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DAILY: 7:00 am & 8:15 am

SACRAMENTS:

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.

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The Reception of Holy Communion at Mass



The Church understands the Communion Procession, in fact every procession in liturgy, as a sign of the pilgrim Church, the body of those who believe in Christ, on their way to the Heavenly Jerusalem. All our lives we who believe in Christ are moving in time toward that moment when we will be taken by death from this world and enter into the joy of the Lord in the eternal Kingdom he has prepared for us.

The liturgical assembly of the baptized that comes together for the celebration of the Eucharist is a witness to, a manifestation of, the pilgrim Church. When we move in procession, particularly the procession to receive the body and blood of Christ in Communion, we are a sign, a symbol of that pilgrim Church 'on the way.' For some, however, the experience of the Communion Procession is far more prosaic, analogous perhaps to standing on line in the supermarket or at the motor vehicle bureau. A perception such as this is a dreadfully inaccurate and impoverished understanding of what is a significant religious action.

This action by Christ's body, the Church assembled for the Eucharist, is manifested and supported by the Communion Hymn, a hymn in praise of Christ sung by the united voices of those who believe in him and share his life. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* takes this hymn very seriously, mandating that it should begin at the Communion of the priest and extend until the last person has received Communion.

For some, however, the singing of this hymn is perceived as an intrusion on their own prayer, their private thanksgiving after Communion. In fact, however, this hymn is prayer, the corporate thanksgiving prayer of the members of Christ's Body, united with one another. Over and over again the prayers of the liturgy and the norms of the *General Instruction* emphasize this fundamental concept of the unity of the baptized, stressing that when we come together to participate in the Eucharistic celebration we come, not as individuals, but as united members of Christ's body. In each of the Eucharistic Prayers, though the petition is worded in slightly different ways, God is asked to send his Holy Spirit to make us one body, one spirit in Christ; the *General Instruction* admonishes the faithful that *they should become **one body**, whether by hearing the word of God, or joining in prayers and singing ...*

It is difficult for some of us to embrace this emphasis on Mass as the action of a community rather than an individual act of my own faith and piety, but it is important that we make every effort to do so. Baptism has joined us to Christ and to one another as the vine and its branches. The life of Christ, the Holy Spirit, animates each of us individually, and all of us corporately and guides us together in our efforts to become one in Christ.

Finally, the fact that the Communion Procession is a profoundly religious action tells us something about the way in which we should participate in this procession. We are the Body of Christ, moving forward to receive the Christ who makes us one with himself and with one another. Our procession should move with dignity; our bearing should be that of those who know they have been redeemed by Christ and are coming to receive their God!

The Conference of Bishops of the United States has determined that in this country Communion will be received standing and that a bow will be the act of reverence made by those receiving. These norms may require some adjustment on the part of those who have been used to other practices, however the significance of unity in posture and gesture as a symbol of our unity as members of the one body of Christ should be the governing factor in our own actions.

Those who receive Communion may receive either in the hand or on the tongue, and the decision should be that of the individual receiving, not of the person distributing Communion. If Communion is received in the hand, the hands should first of all be clean. If one is right handed the left hand should rest upon the right. The host will then be laid in the palm of the left hand and then taken by the right hand to the mouth. If one is left-handed this is reversed. It is not appropriate to reach out with the fingers and take the host from the person distributing.

The person distributing Communion says audibly to each person approaching, '*The Body of Christ*'. This formula should not be altered, as it is a proclamation which calls for a response of faith on the part of the one who receives. The communicant should audibly respond '*Amen*,' indicating by that response his or her belief that this small wafer of bread, the wine in this chalice are in reality the body and blood of Christ the Lord.

When one receives from the chalice, the same proclamation is made by the person distributing Communion and the Communicant again responds '*Amen*.' It should be noted that it is never permissible for a person to dip the

St. Martin of Tours School Fall Carnival



Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, November 15th** Support your Parish School and join us for a day of family fun. Our boutique has great items for the holidays .

COME, ENJOY, EAT AND MAKE MERRY!

Enrichment

A new study series on the Old Testament begins on Monday, October 20th At 7:30 pm.

RCIA

A new instruction class for those wishing to inquire about being Catholic continues on Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Please tell a friend. These meetings are also open to all Catholics and others as a refresher course in Catholic beliefs and practices.

Youth Ministry is looking for adult and young adult parish members who are interested in volunteering their time to be a part of the parish Core Team. This team works with the youth ministers in planning and running the programs for the youth.

Are you a Catholic Leader? Are you interested in discussing important issues facing our parishes and our region? **The Our Lady of Angels Pastoral Regional Council (OLAPRC)** is interested in hearing from you! The OLA Regional Council will be holding a special meeting to gather Catholic leaders (you!) from our region. The OLAPRC is an advisory council of Bishop Edward Clark and our goal is to work closely with parish Pastoral Councils, Finance Councils, staff and ministry leadership in addressing the needs of our parishes and region through the implementation of the Synod Initiatives. Come join us at Immaculate Heart of Mary School Auditorium, 1055 N. Alexandria Ave, 90029, on Oct 21 at 7-9pm. For more information or to submit your input online, please visit <http://lolacouncil.org>

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

There will be a Respect Life Luncheon meeting with a special guest speaker on **Thursday, October 23rd**. Please call Judy (310)476-9234 for details or to request an invitation.

