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Sunday - 8:00 am - 7:00 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, Rosary after 8:15 Mass**

**SACRAMENTS:**

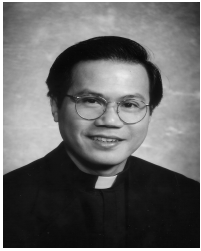
**RECONCILIATION:** 4:15 - 5:15 pm on Saturday, and by appointment. Please call the rectory office.

**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.

**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS SCHOOL [www.smtschool.net](http://www.smtschool.net)**  
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Family life can be difficult. Parents joyfully anticipate the arrival of a new child, although intellectually they know they will encounter some difficulties with this new addition. It can be a painful experience to actually live the reality of the family life.

Family life forces us to “encounter a new world” – in the other person. Every member of a family is a new world. It is painful to open up, to change and to reconcile. On the other hand, it can be a fascinating experience because we are encountering a “new world.”

Family, like Love, is a combination of joy and sorrow. They are inseparable!

One theologian said beautifully that community life is a great arena for each member to practice virtues. He went on to say that family life is the perfect arena for each of us to practice our virtues, especially reconciliation. Reconciliation requires us to form the habit of “making the first move.”

Making the first move means taking the initiative ourselves, not just waiting for others to do the right thing. In a family quarrel, for instance, it is likely that both parties share some of the blame. Don't wait for the other person to apologize first, even if you feel that they are more responsible than you for the conflict. Instead, you make the first move. If you notice that a sibling or other family member is having a bad day or a bad week, offer your support. Don't wait for them to come to you; make the first move.

It is not about who is right or who is wrong. In a family or in a relationship, what matters the most is *the relationship itself*. Do we want to be right and miserable or can we accept being wrong and happy?

In our relationship with God, guess who does all the wrongs in this relationship? We all know the answer. Now, who “makes the first move”? Yes, it is God. God does not care that He is right and we are wrong but about *making sure that our relationship with Him is present and growing*.

Family life is simultaneously a joy and a sorrow. Like God, our task is to make the first move so that our sorrow can turn into joy. Family life can lead to our deepest fulfillment.

Let's thank God for giving us our families. Let's pray for the joy we can achieve by making the first move.

Fr. Ben

LITURGICAL CORNER

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

When we hear the word "obligation" it usually has a negative sound to it and it sounds like an imposition to us. In reality, it is a special time for us to mark a "mystery of our faith." Prior to 1777, there were thirty-four Holy Days to be celebrated. However, in 1791, Pope Pius VI, reduced them down to ten days. In 1884, the Third Plenary Council met in Baltimore to approve the current US calendar which contained six holy days. In 1885, the calendar was approved by the Holy See. More recently, we have the following decree:

After their general annual meeting in 1991, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) of the United States issued the following decree on Dec. 13. In addition to Sunday, the days to be observed as holy days of obligation in the Latin-rite dioceses of the United States, in conformity with Canon 1246, are as follows:

- **Jan. 1**, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.
- **Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter**, the Solemnity of the Ascension. (The Feast of the Ascension in many Dioceses is moved to Sunday)
- **Aug. 15**, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (The Feast of the Assumption in many Dioceses is moved to Sunday)
- **Nov. 1**, the Solemnity of All Saints.
- **Dec. 8**, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.
- **Dec. 25**, the Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Whenever Jan. 1, Aug. 15 or Nov. 1 falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated. This decree of the NCCB was approved and confirmed by the Holy See and became effective Jan. 1, 1993.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Adult confirmation class is for anyone who is aged 18 or older and has received Baptism and First Communion but has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The class will be held on Saturdays, from **10:30 am to 12:00 pm**, in Room 1 of the Parish Center for a total of 8 weeks. The first class will be on **Saturday, Jan 30th**. To register please contact:

Fr. Ben at the Rectory 310-476-7403 or at [frben@saintmartinoftours.com](mailto:frben@saintmartinoftours.com).

**AND NOW...A MESSAGE BROUGHT TO YOU BY OUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:**

As grateful stewards of our time we are called upon to spend some of it worshipping God. Likewise we are also being good stewards when we spend quality time with our families.

Please take a few moments to prayerfully consider your offertory gift to God in thanksgiving for the many blessings you have received.



