

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church
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Friday - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday - 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
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.

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You have received my Stewardship letters and the 3-part Intent Card in the past few weeks. I chose the Intent Card because it ensures the key principle of Stewardship: Our giving is our response to God's generous gifts to us. This response cannot be forced or coerced or pressured because it flows from our own gratitude.

Secondly, this consistent giving will greatly help us in developing a functioning budget for our parish. Currently, it is not possible because our income fluctuates drastically from week to week.

Richard Riordan, the former Mayor of Los Angeles, has generously offered St. Martin of Tours a matching funds donation of up to \$200,000 for the year 2010. Thus, your contribution for this year will bring us additional income. Please fill out the Intent Card and return to us. Regardless of your intention, I would like to have a response from all of you.

Thank you for your support of the Together in Mission campaign. So far, we have received \$24,906 in pledges toward our goal of \$78,180.62.

Thanks also for warmly welcoming Msgr. Jarlath Cunnane and Vince O'Donoghue of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. The parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle are so appreciative of our Christmas Toy drive each year. While talking with Msgr. Cunnane, the Pastor of St. Thomas, I pledged \$500/month for their food pantry when I discovered they will run out of funds by this coming May. I also asked Mary Walker, our SMT Chair for the Committee for the Poor, to start looking into options to help support St. Thomas the Apostle parish.

I am very excited about our two newly formed groups, the Columbiettes for women and the Young Adults. The Columbiettes will have their first meeting next Tuesday March 9th in the Parish Center at 7:00 PM. They have already received over 50 responses. I really appreciate Maria Rojas for spearheading this effort.

Ana & Larry Rosales, our Young Adults Group leaders, are not far behind! Within a short time, they have managed to fill my "Inbox" with their emails everyday and have scheduled many different activities for their group in the coming days.

I am truly grateful for both new groups enthusiasm, creativity, and their willingness to serve. Combined with the Engaged Church Teams' activities, we are running out of room for meetings! This is a really good problem to have!

Fr. Ben



Lenten Schedule

Friday's During Lent

Adoration 5:00 pm

Stations of the Cross: 6:00 pm

Dinner offered by the Knights of Columbus 6:30 pm

Parish Lenten Service: Reconcile, Renew & Rejoice
Monday, March 15

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the church
Reception to follow in the Parish Center

Helpful Communion Tips

- Anyone requiring communion assistance, please sit in the front 2 rows near the entrance and notify an Usher. Communion will be brought to you.
- Our Communion line begins from the outer pews and ends with the first front pew in the center section.
- As the Eucharist is consumed by the Priest, please begin the communion procession quickly and quietly, and form 2 lines down the middle aisle ending at the front pew.
- During communion, please join us in singing.
- In reverence to our Lord's sacrifice, please bow slightly before receiving the body and blood of Christ.
- We celebrate as one body in Christ. If you are able, please remain standing after communion until the last person has received the Eucharist. There is time for quiet private prayer afterward.
- If for some reason you cannot receive the Eucharist, please join in the procession and receive a special blessing indicated by placing your hand over your heart.

And lastly, Mass is not complete without the Final Blessing! We invite you to remain for this blessing, the recessional song and fellowship after mass. Thank you for your cooperation and celebrating with us!

- A message from your SMT Usher & Gifts Ministry

What is the Purpose of Confession?

That reconciling of oneself to God is the purpose of Confession. When we sin, we deprive ourselves of God's grace. And by doing so, we make it even easier to sin some more. The only way out of this downward cycle is to acknowledge our sins, to repent of them, and to ask God's forgiveness. Then, in the Sacrament of Confession, grace can be restored to our souls, and we can once again resist sin.

Monday, March 15, 7-9 p.m.

