

**St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church**  
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**AWESOME POWER**

*Divine Mercy*

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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.

**“A Walk Through the Mass: A Step-by-Step Explanation”**

**Part one: Gathering rites**

Coming together, assembling, is at the heart of our Sunday worship. The reason behind each of the ritual actions of the first part of the Mass can be found in this word: gathering. The purpose of these rites is to bring us together into one body, ready to listen and to break bread together.

**Greeters.** In many churches today there will be someone at the door to greet you as you arrive for Sunday Mass: We all like to be greeted and welcomed when we gather for a celebration. If the greeters (and we all should serve this function for one another) recognize that you are new to the parish, they will give you a special hello and be sure that you have the service books (or missalette or hymnal) and participation aids necessary to pray well with the assembly.

**Use of water.** One of the first things Catholics do when they come to church is dip their right hand in water and make the sign of the cross. This ritual is a reminder of our Baptism: We were baptized with water and signed with the cross. At every Mass we renew our promises to die to sin. It is Baptism that brings us to Church.

**Genuflection.** In medieval Europe, it was a custom to go down on one knee (to genuflect) before a king or person of rank. This secular mark of honor gradually entered the Church and people began to genuflect to honor the altar and the presence of Christ in the tabernacle before entering the pew. Today many people express their reverence with an even older custom and bow to the altar before taking their place.

**Posture, song:** When the Mass begins everyone stands up. Standing is the traditional posture of the Christian at prayer: It expresses our attentiveness to the word of God and our readiness to carry it out. Often we begin by singing together. What better way to gather than to unite our thoughts and our voices in common word, rhythm and melody.

**Greeting.** The priest will ask us to begin with the sign of the cross, again reminding us of Baptism, and will greet us, saying, “The Lord be with you.” You will hear this greeting frequently. It means many things. Like “good day” it can mean both “hello” and “good-bye.” It is both a wish (may the Lord be with you) and a profound statement of faith (as you assemble for worship, the Lord is with you). It is an ancient biblical greeting: Boaz returned from Bethlehem (we read in the Book of Ruth 2:4) and said to the reapers, “The Lord be with you!” The ritual response to this greeting is always the formula, “And also with you,” by which we return the hello, the good wishes, the statement of faith.

**Penitential Rite, Gloria.** All the other ritual acts of this first part of the Mass are intended to gather us together into a worshipping assembly. Sometimes we are asked to pause and recall our common need for salvation (the Penitential Rite). Sometimes the hymn “Glory to God in the Highest” is sung or recited at this point. The “Gloria” has been a part of the Mass since about the sixth century! These longer hymns and responses are found in the service book (or the missalette) at our seat.

**Opening Prayer.** At the close of this first part of the Mass the priest will ask us to join our minds in prayer, and after a few moments of silence he will collect our intentions into one prayer to which we all respond “Amen,” a Hebrew word for “So be it.”

*To Be Continued...*

**Please pray for our sick relatives and friends**  
Abina Haas, Anne Squier, Richard Bejune, and  
Mary Ellen Eichler

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, April 18**

8:15 – Meredith Amendolare, R.I.P.  
4:15 – Confessions  
5:30 – Margaret Becker, R.I.P.

**Fr. Ben**  
**Fr. Donie**  
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**Sunday, April 19**

7:30 – Magda & Darek Grabski  
9:00 – William W. & Gertrude J. Smith, R.I.P.  
10:30 – Mary Jo Lyon Kenny, R.I.P.  
12:00 – Camille Abat  
5:30 – Gordon Radloff, R.I.P.

**Fr. Donie**  
**Fr. Stephen**  
**Fr. Ben**  
**Msgr. O’L.**  
**Fr. Ben**

**Monday, April 20**

7:00 – John William Buckholdt, R.I.P.  
8:15 – Evaristo & Celerina Ricalde, R.I.P.

**Tuesday, April 21**

7:00 – John Michael Cremin, R.I.P.  
8:15 – Mary Hoblock, R.I.P.

**Wednesday, April 22**

7:00 – Barbara Jean Vallas, R.I.P.  
8:15 – Rev. Patrick Michael Hughes, R.I.P.

**Thursday, April 23**

7:00 – Joseph L. Boyle, R.I.P.  
8:15 – Deacon Charles D. Hays, R.I.P.

**Friday, April 24**

7:00 – Jo Ann J. Moore, R.I.P.  
8:15 – May Hannon, R.I.P.

**Saturday, April 25**

8:15 – Rev. John D. Mc Anulty, R.I.P.  
4:15 – Confessions  
5:30 – Betty Wilkins, R.I.P.

**Fr. Donie**  
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**Fr. Stephen**

**Sunday, April 26**

7:30 – Our Parishioners  
9:00 – May Hannon, R.I.P.  
10:30 – Edward Kroll & Karen Schmitz, R.I.P.  
12:00 – Sonia Gudelman  
5:30 – Marciana Aguilar, R.I.P.

