

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
Bruce Goldes (661) 298-2890

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Happy Thanksgiving! Our prayer and blessing are with those of you who will travel during this holiday that you will have a safe journey and have a wonderful time with your family. I would like to invite those of you who remain here to join us for the Thanksgiving Mass at 9 am, and during mass we will bless the food items to be used for the meal on that day.

On Saturday, November 17th, our Archdiocese ordained 12 new deacons who will have their priesthood ordination on May 31st, 2008, and one of these 12 men is my cousin. This is the largest ordination class since my ordination in 1998 when we had 14. Because of the shortage of priests and vocation to religious life in general, I would ask all of us to pray together the prayer for vocation after the communion. We will begin on Sunday, November 25th, when we conclude our liturgical year with the Solemnity of Christ the King and begin the Advent season.

If you notice, every year during this time of the year, the scripture readings we hear in Church on Sundays are frightening and not "very appropriate" for this time of the year at all!!! This may sound strange to all of us in the 21st century, but the purpose of this apocalyptic literature is to give people hope in the face of persecution and suffering. This type of literature encourages people to be witnesses to the gospel in their daily life.

The word "martyr" in Greek means "witness." Tertullian, a second century lawyer, was converted to Christianity when he saw Christians singing (yes, singing) as they went out to die by the hands of their persecutors.

True martyrs live and die as witnesses of the gospel. The Christian martyrs witnessed to the truth, joy, and freedom of the gospel, by the shedding of their own blood and by their kindness and compassion to their enemies. They are not the same "witnesses" in today's world who sacrifice their lives but kill others in the process, out of hatred, revenge, and prejudice. This is not motivated by God's merciful love and forgiveness, truth and righteousness.

I believe we must reflect on this question, as Tertullian was attracted to become a disciple of Christ by the examples of early Christian martyrs, what would attract others to the truth and power of the gospel to become a disciple of Christ today?

Fr. Ben

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving Day—Suggested:
 Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40
 Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122; Col 1:12-20;

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wednesday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Thursday: St. Cecilia; Thanksgiving Day
 Friday: St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro
 Saturday: St. Andrew Dung-Lac and His



Saturday, November 17

5:30 All Souls **Fr. Donie**

Sunday, November

7:30 Our Parishioners **Fr. Donie**
 9:00 – Harold & Yellie Chan **Fr. Ed**
 10:30 – Jean & Michael **Fr. Ben**
 Rubbo, R.I.P.
 12:00 – All Souls **Fr. Donie**
 5:30 – Joseph Sulzycki, R.I.P. **Fr. Ben**

Monday, November 19

8:00 – All Souls
 5:30 – Eva Logan, R.I.P.

Tuesday, November 20

8:00 – Harold Helbock, R.I.P.
 5:30 – All Souls

Wednesday, November 21

8:00 – All Souls
 5:30 – Ellen Hoffman, R.I.P.

Thursday, November 22

9:00 – All Souls

Friday, November 23

8:00 – Jacques Civet, R.I.P.
 5:30 – All Souls

Saturday, November 24

8:00 – All Souls
 5:30 – Patricia Inayan, R.I.P.

ALOHA!

Imagine yourself sitting on the beach in Maui! You can win a trip for two to Hawaii for 8 days/7 nights at the Royal Lahaina Resort plus \$500 spending money. The Father Murray Scholarship Fund Raffle, generously donated by the William Hannon Foundation, provides assistance to St. Martin's students in need. Try your luck at \$5 per ticket or a book of 5 for \$20. Additional tickets will be available in the rectory. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Father's Club Christmas Dinner Dance on **December 7th**. WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN. Please take a moment to consider this very worthy cause and mail or drop your tickets off at the rectory.

ENRICHMENT

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

This week's focus will be on **"Morality and the Commandments"**

All are welcome
Refreshments are served

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.

BABYSITTING DURING MASSES

There is Babysitting during the **9:00** and **10:30 a.m.** Mass in Room 1 of the Parish Center.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

In his first encyclical letter, "God Is Love" (Deus Caritas Est), Pope Benedict XVI stated that "within the community of believers there can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life" (no. 20). In our own country, 37 million Americans struggle in poverty, many despite working full-time. Within our community of believers we do make a difference-when we support the work of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD is committed to helping people create permanent solutions to the problem of poverty in their community. You can help break the cycle of poverty. Visit pov-ertyusa.org to learn more.

Santa Claus will be in the parish center on Sunday, **December 2nd** after the 9:00 a.m. mass. Have the kids bring a **new unwrapped gift to mass** and have a picture taken with Santa Claus.

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.

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 .