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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 - Jan 11-12

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Ron & Janet R. 10:00 am - Nick Verrecchia	5:00 pm - Andrew Steger 10:00 am - Barb Joyner	5:00 pm - Caroline Steger 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde	10:00 am - Jennifer N.

Ministry Schedule - Jan 18/19

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Cathy & Frank	5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Marg Van Geest	5:00 pm - Nick Verrecchia 10:00 am - Dick Van Geest	10:00 am - Judy Terpstra

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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Bishop of the Diocese
Most Reverend Gerard Paul Bergie, D.D.
President of Assembly of Ontario Catholic Bishops
Diocesan Website: www.saintcd.com

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January 5 - 12, 2025 - Year - C
Bi-Weekly Bulletin
The Epiphany of the Lord
and The Baptism of the Lord

January 5 - 19, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord/ Baptism of the Lord - Year C MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Jan 6	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY. 6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Upper Meeting Room	TEAM
Tues	Jan 7	9:00 am +George & Nora Franko 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Diocesan Deans Virtual Meeting	by Norrie Franko Fr. Christopher
Wed	Jan 8	9:00 am +Bruno Cartaginense 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Counselling	by Andrew & Caroline Steger Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Jan 9	9:00 am For the special intentions of Sandra McTaggart on her birthday	by Norrie Franko
Fri	Jan 10	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual 9:00 am +Bruno Cartaginense 10:30 am - 12 noon Diocesan meeting at the Catholic Center	by Helen & Andy Lipiec Fr. Christopher
Sat	Jan 11	The Baptism of the Lord 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 12	10:00 am +Joyce Ross	by Anonymous
Mon	Jan 13	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Jan 14	9:00 am For the health and healing of Theresa Wilson 9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	by Sherri deWilde
Wed	Jan 15	9:00 am In Thanksgiving for all those who gifted Father Christopher at Christmas	
Thurs	Jan 16	9:00 am For the special intentions of Alyssa Weber on her birthday 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	by Norrie Franko
Fri	Jan 17	St. Anthony 7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual 9:00 am Intention Available 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Pastoral Home Visits (Change due to New Year's)	Fr. Christopher Fr. Christopher
Sat	Jan 18	The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban	by Michael Urban
Sun	Jan 19	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family 11:30 am Celebration of Christian Baptism.	Father Christopher

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.

2024 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income Tax Receipts for 2024 will be ready for pick up in the front foyer by mid January. We ask that you only pick up your own receipt. Kindly do not misplace your receipt.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The Epiphany of the Lord, Stewardship Giving.

"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - MATTHEW 2:11 What gifts do Catholic Stewards give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

We thank you for your stewardship at Christmas and New Year's. Together, we do make a difference...

UPCOMING BAPTISMS

January 19, 2025

Luciana Lissette Balloutine
Giada Getulia Hayes Rizzuti- DeStephanis

February 16, 2025

Alden Edward Paradise

BAPTISM OF INFANTS:

Baptisms take place the Third Sunday of the month at 11:30 p.m.. (except in Lent). Those wishing to have their child baptized should contact the parish office at least two months in advance -- the parish website has a registration form. .

VISITS TO THE SICK/HOMEBOUND

In 2025, home visits are moving from weekly to the First Friday of the month. Holy Communion and Sacrament of Anointing are available to any who are ill or housebound or seeking pastoral care before surgery is available at anytime.

Notify the parish office to make arrangements. Advise the parish office of hospital admissions or let the pastor know directly. Anointing should not be delayed until a person's final hours.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE FALL ACTION

Defending Peasant's Rights!

Visit the website: <https://devp.org/en/>

Petition signing is deferred until the new year.

Thank you for being informed with our recent material presented to you.

POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY INTENTIONS

'For the right to an education' Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of January 2025, and invites everyone to pray for "the right to an education." Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention this January is for "the right to an education."

REVERENCE AT COMMUNION

The Church has asked all Catholics to practice utmost reverence at the time of receiving Holy Communion by making a sign of reverence upon approaching the priest or minister: a simple bow of the head is sufficient.

The normative posture for receiving is standing -- kneeling draws unnecessary attention to oneself and disrupts the flow of the procession. Besides, receiving communal one. If you are receiving Communion in your hand, place your hands in the form of a "throne," one hand flat over the other. When "The Body of Christ" is said, we answer "Amen": a way of saying, "Yes, I believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist" -- so let your "Amen" to Jesus coming to you be heard!

DIOCESAN VINEYARD

A special Christmas issue of "The Vineyard" is available on the diocesan website at:

(www.saintcd.com).

If you would like to subscribe to receive issues by e-mail, please send your request to:

vineyard@saintcd.com

DIOCESAN JUBILEE EVENTS

A special event for this Jubilee is the year-long **MESSAGES OF HOPE Speaker Series**. The **MESSAGES OF HOPE series** kicks off on Sunday, January 12th @ 2pm at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria. Bishop G. Bergie will be sharing a presentation on Jubilee 2025 – what it is, why it is important, and how we as *pilgrims of hope* can get involved. Virtual registration for this first talk will open after Christmas. As this Speaker Series continues, each month will feature a new speaker – some local experts and some from outside the diocese - to break open a key idea from the Papal Bull and how it is being lived in our local church in venues, often local pilgrimage sites, around the diocese.

NO WEEKDAY MASS

There will be no morning Masses
January 20 - 24, 2025.