*tis the season to give generously*

*May the joys and blessing of this Holy Christmas Season be abundant for you, your family and loved ones.*

*The people of St. Martin of Tours have always been thoughtful in their giving to the parish and to the many causes that the parish supports.*

*During this Holy Christmas Season St. Martin of Tours truly needs your generosity to help deal with the current budget deficit of the parish.*

*Please give generously to St. Martin of Tours this Holy Christmas Season.*

WE WANT YOUR E-MAIL  
ADDRESSES! PLEASE SEND THEM TO:  
[ADMIN@SAINTMARTINOFTOURS.COM](mailto:ADMIN@SAINTMARTINOFTOURS.COM)  
THANK YOU!

**"The Church in the Modern World"**

A new enrichment series on "The Church in the Modern World" will begin after Christmas. This is the key document of the Second Vatican Council. These talks and discussions complement our "Engaged Church" process as laying the updated theological and social foundations for the church as it strives to teach as Jesus did. All are welcome, especially those in parish leadership position in all ministries. The series continues for four weeks on Mondays at 7:30 pm.

**Fr. Donie**



**Looking to become a Catholic?**

Due to the Christmas Holiday, there will not be RCIA class this week, December 29.

Thank you and have a Merry Christmas!

For information on this class, please call Fr. Donie at (310) 472-4994 or email him at doniekay@aol.com

**GROWING AN ENGAGED CHURCH**

Do you know what St. Martin of Tours expects from you, the parish member, as a part of our community?

According to our survey, you are not alone in wondering what SMT church membership means. The Engaged Church Program seeks 5 volunteers to help draft and implement a short document of parish member expectations. This isn't a mission statement building exercise! If you like to think strategically, to talk to people about their opinions, to think about "the big picture" of what church membership means or to communicate for maximum impact: this is exactly the kind of short project you will enjoy. We are looking for volunteer applications for this very important project team who are willing to read "Growing an Engaged Church" prior to the first meeting, are available for roughly 3-4 meetings over a 6 week period starting on 5 December and have a real enthusiasm for both thinking big and creative communication! Please email:

**Schirripa@Prodigy.net**

**Please pray for our sick relatives and friends**  
George Martinez, Lawrence Drake, Ann Slover,  
William Slover, Ricardo Quinones

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, December 26**

8:15: Fr. Ben  
4:15 Confession Fr. Ben  
5:30: Edward Knoll & Karyn Schmitz, RIP Fr. Donie

**Sunday, December 27**

7:30: Our Parishioners Mgsr. O'L  
9:00: Gregory Chun, RIP Fr. Ben  
10:30: Helene Schmidtpott, Special Intentions Fr. Donie  
12:00: Diana Moltar, RIP Fr. Ben  
5:30 Fr. Rich

**Monday, December 28**

7:00: Jeanne Morgen, RIP  
8:15: Kirk Tuppan, RIP

**Tuesday, December 29**

7:00:  
8:15: Stasia Thomas, RIP

**Wednesday, December 30**

7:00:  
8:15: Francisco Faria, RIP

**Thursday, December 31**

7:00: Rev. Tom King, S.J, RIP  
8:15:  
5:30: Eleanor & Carlos Bermeo, RIP

**Friday, January 1**

7:00 John Hiney, RIP  
8:15: John Hiney, RIP

**Saturday, January 2**

8:15: Fr. Donie  
4:15: Confession Fr. Donie  
5:30: Fr. Rich

**Sunday, December 27**

7:30: Our Parishioners Fr. Donie  
9:00: Fr. Ben  
10:30: Fr. Donie  
12:00: Olayinka & Ebin Oniya, RIP Mgsr. O'L  
5:30: Fr. Ben

**No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Due to the New Year's Celebration, there will be **NO** adoration this Friday, January 1, 2010.

**Bible Study News**

Due to the holiday season, we will not have a Bible Study class on Wednesday, December 30.

Merry Christmas!

# Ministry News



[www.smtkofc.org](http://www.smtkofc.org)

## NEW MEMBERS

The council at St. Martin of Tours has added five members. Skip Jensen, Paul Ludwig, Dan Muzzy and Kent Stefes joined when they took their first degree at the Dec. 15 Knights Before Christmas ceremony, and Paul Grzymkowski has joined us from another council. Congratulations, brothers, and welcome aboard.

## UPCOMING DEGREE CEREMONIES

### Second Degree

Jan. 19 ~ Fr. Emil Kapaun Hall, 8049 W. Manchester Ave., Playa del Rey. Parking and entrance at rear of the building.

Sign-in at 7:15 p.m. Degree at 8 p.m.

Jan. 24 ~ Msgr. John J. Hurley Hall, 21433 Strathern St., Canoga Park. Sign-in at 10 a.m. Degree at 10:30 a.m.

