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Saturday - 9:00 am - 6:00 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: 7:00 am & 8:15 am

SACRAMENTS:

RECONCILIATION: 4:15 - 5:15 pm on Saturday, and by appointment. Please call the rectory office.
BAPTISM: 1:30 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.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the rectory office.

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA) Those over 18 years of age who would like to join our faith.

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DOES GOD NEED WORSHIP?

Why does God need or desire worship – specifically, adoration, as to one’s Lord – as opposed to humble acknowledgement and appreciation, as to a Creator?

The answer to your question must focus on us human beings, rather than on God’s “need.” God has no needs.

Every human being must have a center for his or her life. It is impossible to live without at some level choosing someone or something to give our life basic purpose, meaning, and security. God created each of us in such a way that we can find true fulfillment only if we build our lives around Him, and how else could it be? After all, God is the source of our existence, the Fountain of all life and goodness, truth and beauty. He deserves to be the center of our lives, and if He isn’t, our lives are necessarily off-center, disoriented. Nevertheless, God also gave each of us that terrifying thing called “free will.” And then He allowed our first parents, once they rebelled against Him, to pass along to us the resulting defect in themselves - the inheritance we call original sin. The defect expresses itself as the inherent tendency of each human being to try to have things his or her own way. Such a tendency works against our true nature.

Given our situation, God does not need our worship, but we need to worship God. We need continually to be drawn back home, so to speak. We need, with God’s help, repeatedly to turn away from false centers of our life and back to the true center, which is God.

True worship helps us to refocus on God. Worship is therefore essential to our eternal salvation. Only giving God an occasional appreciative nod will not do. We should also not that justice, as the philosophers tell us, is a matter of “giving to each one his or her due.” So justice requires that we give to God what He is due as the Creator and Lord of the universe, and the Creator and Lord of ourselves: adoration and obedience.

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!

RCIA

The instruction classes for non Catholics are also open to parishioners as a refresher course in Catholic Christian teaching. Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Enrichment

The study series of 'Genesis' with a focus on 'The Flood', 'Cain and Abel' and 'the Tower of Babel' continues on Mondays, at 7:30 pm.

Bible Study

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The first-degree ceremony for new members will take place Nov. 9, following the noon mass. The ceremony serves as the official induction into the Knights and is a vital step in the formation of a new council at St. Martin of Tours. Candidates are requested to attend the noon mass before the ceremony. Those interested in joining but who have not filled out the green membership form need to contact Tim Trepany as soon as possible at (310) 384-3699 or smtknights@gmail.com.

Our Income for October 2008 was:

October 5th - 10,697
 October 12th - 12,877
 October 19th - 8,992
 October 26th - 8,630
 Total: \$41,196
 Credit card: \$ 8,319

OUTREACH AND WELCOME

If you have a family member or friend who is an inactive Catholic -

- Listen to them and heed their experience.
- Be nonjudgmental, affirming and patient.
- Let them see your own faith working in your life.
- Share some of your own doubts and struggle with them.
- Love them unconditionally. (God does)

Information: catholicscomehome.org

Baptism Preparation

Baptism preparation class for parents and godparents will be on Wednesday, November 5th at 7:30 p.m.

St. Martin of Tours School News

St. Martin of Tours School is now accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year. For an application, please contact Michelle Berlin at (310)472-7419 ext. 236 or via email at mberlin@smtschool.net or visit our website at www.smtschool.net. Applications are due by December 1, 2008.

Marriage Encounter

Marriage Encounter Movement of California (MEMC) under the auspices of the Office of Family Life, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, invites married couples to a spiritually-filled and Christ Centered marriage Encounter Weekend at

Where: **The Holy Spirit Retreat Center**
 4316 Lanai Road, Encino, California
 When: November 7th - 9th, 2008

For more information, please contact Tony/Guing Ramos at (213) 627-7330.



Committee for the Poor Drive

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 and the collection of food and clothing.

