

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church

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Saturday - 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 5:30 pm
SUNDAY: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12 Noon & 5:30 pm

DAILY: 8:00 am & 5:30 pm
HOLY DAYS: 6:30, 8:00 am & 5:30 pm

RECONCILIATION: 4:15 - 5:15 pm on Saturday, and by appointment. Please call the rectory office.

BAPTISM: 1:00 pm on Sunday and by appointment. Please call the rectory office to register.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements by appointment and a minimum of six months prior to marriage. Please call the rectory office.

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FAMILY MASS - Homily is more directed to children.

Children participate in the mass.
Sundays at 9:00 am
Michelle Steffes

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Those over 18 years of age who would like to join our faith.
Father Donie Keohane (310) 476-7403

MUSIC DIRECTORS

TRADITIONAL CHOIR - Sundays at 10:30 am
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The Parish Financial Report is available at the Information Table for you to review if you were away last weekend or have not received it in the mail. Once again, I am very grateful for your generosity and support. Our parish has great potential to grow, and your financial contribution will stay in the parish to support these ministries. It will not go to

Archdiocese for the settlement.

In addition to the All Souls envelopes, we place a book of the dead in front of the ambo for you to write the names of your loved ones and those you would like to be remembered at masses this month. We dedicate one mass each day to pray for our departed brothers and sisters. This is what we profess in the Creed: the communion of saints.

Our new upgraded website was launched last Monday. Please take a visit.

Luke is the specialist in showing the value of poverty and the evils of wealth. He has more to say on the subject than any of the other gospel writers. Even before the birth of Jesus, he has Mary praising God for having "filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty"; he shows us Jesus born in poverty, "and laid in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn"; in his version of the Beatitudes, Jesus says, "Blessed are you who are poor" not "blessed are the poor in spirit." He alone tells the parable of the rich man who had so much that he had to build bigger barns (12:16-20). He alone tells the story of the rich man feasting sumptuously while Lazarus sat begging at his door (16:19-31). With Matthew and Mark, he tells the story of the rich young man (18:18-23), and Jesus' saying that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God. With this background, one would expect a fierce denunciation from Jesus to Zacchaeus, but instead it is an invitation to dinner! Not only that, Jesus invites himself to dinner!

In today's world, especially with the elections coming, it would have been a great situation for Jesus to launch into a rousing condemnation of exploitation and injustice. But, there is no condemnation. There is no public denunciation. There is only mercy, forgiveness, and love. This, no doubt, was a big scandal for his followers, "They began to grumble, saying "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner."

God is Almighty, not because of the miraculous power God possesses, but because of the power to forgive. The mercy of God doesn't flow according to our thought and our own rules but freely flows to all people. Instead of grumbling why a person deserves forgiveness, let us celebrate and rejoice for that person! That is why we are here each Sunday to celebrate and rejoice in the great love of God.

Fr. Ben

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24
 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33
 Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10
 Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17;
 Jn 2:13-22
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15
 Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17; 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 Daylight Saving Time ends
 Tuesday: Election Day
 Friday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
 Saturday: St. Leo the Great

MASSSES for the WEEK

Saturday, November 3

5:30 – William Tebo, R.I.P.

Sunday, November 4

7:30 – Our Parishioners

9:00 – Kirk Tuppan, R.I.P.

10:30 – Mary Jo Lyon Kenny, R.I.P.

12:00 – All Souls

5:30 – Harold & Yellie Chan, R.I.P.

Monday, November 5

8:00 – All Souls

5:30 – Gaetano & Joan Lanava, R.I.P.

Tuesday, November 6

8:00 – Dianne Kelley, R.I.P.

5:30 – All Souls

Wednesday, November 7

8:00 – All Souls

5:30 – Tom McGinnis, R.I.P.

Thursday, November 8

8:00 – All Souls

5:30 – Margaret Kelly, R.I.P.

Friday, November 9

8:00 – Janet Segel, R.I.P.

5:30 – All Souls

Saturday, November 10

8:00 – All Souls

5:30 – George B. Fitzhugh, R.I.P.



Bible Study

The focus of this week's study is
**St. Paul's Letter to the
Romans.**

We meet on Wednesdays at
9:00 a.m.

All are welcome; coffee is served.



The Baptism Preparation Class

will be held on
Wednesday, November 7th,
at 7:30 p.m. in the
Parish Center.

ENRICHMENT

A new Enrichment series continues on
Monday at 7:30 p.m.

This week's focus will be on
"Sacramentality"

All are welcome
Refreshments are served

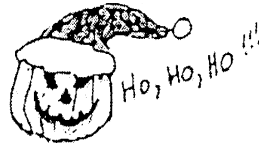
Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

All current and interested Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors are invited to attend a meeting on November 5th at 7 pm at St. Martin of Tours Church. We will provide training and updates on new procedures for these ministries.

Respect Life News

The Respect Life Committee is having a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, November 27th at 11:30. Please call Judy at (310) 476-9234 to receive details and RSVP.

The St. Martin of Tours Respect Life Committee is seeking volunteers to visit with the elderly retired Sisters living at Carondelet Center (adjacent to Mt. St. Mary's College). The Sisters are truly delightful and are appreciative of any amount of time spent with them. Anyone wishing to participate please call Judy Salz at (310)476-9234.



COMMITTEE FOR THE POOR

Please help the Committee for the Poor collect safe, **WRAPPED**, excess Halloween candy. The candy will be used as stocking stuffers for the needy at Christmas. Place the candy in the box at the side entrance of the Church. We help serve those less fortunate through fund raising, food and clothing drives .



All Souls Intentions

We will offer Mass each day in November for those who have gone before us. You can write their names in the provided Book of the Dead or use envelopes in the pews. Please return the envelopes to the rectory or drop them in the collection basket . **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!**



BLESSED SACRAMENT

November 6th, will be the first Tuesday of the month and there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. **Please come and spend some time with the Lord.**



St. Martin of Tours Thanksgiving Dinner – It's November and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Please join your SMT parish community at our annual "Faith-Sharing Thanksgiving Dinner", Sunday, November 18, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this delightful dinner. Reservations can be made at the hospitality table outside the church or in the rectory. Please call Janet Anderson at 573-0133 if you have any questions or would be interested in helping out.