**Fr. Donie**  
**Fr. Stephen**  
**Msgr. O’L.**  
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**Fr. Ben**

**ADULT EDUCATION —This Week**

**Bible Study:** The focus of our Bible Study this week is “Service To Others”. Wednesdays at 9:00 am.

**Adult Confirmation:** Class continues this Saturday at 10:00 am in the Parish Center.

# A family that prays together stays together

## ***Falling in Love with God***

*Nothing is more practical  
than finding God,  
that is, falling in love  
in a quite absolute, final way.  
What you are in love with,  
what seizes your imagination,  
will affect everything.  
It will decide what will get you  
out of bed in the morning,  
What you will do with your evenings,  
how you will spend your weekends,  
what you read, who you know,  
what breaks your heart,  
and what amazes you  
with joy and gratitude.  
Fall in love, stay in love,  
and it will decide everything.*

*Pedro Arrupe, S.J.*

## **Marriage Encounter**

A Marriage Encounter is like the Easter season because it's a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth, and new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer fuller life together! The next weekend is scheduled for May 1-3, 2009. For more information, call Jacob & Sarah Flores at (562) 923-7335 or go online at [www.ilovemyspouse.org](http://www.ilovemyspouse.org).

## **The Catholic Legislative Network**

Where do we find the tools to transform our Catholic principles into political action? The Catholic Legislative Network not only offers information on local and national social justice issues, it is an electronic grass-roots advocacy system that warns of impending encroachments on the most vulnerable among us and enables each of us to unite and give voice to our beliefs through direct contact with our government representations. Sponsored by the California Catholic Conference, the service provides weekly email updates.

To become a member please visit:  
[www.cacatholic.org](http://www.cacatholic.org)

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Our Lady of the Angels Region**

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Honoring

Catherine Hicks, Actress and Philanthropist  
*Humanitarian Award*

And

Fr. Michael D. Gutierrez, Pastor  
of St. Anne's Church and Shrine, Santa Monica, CA  
*Spirit of Giving Award*

Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the Radisson Hotel in Culver City. Commencing at 6:00 p.m.

For More Information, contact: Susan Perez (310) 392-8701 or [sperez@ccharities.org](mailto:sperez@ccharities.org)

## **TOGETHER IN MISSION**

The parishioners of Saint Martin of Tours have already raised 64% of our targeted amount in the 2009 Together In Mission drive to help the less privileged parishes in Los Angeles. If you have not already done so, please take one of the specially marked envelopes in the pew and help Saint Martin of Tours to be one of the first parishes to reach the amount we need to raise this year.

## **Financial Update**

In order to meet our financial obligations, the parish needs a weekly average of \$17,000 in Offertory contributions.  
As of March '09

|                        |                 |                  |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>Actual Income</b>   | <b>per week</b> | <b>\$12,556</b>  |
| <b>Actual Expenses</b> |                 | <b>\$17,000</b>  |
| <b>Over (Short)</b>    |                 | <b>(\$4,444)</b> |

## **Online Donations with**

**PayPal**

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I would like to thank Marci Daly and Michelle Steffes for organizing our first Easter Eggs Hunt last Sunday. It was great to see many children and parents at Easter Sunday Family Mass and participating in this fun event. I also want to thank all musicians, singers, liturgical ministers, and Knights of Columbus for their service to our community during the Holy Week and Easter Sunday. And, Thank You for being hospitable to our visitors last Sunday.

This weekend is the Divine Mercy Sunday. I remember the touching story of the Amish people on October 2, 2006 in Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania. On that day, a gunman killed 5 young girls and then himself as police stormed the school. Yet, within hours of the unthinkable tragedy the Amish people had put aside rage to forgive the killer and his family.

We should make a distinction between hurt and hate. When one is hurt, it can lead to hate, and hate would lead to retaliation or revenge. We hear people say they want “closure” and I wonder if this “closure” is only to satisfy the “hate” in them. The satisfaction of hate is to see others being hurt also, “If they hurt me, then they should feel what I feel.” The sad part about this sequence is that the hurt remains, and with “hate” the hurt is perpetuated in the lives of others.

On the other hand, forgiveness does not lessen the hurt one has. The beauty of forgiveness is that the hurt does not spread to others. But, this is the “disadvantage” one would feel – why do they hurt others and they don’t suffer/feel anything? I believe this is why “to err is to be human and to forgive, divine” since this is how God would act.

Despite the feeling of unfairness, forgiveness brings healing to the world. To forgive, we first need the grace of God, the love for God, the love for people, and finally the courage to make this decision. Just as love is a decision – to decide to love a person despite his/her weaknesses, forgiveness is also a decision. God gives us the grace, but we ourselves have to make this decision.

It is easy for us to allow Jesus to be our Savior, but it is difficult to allow Jesus to be our Lord. We want Jesus to rescue us from crisis and from our sinfulness, but we have difficulty in following him after being rescued by him. The path of Jesus is no doubt difficult to travel, but let us try, and try, and try again to mirror his Divine Mercy to all we meet.

Fr. Ben