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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 - Apr 5/6

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Ron & Janet R. 10:00 am - Helen & Andy L.	5:00 pm - Andrew Steger 10:00 am - Barb Joyner	5:00 pm - Valerie N. 10:00 am - Caroline Steger	10:00 am - Jennifer N.

Ministry Schedule - Apr 12/13

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - George Y.	5:00 pm - Sandy, Mitch 10:00 am - Lisa, Caroline	5:00 pm - Nick Verrecchia 10:00 am - John Terpstra	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
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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

**St. Martin of Tours
Catholic Faith Community
1866 -2024**



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**March 30 & Apr 6, 2025 - Year - C
Bi-Weekly Bulletin
The 4th and 5th Sunday of Lent**

March 30 & April 6, 2025

4th and 5th Sunday of Lent - Year C

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Mar 31	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Apr 1	9:00 am For the health & healing of Fr, Christopher	by Norrie Franko
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
		4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Diocesan Deans Virtual Meeting	Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm - 9:00 pm No Greater Love Lenten Programme	
Wed	Apr 2	9:00 am +Doreen deWilde	by Cheryl Ecker
		10:30 am - 12:00 pm Gethsemane Center Mass /Adoration	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Apr 3	9:00 am +Theresa Brockwell	by Andrew Steger
		9:30 am - 10: 30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
		10:00 am - 2:00 pm St. John & St. Joseph School Confession	Fr. Christopher
Fri	Apr 4	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am For the health and healing of Carol Elliott	by Michael Urban
		11:00 am - 1:00 pm Pastoral Homer Visits for those who have registered	Fr, Christopher
		9:30 am - 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration in Upper Meeting Room	
		6:00 pm Way of the Cross (Stations)	
Sat	Apr 5	The 5th Sunday of Lent	
		10:00 am - 2:00 pm Diocesan wide Day of Reconciliation / Exposition	Fr. Christopher
		NO CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	
		5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Apr 6	10:00 am For the special intentions of Julie Notarianni	by Heather Belmont
Mon	Apr 7	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Apr 8	9:00 am +Dean Mank	by Caroline Steger
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
		7:00 pm - 9:00 pm No Greater Love Lenten Programme	
		7:00 pm - St. Joseph's Parish Form II Reconciliation	Fr. Christopher
Wed	Apr 9	9:00 am +Fr. Obioma Anywanu	by Sandy Johnson
		10:30 am - 12:00 pm Gethsemane Center Mass /Adoration	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Apr 10	9:00 am +Vera Edwards	by Norrie Franko
		9:30 am - 10: 30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
Fri	Apr 11	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am For the health and healing of Melanie Whitaker	by Heather Belmont
		+Gemma Halliday	Fr. Christopher
		9:30 am - 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration in Upper Meeting Room	
		6:00 pm Way of the Cross (Stations)	
Sat	Apr 12	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions	
		5:00 pm +John Fedorik Jr.	by Family
		10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	

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.**

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

For Families in Crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences

THE VINEYARD

View at:

<http://saintcd.com/diocesan-directory/the-vineyard>

FORM II RECONCILIATION

A join celebration for St. Martin and St. Joseph Parish, Grimsby. Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00 pm.

Several Priests will hear confessions in various languages. Please avail of this opportunity for confession before the solemn celebrations of Easter.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Lent reminds us of that yearning to clean the house of our interior lives - our souls. Gradually, we will address the cobwebs in our own hearts. Times of silence, prayer, fasting and giving move us with gratitude and stewardship into the beautiful liturgies of the Easter Triduum. Yet, sometimes a nagging feeling troubles us. Will our efforts match our Ash Wednesday resolve? Are we doing "enough"?

UPCOMING:

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE COLLECTION

Solidarity Sunday - April 5/6

HOLY LAND COLLECTION - April 18

You can also use E-transfers for these collections

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday April 17 - 7:30 pm

Good Friday April 18 - 3 pm

Easter Vigil April 19 - 8 pm

Easter Sunday April 20 - 10 am

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY

The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of diocese and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population.

The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters count on your help to retain a faith filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. Please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on April 18, 2025.

If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute online by going to Commissariat.ca/supporting-us and donating via Canada Helps or Interac e-transfer. 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. Fr. Robert Mokry, O.F.M

WEEKEND COMPUTER OPERATOR

FOR LARGE SCREEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer to operate the computer before and during the Sunday Mass.

No experience is required.

Training will be available.

Requirements are:

- Arrive for Sunday Mass 30 minutes early
- Commitment to show up when scheduled

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday, April 5, 2025

In every parish church across the diocese, a priest will be available from 10 am to 2 pm to hear individual confessions. No matter how long it has been you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at this time for prayer and reflection. Please come, and pray.

Benediction will conclude the day at 2:00 pm.

DIOCESAN INITIATIVES IN OUR JUBILEE YEAR

The MESSAGES OF HOPE Speaker Series continues. Messages of Hope Sessions are free; Everyone is welcome! To register use this link:

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Upcoming sessions in the Series:

April 30, 2025 Speaker: Father Peter Rowe,
Pastor, St. Vincent de Paul Parish
Niagara-on-the-Lake

May 24, 2025 Speaker: Dr. Joseph Lombardi,
Place: Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine,
Port Colborne

June 14, 2025 Speaker: Cardinal Thomas Collins,
Archbishop Emeritus Toronto
Place: Gethsemane Ministries, Wellandport

VIDEO NIGHT THANK YOU

Thank you to all who attended our Video Night about Virtues in February. It was a good night of learning how to live the most important virtues to live our Catholic Faith. We have heard your requests on what you would like to learn more of. We will be offering more video nights throughout the year. Check bulletin for the May schedule.