Lenten Service: Reconcile, Renew & Rejoice

- Come and strengthen your relationship with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Afterwards, join fellow parishioners in celebrating this renewal with a wine, cheese and dessert gathering in the Parish Center
- "What is Confession" and a pocket guide to the steps of Confession are available in the pews and in the back of the Church

A complimentary shuttle service is available for parishioners unable to drive or who do not wish to drive at night. Please contact Michelle Fanara at the Rectory 310-476-7403 ext #225 or email: michelle@saintmartinoftours.com

The Triduum

Lent comes to an end before the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. That liturgy begins the Triduum, the great Three Days that celebrate the central mystery of our faith. Triduum rituals invite us all to baptismal renewal, par excellence. Here are some examples:

Washing of Feet: After the homily on Holy Thursday, we imitate our master in the washing of feet. This ritual reminds us that our baptismal commitment means we are to be servants of one another. In the time of St. Ambrose in Milan, those who were baptized also had their feet washed, because of Jesus' words to Peter: "Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed" (Jn 13:10). Many scholars have seen a baptismal reference in those words.

Veneration of the Cross: As part of our observance of Good Friday, we venerate the cross on which Christ died. The veneration challenges us to be willing to accept the cross, too, for it is the only way to resurrection. Through Baptism, we shared in Christ's death that we might come to new life. Every year we are called to deepen our identification with his cross and resurrection.

Waters of Baptism: The core of our celebration of the Easter Vigil is the Baptism of the elect. As we share in their joy on this holy night, we are all called to renew our own baptismal promises, to live in the joy of life in the Risen One. Lent comes to its fulfillment around the waters of the font.



LITURGICAL CORNER



Participation at Mass: Full, conscious, active

Active participation. "Active" is the third quality of the baptized person's participation. Please do not see "active" as the opposite of "contemplative." Some of our activity at liturgy is contemplation. Part of the genius of the Roman rite is that it presumes a beauty on which our spirits can feast. If we have too often seen "active" as "busy," consider the liturgy and see the wealth of silence, as well as the powerful reading of Scripture, and preaching and singing of psalms to engage our contemplation.

Active participation also calls us to attend to others, to a kind of presence. This is crucial to what Catholic liturgy is all about. Such attention to others has at least two manifestations.

First, we are here not to make our own prayer while each other person in the church at the same time makes his or her own prayer. We are baptized people standing with other baptized people. Our thanksgiving is in the Church's thanksgiving. Our attention to God's word is in the assembly's attention. Our intercession is in the Church's intercession. The mystery of our transfiguration in Christ is in the whole body of baptized people transfigured (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1136-1141).

To create solidarity, be attentive to where you take your place and set a good example. Go as close as possible to the eucharistic table. Go to the middle of the pew and sit next to somebody and make room for others next to you. The Body of Christ has to be visible, audible, tangible. .

Second, "active" participation means the awareness that at liturgy we never close out the larger world. The liturgy shows us gospel living and how to be in the world. Catholic morality, how we deal in justice and charity day by day with great and small matters, is to be encountered and uncovered from our active participation in the liturgy.

Taken from Catholic Update, "Participating Fully at Sunday Mass," by Cardinal Roger Mahony:

Arts & Environment

Celebrate the Easter Season with Gifts from your Garden!

Come, Connect, and Celebrate Easter by sharing the gifts from your garden for our Easter Floral Arrangements. The Arts & Environment Committee asks that if you have Calla Lilies, White Roses, White Lilies, etc in your garden, or have access to fresh cut flowers, please consider sharing them with our St. Martin's Community. We will be collecting fresh cut flowers beginning Holy Thursday morning, and every subsequent Thursday through the Easter Season to use for our Easter Floral Displays, which will be masterfully created by our own parishioner, Maria Karavasilis! If you plan to bring flowers, please contact Margaret Johnson in advance at 310-472-0372 or mcjohnson244@gmail.com and indicate the type of flowers you will bring, receive drop instructions, etc. Be a part of our Easter Display!!!