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, Kivi Irwin, Bill Schroder, Tracy Thomas, Ammini Williams.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17 - 4:1; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 1

8:15 – Fr. Luke Mennella, R.I.P. **Fr. Ben**
4:15 – Confessions **Fr. Donie**
5:30 – Jeannette Root Goeke, R.I.P. **Fr. Stephen**

Sunday, November 2

7:30 – Gertrude McIntyre, R.I.P. **Fr. Donie**
9:00 – Merlin Michael Witte, R.I.P. **Fr. Ben**
10:30 – Josephine Davis, R.I.P. **Fr. Donie**
12:00 – William Tebo, R.I.P. **Fr. Ben**
5:30 – Henry & Domenica Tomei, R.I.P. **Fr. Rich**

Monday, November 3

7:00 – John Buckholdt, Spec. Int.
8:15 – Erwin Tuppan, R.I.P.

Tuesday, November 4

8:15 – Stella Boenkhe, R.I.P.

Wednesday, November 5

7:00 – Jimmy Miller, R.I.P.
8:15 – Gaetano & Joan Lanava, R.I.P.

Thursday, November 6

8:15 – Norma Walsh, R.I.P.

Friday, November 7

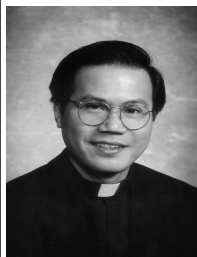
7:00 – Florentina & Andres Sanchez, Spec. Int.
8:15 – Karen Pio, Spec. Int.

Saturday, November 8

8:15 – Ann O’Roak, Spec. Int. **Fr. Ben**
4:15 – Confessions **Fr. Donie**
5:30 – Anne Kelly, R.I.P. **Fr. Donie**

Sunday, November 9

7:30 – Moira Connor, R.I.P. **Fr. Ben**
9:00 – Marcos De Assis, Spec. Int. **Fr. Ben**
10:30 – Rev. John T. Hiltz, R.I.P. **Fr. Donie**
12:00 – Diana Moltar, R.I.P. **Fr. Ben**
5:30 – Our Parishioners **Fr. Stephen**



I realize that there are many families and individuals who are attending Masses at our parish but have not registered as members of St. Martin of Tours parish and I would like to invite all of you to register. If you do not wish to receive weekly envelopes, you can indicate that option on the registration form which is available at the Information Table.

Masses during the month of November will be dedicated for All Souls. This is one special aspect of our Catholic beliefs which we profess every Sunday in the Nicene Creed, that is, the Communion of Saints. The communion of saints is the spiritual solidarity which binds together the faithful on earth, the souls in purgatory and the saints in heaven in the organic unity of the same mystical body under Christ its head. The participants in that solidarity are called saints by reason of their destination and of their partaking of the fruits of the Redemption. The living, even if they do not belong to the body of the Church, share in it according to the measure of their union with Christ and with the souls of the Church.

Next Sunday, 11/9, as a parish we will celebrate the **Feast of St. Martin of Tours**. We will serve brunch for you in the Parish Center from 10 am to 1:30 pm. However, I would like to ask you to help the Food Pantry at the Resurrection Church, our sister parish. Your donation will be greatly appreciated by our brothers and sisters in that parish. Also, if serving the poor is your passion, I would like to invite you to participate in the Committee for the Poor. During Masses on this weekend, the children from our school will perform a short play about St. Martin of Tours for us. I would like to thank our children and parents who have volunteered to participate in this feast.

We have reached the required number, 30, to officially form the Knights of Columbus Council here at St. Martin of Tours, and the first degree ceremony will be on November 9th after the 12:00 pm Mass. For those who have not turned in your registration form to join the Knights of Columbus please contact Tim Trepany at smtknights@gmail.com cell: (310) 384-3699. I am very excited about this new ministry because unlike other ministries which focuses on certain areas the agenda and direction of this group will be determined by members. I strongly recommend you to join us for this new K of C Council.

Fr. Ben