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 <p><b>ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC</b> <b>Elementary School</b> 18 Streamside Dr., Smithville, ON L0R 2A0 905-957-3032</p>	 <p><b>THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA</b> FOR GOD AND CANADA CWL #2289 St. Martin of Tours Church StMartinsCWL@hotmail.com Always welcoming new members: please contact our President for more information.</p>  <p><i>Here I am Lord send me</i> Isaiah 6:8 Ella Clark</p>	 <p>1421 Highway #8, Winona 1.800.533.6102 Bus. 905.643.1027 Res. 905.957.6943</p>
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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.

**Focus of the 5 Systems**

- **Worship (Liturgy and Sacraments):** This system focuses on the parish community's encounter with God through the celebration of the liturgy and the sacraments, transforming them spiritually.
- **Evangelization (Word):** This area involves the proclamation of the Gospel and the sharing of faith with others, driven by a passion for Christ and an understanding that this passion should lead to evangelizing others.
- **Discipleship: (Commitment):** This system is about living a Christ-like way of life, cultivating personal growth in faith, and helping others to grow as faithful followers of Jesus.
- **Community (Fellowship):** This encompasses building strong relationships and a sense of belonging, where all members of the community are loved, cared for, and supported.
- **Service (Apostolate):** This system involves actively serving others and engaging in outreach and charitable works, which contributes to the growth of the Kingdom of God.

**Ministry Schedule - Apr 11/12**

<p><b>Hospitality</b> 5:00 pm - Sandy Johnson 10:00 am - George Y</p>	<p><b>Lector</b> 5:00 pm - Mitch Pogoda 10:00 am - Theresa Wilson</p>	<p><b>Holy Communion</b> 5:00 pm - Nick Verrecchia 10:00 am - Caroline Steger</p>	<p><b>Children's Liturgy</b> 10:00 am Sherri deWilde</p>
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**Ministry Schedule - Apr 18/19**

<p><b>Hospitality</b> 5:00 pm - Tony Mous 10:00 am - Nick Verrecchia</p>	<p><b>Lector</b> 5:00 pm - Andrew Steger 10:00 am - Marg Van Geest</p>	<p><b>Holy Communion</b> 5:00 pm - Tom Shields 10:00 am - John Terpstra</p>	<p><b>Children's Liturgy</b> 10:00 am Judy Terpstra</p>
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**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

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Nick Sarantakos - 289-440-2929

**Parish Organization**  
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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  
Funeral Committee  
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  
Diocesan Website: www.saintcd.com

**St. Martin of Tours  
Catholic Faith Community**  
**1866 -2026**  
**160th Year of Founding**



**Mission of St. Martin of Tours**  
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**April 5 and April 12, 2026 -Year -A  
Bi-Weekly Bulletin  
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection  
of the Lord  
& The 2nd Sundays of Easter**

# April 5 and April 12, 2026

## Easter Sunday & the 2nd Sunday of Easter - Year A

### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon	Apr 6	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Apr 7	+NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
Wed	Apr 8	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
		10:30 am - 11:45 am Gethsemane Centre Mass/Adoration/Confessions	Fr. Christopher
		1:00 pm - 2:30pm Diocesan Deans Virtual Meeting	Fr. Christopher
		7:00 pm - 8:00pm Catholic Women's League Monthly Meeting	
Thurs	Apr 9	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Readings	
Fri	Apr 10	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Sat	Apr 11	<b>The 2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions	
		5:00 pm For the special intentions of Michael & Amy Urban	by Michael Urban
Sun	Apr 12	10:00 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
		11:30 am Christian Baptism of Thomas Clark, Audrey and Amelia Mitchell, Aria, Neveah and Shayla Casey and Hannah Bouwers	
			Fr. Christopher
Mon	Apr 13	NO PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATED TODAY	
Tues	Apr 14	9:00 am +Joyce Ross	
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Choir Practice	
Wed	Apr 15	9:00 am For God's mercy and peace upon the victims of Tumbler-Ridge	
		10:30 am - 11:45 am Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/Confessions	by Fatima & Manuel Araujo Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Apr 16	9:00 am For God's blessing upon the Women's ACTS Team members	
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Readings	
Fri	Apr 17	<b>St. Kateri Tekakwitha</b>	
		9:00 am +David Prentice	
			by Maureen Flaherty
Sat	Apr 18	<b>The 3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	
		5:00 pm Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Apr 19	10:00 am +Vincent & Domenica D'Agostino	
		11:00 am Fellowship Sunday	
		11:30 am Christian Baptism of Tanner & Cassidy Lucek, Lucas & Nicolas Cruz and Mia Bene	
			Fr. Christopher