Jewish Catholic Dialogue Group



Open Doors, Open Minds: Synagogues and Churches Studying Together

First Session: Sunday March 14, 2010, 1:00 p.m.

University Synagogue

Many of you have participated in the joint programs St. Martin of Tours Church has sponsored over the past two years with University Synagogue. I am pleased to announce that we are moving to the next level, whereby our group will focus on relevant topics and a meaningful exchange of ideas to help foster mutual understanding and appreciation between Jews and Christians.

The Jewish Catholic Dialogue Group is sponsoring a program that has been used successfully around the country to inspire interreligious dialogue: *Open Doors, Open Minds: Synagogues and Churches Studying Together.*

We will meet for seven sessions, possibly one session per month. Each session will start with a short film centered on a relevant topic, triggering questions and meaningful dialogue. Each session builds on material covered in the previous sessions. The meetings will last approximately one and one-half hours.

Please RSVP to Bette Harris at:

Email: bnapharris@aol.com. Telephone: 310-447-5788

**OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS ASSEMBLY,
#2874, INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR FIFTH
ANNUAL WINE TASTING AND DINNER
EXTRAVAGANZA! JOIN THE FUN!!**

Date: Saturday, March 13, 2010

Time: 6:00 p.m. social, 7:00 p.m. wine tasting followed by dinner, 9:00 p.m. close of silent auction

Location: Deacon Compean Hall, 2475 Lincoln Blvd. Venice, CA 90291 (Corner of Lincoln and Garfield)

Entrees: Provided by Copenhagen Catering (Beef & Chicken)

Auction: Silent auction and door prizes

Donation: \$30.00 (includes wine tasting and meal)

Proceeds: Profits go toward buying an Ultra-Sound System for the Los Angeles Pregnancy Service Center downtown.

Questions: Call Norman at 310 390-4310 or Jim at 310 454-1746.

You do not have to be a Knight of Columbus or a fourth degree to attend. You must be at least 21 to attend.



Thank you to all who attended the 55th Annual Leprechaun Ball last night. We hope that you enjoyed yourselves.

Congratulations to the winners of the various Raffles.

We are very grateful to all who supported the Ball.

See you next year!

Jennie Weetman and Anna King-Templeton.



Calling all Children!

Come Join the 9am Choir on every third Sunday.

If you are in 3rd - 8th grade, join our Young and Dynamic Choir. Practice will be in the Church Tuesday March 9th and 16th from 3:30 pm to 4:20 pm. Mass will be on March 21st.

For more information email:
steveamartinez@hotmail.com

Or call:

Or 310-476-7403 ext 248



**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
LENTEN DINNERS**

Your parish Knights of Columbus invite you to join us as our church comes together during Lent.

Friday, March 12th's menu is:

*A Taste of New Orleans
Shrimp Creole
Corn Pudding
Southern Style Green Beans*

\$8 for adults

\$5 for kids 12 and younger.

The dinners will begin about 6:30 p.m.

MINISTRY INFORMATION

Committee for the Poor

Please come join the Committee for the Poor and the Knights of Columbus in celebrating the feast day of St. Joseph with our first *St. Joseph's Table* on **March 19th** in the Parish Center, following the Stations of the Cross. All proceeds from our celebration will benefit our local vets.

Anyone who would like to make or donate Italian baked goods for the evening, should please drop them off at the Parish Center on March 19th.

History of the Feast Day

During the Middle Ages, there was an exceptionally severe drought in Sicily. No rain fell for an extended period of time, no crops would grow, and countless people died of famine. The peasants prayed to St. Joseph, the patron saint of Sicily and promised him that if the rains came they would prepare a big feast in his honor. By miracle, the rains came and the crops were planted. With the harvest, the people prepared a feast of foods from their crops. Through the centuries, people who have prayed for a favor and been granted the favor use this festivity to show their thanks. The "favor" requested must not be for personal gain or benefit. Any monies generated from the festivity are to be given to the poor.