The St. Martin of Tours Respect Life Committee is sponsoring their annual "SHOWER THE UNBORN DRIVE" during the month of October. NEW baby clothes (sizes 3 mo. to 1 yr.) are being collected. Please wrap and label your gifts ("boy" or "girl") and place them in the bassinet to the left of the altar in church.

Bible Study

What Scripture says about 'The Messiah' is the focus of our Bible study this week. Wednesday, at 9:00 a. m. All are welcome

Our Income for September 2008 was:

September 7th - 10,531
September 14th - 7, 993
September 21st - 9,181
September 28th - 10,765
Total: \$38,470
Credit card: \$ 8,449

St. Anne's Holiday Boutique

Saturday, October 26th
9:00 am - 4:00 9:00 - 2:00 pm
St. Paul The Apostle Parish - The room under the church 1536 Selby (corner of Selby & Ohio)



St. Martin of Tours School is now accepting applications for the 2009/2010 school year. Our Annual Open House is Wednesday, October 22, 2008 from 8:30am-10:30am.

Please join us for a Kindergarten Presentation and tour of our campus. For an application, please contact Michelle Berlin at 310-472-7419 ext. 236 or visit our website at www.smtschool.net.

Please pray for our sick relatives and friends

Harold Martinez, Alexandra Payne, Kaylee Cote, Forough Mesbahzadeh, Howard Kaufman, Joy Vinasirt, Jessie Snyder, Krissy Kobata, Mary Munjone, Carmen Vella, Juan J. Ortega, Kivi Irwin, Bill Schroder, Tracy Thomas, Ammini Williams.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 18

8:15 – Florentina & Andres Sanchez, Spec. Int. **Fr. Ben**
4:15 – Confessions **Fr. Ben**
5:30 – Phillip Chan, R.I.P. **Msgr. O’L.**

Sunday, October 19

7:30 – Our Parishioners **Fr. Donie**
9:00 – Ray Dodd, R.I.P. **Fr. Stephen**
10:30 – Michael Rubbo, R.I.P. **Fr. Ben**
12:00 – John Elpe, R.I.P. **Fr. Rich**
5:30 – Harold & Yellie Chan, R.I.P. **Fr. Ben**

Monday, October 20

7:00 – Merlin Michael Witte, R.I.P.
8:15 – Soosamma Varkey, Spec. Int.

Tuesday, October 21

7:00 – Jesus Mendoza, R.I.P.
8:15 – Ammini Williams, Spec. Int.

Wednesday, October 22

7:00 – Adelfia Leal, R.I.P.
8:15 – Lucy DeCilla, R.I.P.

Thursday, October 23

8:15 – Enrico De La Cruz, R.I.P.

Friday, October 24

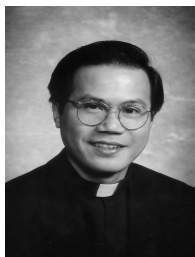
7:00 – Angie Torres, Spec. Int.
8:15 – Ador Catacutan, Spec. Int.

Saturday, October 25

8:15 – Florentina & Andres Sanchez, Spec. Int. **Fr. Ben**
4:15 – Confessions **Fr. Fr. Ben**
5:30 – Edward Kroll, R.I.P. **Fr. Stephen**
Karen Schmitz, R.I.P.

Sunday, October 26

7:30 – Our Parishioners **Fr. Ben**
9:00 – Merlin Michael Witte, R.I.P. **Fr. Donie**
10:30 – Marge Centorrino, R.I.P. **Fr. Rich**
Michael Angelone, R.I.P.
12:00 – Juan Ortega, R.I.P. **Msgr. O’L.**
5:30 – Mary O’Connell, R.I.P. **Fr. Ben**



"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." As the election is only three weeks away which includes many "hotly debated" issues, I think it is fitting for us to reflect on this topic with the Gospel this Sunday.

Caesar in this case symbolizes the civic community. Human nature requires us to live in communities - just look at how long it takes for a human baby to become capable of surviving on its own, much longer than any other mammal on the planet. These communities come together to form civil society, and they provide us with many benefits: protection from crime, public services, and opportunities for personal and family development.

In Democratic societies, where all the citizens participate directly in the political process, we have two responsibilities.

First, we have to make a decent effort to stay informed about the important political and cultural issues facing the community - this will enable us to vote intelligently and responsibly.

Second, this is not always as easy as it sounds, because not all issues are on the same level, even though much of the news media fails to realize this. It is precisely our Catholic faith, full of God's revelation, that enables us to distinguish between foundational and secondary issues. For example, treating unborn children like a disease, as abortion does, is a foundational injustice. What good are any of the other human rights if those innocent people never even make it out of the womb?

When we vote for political candidates and issues, we cannot pretend that those kinds of foundational issues are on the same level as other important but secondary issues like taxes, diplomacy, and alternative energy sources. These secondary issues are like the walls of a house: you can knock out a wall or rearrange a room without the house falling down, but if you mess with the foundation, you lose the whole structure. If foundational issues are at stake in an election, we must give them first priority. Foundational issues are things that belong to God, not to Caesar, and when Caesar tries to take them over, we who are God's children must defend them. There are many good voter guides available which can be downloaded from the internet that can be helpful for you. One good source for you is the Catholic Answers guide at www.caaction.com (then click on voter guides on the left column).