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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

Ministry Schedule - March 5/8/9

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
6:30 pm - Julie Notarianni 5:00 pm - Julie Notarianni 10:00 am - Cathy & Frank	6:30 pm - Andrew Steger 5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - Caroline Steger	6:30 pm - 5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - Bob Hignett	10:00 am - Sherri deWilde

Ministry Schedule - March 15/16

Hospitality	Lector	Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
5:00 pm - Cheryl Ecker 10:00 am - Cathy Ransome	5:00 pm - Lisa Poort 10:00 am - Sherri deWilde	5:00 pm - Paula V 10:00 am - Helen Lipiec	10:00 am - Jennifer N.

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

Diocese of St. Catharines
Bishop of the Diocese
Most Reverend Gerard Paul Bergie, D.D.
President of Assembly of Ontario Catholic Bishops
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St. Martin of Tours Catholic Faith Community
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Mission of St. Martin of Tours
We will follow Jesus Christ, and love all people.

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March 2 and 9, 2025 - Year - C
Bi-Weekly Bulletin
The 8th in Ordinary Time
And 1st Sunday of Lent

March 2, 9, 2025

8th Sun in Ord Time & 1st Sun 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 3	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Mar 4	9:00 am +Sophia Modrzejewski	by Family
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
		4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Huntley Leadership Dean's Virtual Meeting	Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm - 9:00 pm No Greater Love Lenten Programme	
Wed	Mar 5	Ash Wednesday	
		9:00 am +Carlos Nieves Rio	by St. Martin's School Staff
		10:30 am Ash Wednesday Service at Gethsemane Center	Fr. Christopher
		11:30 am School Lenten Service - Group 1	Fr. Christopher
		12:15 pm School Lenten Service - Group 2	Fr. Christopher
		6:30 pm +Clara Elena Phillips	by St. Martin's School Staff
Thurs	Mar 6	9:00 am For the special intentions of Christina & Paula Weber on their birthdays	by Norrie Franko
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
Fri	Mar 7	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
		8:30 am - 9:00 am Adoration and Benediction	
		9:00 am +Joyce Ross	
		11:00 am - 2:00 pm Pastoral Home Visits	Fr. Christopher
Sat	Mar 8	The 1st Sunday of Lent	
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions	
		5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Mar 9	10:00 am +Antonio Pais	by Fatima Araujo & Family
Mon	Mar 10	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Mar 11	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY - Priests Lenten Day of Recollection	
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
		7:00 pm - 9:00 pm No Greater Love Lenten Programme	
Wed	Mar 12	9:00 am +Kevin Anthony Van Den Elzen	by St. Martin's School Staff
		7:00 pm - 9:00 pm RCIA St. Joseph's Grimsby	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Mar 13	9:00 am +Michael Riley	by Andrew & Caroline Steger
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
Fri	Mar 14	7:30 am - 8:00 am Paradisus Dei Men's Rosary Group Virtual	Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am +Ross Moniz	by Brenda Moniz
		6:00 pm Way of the Cross (Stations)	
Sat	Mar 15	The 2nd Sunday of Lent	
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions	
		5:00 pm For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban	by Michael Urban
Sun	Mar 16	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.**

ALL MINISTRIES

Hospitality, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Serving.

Though the upcoming season of Lent we will present an opportunity for review, updates, and training. We invite new members to join a ministry. We thank you for your ministry of Service. Check bulletin for the scheduled gatherings. Thank you.

UPCOMING BAPTISMS

March 2, 2025

Elijah Michael Crockett and Savean Jade Bicker

FAITH OUTREACH AND LENTEN STUDY PROGRAMME

Would you like to enhance your Lenten Journey this Jubilee year? Join us for: **The No Greater Love - A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion. Programme on Tuesdays from March 4 to April 8 at 7 pm.**

This Study is for anyone who wants to experience a deeper relationship with Christ, and experience more deeply his extraordinary love for each of us. After all, Christ's Passion and Death is central to who we are as Catholic Christians.

You must register so we know how many books to order. The cost of the book and workbook is \$39.95 plus tax. If we have 10 or more people sign up, the cost will drop to \$36.75 plus tax. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer of the church.

WHY DO WE PRAY THE WAY OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT?

Walking the Way of the Cross is a wonderful Lenten devotion. Lent is a penitential season of preparation for Easter, the Stations of the Cross, which follow the path of Christ from Pontius Pilate's praetorium to Christ's tomb have been a popular devotion in the history of the Church. Please plan on attending our Way of the Cross Stations) beginning the First Week of Lent, Fri, Mar 14, at 6:00 pm. Church is open at 5:30 pm with Eucharistic Adoration prior to the Stations. Attending Weekday Mass is also a great habit to form for Lent and beyond. **Weekday Masses in Lent Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am.**

Lent for all Catholics is a time of renewal. It is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

WHY DO WE USE ASHES ON ASH WEDNESDAY?

The ashes symbolize both death and repentance. During this period, Christians show repentance and mourning for their sins, because they believe Christ died for them. When the priest or lay minister applies the cross of ashes, she/he says to the worshiper: **"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."** They may also say **"Repent and believe in the Gospel."** It is not required that a worshiper wear the ashes for the rest of the day, although many Christians choose to do so. However, dining out or doing non-essential shopping are inappropriate on Ash Wednesday.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The four (4) Pillars of Parish Stewardship are:

Hospitality, Prayer, Formation, and Service.

Hospitality: is the hallmark of the Christian.

Prayer: is necessary for the life of a disciple.

Formation: sets our foundation for our life faith and our stewardship.

Service: is what we do here. Serving one another in the Body of Christ.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE CARITAS CANADA

What is a Jubilee? Celebrated every 25 years in the Catholic Church, a Jubilee is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation in which people are invited to come back into right relationships with God, with one another and with all Creation. The tradition is inspired by the biblical year of jubilee, a time when debts were cancelled, slaves were set free and the land was allowed to rest (Lev. 25, Deut. 15). This year, under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," Pope Francis invites Catholics to renew their hope and adopt a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone." Find out how Development and Peace - Caritas Canada will be living the Jubilee at devp.org/lent.

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:

<https://forms.office.com/r/rehnH9PdnB?origin=lprLink>

Upcoming sessions in the Series:

Nick Ali, Director of Evangelization &

Faith Formation for the diocese

Topic: Hope in Evangelization

Tuesday, March 18 @ 7:00 pm at St. Kevin's Church, 303 Niagara Street, Welland.

April 30, 2025 Speaker: Father Peter Rowe, Pastor, St. Vincent de Paul Parish

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.