Columbiettes



We are very pleased to announce the first meeting of the Columbiettes on Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00pm in the parish center. This will be an organizational/informational meeting. Please join us for an open discussion on the goals and vision of the group. I'm excited to see everyone there. If you have any questions please contact me at:
Esabella@ca.rr.com or (310)390-2465.

Regards,
Maria Rojas



Sports Wars is back on!

Join us all 6th -8th graders and high school aged teens are invited to attend. Every Friday during the Lenten Suppers!



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LENTEN SUPPER

Parishioner Elizabeth Condelli prepared a delicious meal of pasta fagioli on Friday. Next Friday, Peter and Aileen Ashley are whipping up a taste of New Orleans, featuring shrimp creole. Please join us for fellowship and good food in the Parish Center after the Stations of the Cross.

MARCH MEETING DATES

March 11

Officers meeting, Room 1, 7:30 p.m.

March 25

Business meeting, Parish Center,
7 p.m. refreshments, 7:30 p.m. meeting.

CLASS INFORMATION

ENRICHMENT SERIES

The topic of our enrichment series this week is "The Faces of Christ" as depicted by artists throughout the centuries. Please join us Monday's at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

Bible Study News

The Focus of our Bible Study this week will be on "The Book of Wisdom," ch. 7 & 8.
Wednesdays at 9:00am
All Are Welcome!



Looking to become a Catholic?

A new class continues for those wanting to learn about the Catholic faith. Classes will continue on Tuesdays at 7:30pm. Please inform relatives and friends. For more information, please call :
Fr. Donie at (310) 472-4994 or email:
doniekay@aol.com

High School Confirmation Corner

Just as a reminder, there will be no class for Year 1 due to the March 13 retreat. Please pray for our year 1 students, as we continue to pray for all of you.

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YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT MASS COORDINATOR

Teens & Young Adults

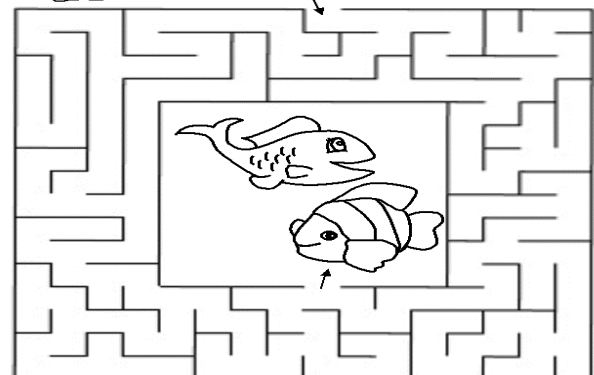
Mass Coordinator

In the past, the 9:00 AM Family Mass is the only Mass that has a Coordinator to facilitate the participation of children. Now, we expand that role to all Masses. This position is to coordinate every aspect of that mass and to work with all involved ministries.

If you would like to participate in whichever role you feel comfortable to do, please let the respective mass coordinator know:

Saturday 5:30 PM	Ron De Blasio
Sunday 7:30 AM	Marlene Bathker
Sunday 9:00 AM	Vera Eck
Sunday 10:30 AM	Tanya Calingasan
Sunday 12:00 PM	Maria Alcalde
Sunday 5:30 PM	Teens & Young Adults