#### E-TRANSFERS

These are often referred to as **e-Transfers** and done through your online banking website or app.

#### POPE LEO'S APRIL INTENTIONS

##### **For priests in crisis**

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

"Go to make other disciples and to become "one Body in Christ. (Rom 12:5)" Jesus Christ shared his work of salvation with his disciples. He made the members of his Church "stewards of God's gifts (1 Pet 4:10)" and stewards of "the mysteries of God. (1 Cor. 4:1)" In other words, Jesus has so established the Church that we cannot be disciples without being stewards. Stewardship is the active element of our discipleship. Jesus constantly invites us to imitate Him in the work of the Church. We thank you for your consentient and generous financial giving to our parish of St. Martin.

#### SEASON OF RENEWAL

**Easter** is a profound season of renewal, hope, and victory, marking the resurrection of Jesus Christ as a triumph over death, sin, and despair. It offers a chance for a fresh start, encouraging believers to move from the darkness of Good Friday to the light of Easter morning. Key reflections include embracing new life, nurturing faith, and finding comfort in an unbroken, resilient love.

#### **Core Themes of Easter Reflection**

- **Hope and Renewal:** Easter reminds us that no matter the past, a new beginning is possible. It serves as a reminder to leave behind despair and embrace the joy of resurrection.
- **Resurrection as Victory:** The resurrection is a "living hope" and a demonstration that God can turn any "Good Friday" experience (suffering, darkness) into a "Sunday" morning (new life).
- **Divine Love and Sacrifice:** Reflection on Jesus's willingness to die on the cross emphasizes a God who understands and shares in human suffering.
- **The Promise of Eternity:** Easter provides assurance that Christ's promise of eternal life is fulfilled, providing a solid hope for the future beyond this life.
- **Transformation:** It is a time for personal transformation - "dying to ourselves" in a spiritual sense to experience the joy of a renewed life.

#### **Reflective Questions and Actions**

- **Wait with Hope:** Consider where you are waiting for new life and continue to trust with expectation.
- **Let Go of the Past:** Reflect on past mistakes and choose to let them go, embracing the forgiveness and "fresh start".
- **Seek Perspective:** Shift focus from personal, daily worries to "things above" - a higher perspective of love, grace, and spiritual purpose.

#### RECOGNIZE "RESURRECTION" MOMENTS

Look for signs of hope and light in daily life, even in the midst of hardship.

Yes, Easter is a fifty-day season in the Christian liturgical calendar known as : "Eastertide" or the "[Great Fifty Days](#)," running from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. It is celebrated as one continuous "great Lord's Day" of rejoicing and resurrection joy, rather than just a single day.

A Blessed Easter Sunday to YOU!

A Blessed Journey through these Fifty Days of Easter. Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE- CARITAS CANADA

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the On Track For Justice campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected \$2215.00. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of development, peace and justice.

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

##### **Group One:**

- Fri. April 24, 9:30am Reconciliation
- Sat. April 25, 11:00am First Holy Communion

##### **Group Two:**

- Fri. May 1, 9:30am Reconciliation
- Sat. May 2, 11:00am First Holy Communion

#### CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

- **Earth Day April 22/26 at 10:00 am**  
CWL ladies and parishioners will gather together to clean up cemetery and church property. Bring gloves, rakes, compostable bags and garbage bags to tidy up.
- **Spring High Tea:** Sunday, May 3/26 2:00 pm  
Come and join us for food, fun and fellowship. \$20.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased from Elaine Parry by emailing her at:

[parryee@gmail.com](mailto:parryee@gmail.com)