it. If your address has changed, please notify the office directly. Take the time to print your full name and address correctly on your envelope, and ensure that your number is correct. Something like "Smith Family" is not acceptable; there may be many "Smiths" in the parish and we have no way of knowing which family your offering comes from! Thank you.

COFFEE SOCIAL - December 11

After the 10am Sunday Mass
Join us for treats and fellowship

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

As part of the Synod activities, St. Martin of Tours is expanding our social media presence on Facebook. Please follow the St. Martin of Tours Facebook page! There will be announcements about Mass times and parish events, a weekly spot light on school activities and introducing Wonder, where we will share answers, information and insights into various aspects of the Catholic Faith. Be sure to Follow, Like and Share our page.

EXTRA - ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST TRAINING SESSION

Thursday December 15 - 7pm

All new and current members are invited to the training session. This session is mandatory for new members. Commissioning of all new members and recommissions of existing members will be on Sunday Dec 18 at the 10 am Mass.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Advent School Celebration
Blessing of Classroom Advent Wreaths,
Nov 28, 9:30 - 10:30 am.
- Advent Arrangement Workshop Nov 29, 6:30 pm
- Diocesan Priests Advent Day of Reconciliation,
Nov 29, at Mount Carmel.
- Priests Study Days, Nov 29 - Dec 1
- Christmas Celebration Gethsemane Ministries
Saturday, Dec 3, 6:00 pm
- Advent School Masses:
Group One, Monday, Dec 5, 11:30 am.
Group Two, Tuesday, Dec 6, 11:30 am.
- Confirmation Rehearsal, Friday Dec 9, 11:30 am
- Confirmation Mass Saturday, Dec.10, 11:00 am.
- Christmas Table Centerpiece Workshop -
Dec 21, 6:30 pm

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Up Coming Events

- Dec 2 Delivery to Parish hall 4 - 8 pm
Call Maryanne Mous 905-973-8728
- Dec 3 Advent Retreat in Parish Hall begins
at 9:30 am. \$10/person
- Dec 8 Christmas Dinner in Parish Hall
Door open at 6 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm
Tickets \$25.
Call Pat Wirth 905-957-3826
- Dec 14 Regular Meeting
- Dec 21 "Feed your Tummy, Feed your Soul"
Every 3rd Wed. Mass at 9:00 am
Followed by Breakfast at Lackis.
All are welcome.
- CWL Membership for 2023 are \$35. Please pay prior to January 15th by in person at meeting or by e-transfer at stmartinscwl@hotmail.com
Be sure to say membership fee.

PLEASE JOIN US

The CWL is holding an Advent retreat on Dec 3 in the parish hall from 10 am - 3:30 pm. Cost: \$10.00 Hot lunch will also be provided. It promises to be a beautiful day preparing us for a deeper journey into what Advent is really about and how it can truly give us a more meaningful, peaceful, and joyful Advent season.

For more details and to register please email Paula Verrecchia at: pmverrecchia5@gmail.com or call 905-870-5017

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Saturday, December 10. 11:00 am.

Parent(s) Guardian(s) are reminded that there is a limit on numbers as we have 21 Confirmation Candidates and we have a small space. Five family members per student is permitted. This is usually the parents, grandparents and sponsor. There is an expected stipend as we have many expenses involved with this important sacrament. In particular, a stipend to Bishop Bergie, organist/cantor, confirmation certificates, luncheon for bishop, and teachers. We thank you in advance in complying with our request to have only five family members in attendance, and of your generosity to our parish. Thank you.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - CARITAS CANADA

Giving Tuesday November 29, 2022

Advent, a time of reflection leading to the joy of Christmas, begins this Sunday. It's also a time when we begin our Christmas preparations by thinking about the gifts that we would like to give our loved ones.

#GivingTuesday is a perfect opportunity for us to also do something for the less fortunate who are suffering from injustice and poverty, and to express our solidarity with them by giving generously.

Thank you. Visit: devp.org

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At Development and Peace - Caritas Canada, we have set ourselves a goal of recruiting 550 new members this fall. Why 550? Because we are celebrating our 55th anniversary! After 55 years of dedicated work with our partners to build a world that has more dignity, justice and peace, we need you in order to continue our mission and make the world a better place! Visit our website at:

<https://www.devp.org/en/>

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection. (Apostleship of Prayer)