Twelve Disciples Maze



March 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
7 Sunday School 9 - 11 am HS Confirmation Year 2 Retreat Young Adult Ministry 4:30 pm,	8 Enrichment Series 7:30 - 9:00 pm Room 2	9 RCIA - 7:30pm - 9:00 pm Committee for the Poor - Room 2 Columbiettes 7:00 - 9:00	10 Bible Study 9:00 am - 10:00 am	11 Knights of Columbus 7:30 - 9:00 pm Liturgy Committee	12 Stations of the Cross Adoration Lenten Supper Youth Night	13 Adult Confirmation 10:30 am - 12:00 HS Confirmation Year 1 Retreat
14 Sunday School 9 - 11 am	15 Enrichment Series 7:30 - 9:00 pm Reconcile, Renew and Rejoice!	16 RCIA - 7:30pm - 9:00 pm Youth Ministry Advisory Board	17 Bible Study 9:00 am - 10:00 am	18 School Science Fair 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	19 Stations of the Cross Adoration Lenten Supper Youth Night	20 Adult Confirmation 10:30 am - 12:00
21 Sunday School 9 - 11 am	22 Enrichment Series 7:30 - 9:00 pm	23 RCIA - 7:30pm - 9:00 pm Finance Council	24 Bible Study 9:00 am - 10:00 am	25 Knights of Columbus 7:00 - 9:00 pm	26 Stations of the Cross Adoration Lenten Supper Youth Night	27 Adult Confirmation 10:30 am - 12:00
28 Sunday School 9 - 11 am	29 Enrichment Series 7:30 - 9:00 pm	30 RCIA - 7:30pm - 9:00 pm Finance Council	31 Bible Study 9:00 am - 10:00 am	1 Holy Thursday Parish Council	2 Good Friday	3 Easter Vigil

March 6 & 7, 2010

March 13 & 14, 2010

Mass Time	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server	Mass Time	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
5:30 pm	Fr. Rich	Tony Marrone	Corinne Baldassano Bill LaBelle Ron DeBlasio	Sara Rygiel Ryan Maroun Jeff Kiley Nina Kiley Jillian Anderson	5:30 pm	Fr. Paul	Suzanne Trepany	Rosemarie Castellano Lorraine Malsbury Mary Walker	John Reese Coles Charlie Trepany Schuyler Criley Anthony Reale Adam Walker
7:30 am	Fr. Donie	Gina Merrill	Marilyn Shipman Louise Valle Marlene Bathker	Patrick Lancaster Peyton Lancaster Nico DeCardenas Tommy Murray Marco DeCardenas	7:30 am	Fr. Ben	Joan Morris	Marlene Bathker Gina Merrill Matthew Jodziewicz	Tyler Lancaster Mitchy Jodziewicz Lara Keith Abby Keith Katie Keith
9:00 am	Fr. Ben	Mary Lu Tuthill	JJ Wagner Carl Massopust Jack Massopust	Madeline Daly Victoria Daly Katie Scheibal Emily Scheibal Sasha Filiminov	9:00 am	Fr. Donie	Jack Massopust	Mary Lu Tuthill Lise Selznick JJ Wagner	Emily Eck Lauren Weetman Alex Eck Brian Kendrick Alexandra Jalali
10:30 am	Fr. Ben	Tanya Calingasan	Thomas Sands Vincent Calingasan Matilda Jude	Shannon Levinson Grace Levinson Leigh Murray Remi Halliburton Ashley Sommers	10:30 am	Msgr. O'Leary	Thomas Sands	Carmela Strang Diana Wheatley Joe Kenny	Kelly Costa Remi Halliburton Leslie Funk Sarah Guthrie
12:00 pm	Msgr. O'Leary	Herminia Ferreyra	Eleanor Hoblock Trisha Paytas Cynthia Molnar	Sebastian Sanchez Christian Vega Meagan Rowles	12:00 pm	Fr. Ben	John Masterson	Laura Braunstein Olivia Braunstein Herminia Ferreyra	Sebastian Sanchez Christian Vega Meagan Rowles
5:30 pm	Fr. Paul	Eliana Perez	Jillian Kissee Margie Ludwig Sarah DuRoss	Christopher Alexander Eleanor Frost Noreen McGonigle Francesca DiMarzio Eddie Chayes	5:30 pm	Fr. Rich	Daniel Hentschel	Sarah DuRoss Alex Smith Sharon Arnett	Jack Wegleitner Kate Wegleitner Carter Gallo Christina Lee Michael Harris