### Third degree

Jan. 24 ~ Msgr. John J. Hurley Hall, 21433 Strathern St., Canoga Park. Sign-in at 1 p.m. Degree at 2 p.m. Dinner follows.

To participate, contact Tim at (310) 384-3699 or [smtknights@gmail.com](mailto:smtknights@gmail.com)

## SMT YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS:

*Our very first high school ministry night for the year will be Friday, January 8, 2010. All high school aged students are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please email us at: [smtyouth@saintmartinoftours.com](mailto:smtyouth@saintmartinoftours.com)*

## SMT YAM (YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY) NEEDS YOU!

We are currently looking for adults in their 20's and 30's to be part of our core member team. If this sounds like something you are interested in, please contact us via e-mail at [yadult@saintmartinoftours.com](mailto:yadult@saintmartinoftours.com) or 310-476-4703 ext. 225.

## SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS SUNDAY SCHOOL!!!!

Due to the holidays we will not be holding Sunday School on Sunday December 27th or Sunday January 3rd, We will be back again on January 10th. See you then!



For more information contact Jennifer Jenkins at: [jjjen555@aol.com](mailto:jjjen555@aol.com)

## Committee for the Poor

### A Time for Thanks

We cannot begin to thank the SMT parish for your outstanding generosity these past few months by donating food, clothes and toys. Thank you also for your monetary donations toward the bags for the homeless, as we collected over \$20,000. We had a great turnout this past weekend as the bags were filled in record time in the parish center. We would personally like to thank Dick Held, Joe Schirripa and Robert Baker for spearheading this great annual event. Also, a deep gratitude to Katie Woods for being in charge of the toy drive which has also been a huge success. The other members of the Committee are also a great blessing and their participation, ideas, creativity and time are very appreciated.

Many thanks to a generous parishioner who is purchasing a commercial freezer for Sister Rose at the Resurrection.

Thanks to Tracy (don't know the last name) and her husband who saw the film on Sister Rose, went and visited her food line and are now donating 900 hams for Sister Rose's Christmas gift basket distribution on the 22nd.

The next meeting for the Committee for the Poor will be held on Tuesday, January 5 in Room 2, upstairs in the Parish Center. We invite you to attend and see how you can become involved in this very satisfying and viable ministry. We are trying to put on a Bingo Night to help raise funds for Sister Rose on February 5 and could really use your help. It should be fun.

Again, we thank you all so much for putting your faith into action. You have helped change many people's lives with your charity. We wish you strength, hope and health in the New Year.

## Virtus Training Session for all Volunteers

St. Martin of Tours will be conducting a Virtus "Protecting God's Children" adult training session on **Friday, January 22, 2010 from 9:00am-12:00pm in the Parish Center.**

Concurrent with any activities in a parish or school, all parish and school volunteers who work in any capacity with or around children are required to participate in the Virtus program. This includes parent helpers in the library, hot lunch, field trips etc. and parish volunteers as lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers etc. The goal is to have all adults learn how to help stop child abuse before it happens. If you were previously certified, it is time to renew! The certification is only valid for four (4) years therefore most all volunteers should be re-certified at this time. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Berlin via email at [mberlin@smtschoo.net](mailto:mberlin@smtschoo.net).

## Respect Life News

The St. Martin of Tours Respect Life Committee is sponsoring a **BATH AND SPA DRIVE** during the month of January benefitting the elderly, retired sisters at Carondelet Center (adjacent to Mt. St. Mary's). Please place the following items in the donation container to the left of the altar in church: toothpaste, toothbrushes (soft), shampoo, hand lotion, body washes, body lotion, and Dove soap bars. The sisters are very appreciative of our donations. Please be generous

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 part of our parish, truly delightful and appreciate any amount of time spent with them. You will receive much more than you give!

Anyone wishing to participate please call Alma Guterrez at (562)822-8271.

## Confirmation Corner

Our next Confirmation class will be:  
**January 10th, 2010 (Year 2 class with sponsors).**



## **SMT YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS:**

*The Edge!!!*

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to join us for pizza and game night on Friday, January 15 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Center

## **SAVE THE DATE!**



## **SMT Monthly Financial Report for:**

### **October 2009**

Income \$83,359.06  
Expenses \$78,015.70  
Net \$5,343.36

### **November 2009**

Income \$62,792.50  
Expenses \$77,242.53  
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## *St Martin of Tours Directory*

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