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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:00pm (Vigil)
SUNDAY: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am
and 5:00pm Mass

DAILY MASS:

Monday through Friday: 8:30am
Rosary before Mass: at 8:00am

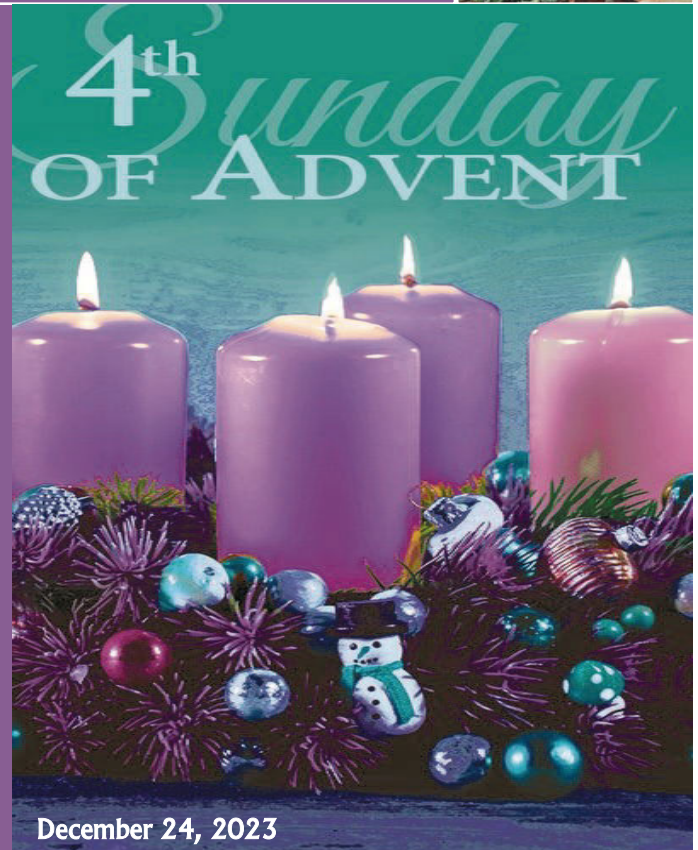
CONFESSIONS: Friday (5:00pm - 6:00pm)
ADORATION: Friday (7:00pm - 8:30pm)
First Friday (9:00am to 12:00pm)

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY through FRIDAY:
8:30 am- 4:30 pm
Closed for Lunch: 12:00 pm - 1:00pm

SAINT MARTIN ACADEMY

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Preschool through 8th Grade



December 24, 2023

WELCOME!

We warmly welcome all visitors to our parish, the heart of our Catholic faith-life in La Mesa since 1921. Thank you for joining us for Divine Worship. We hope you will find ways to participate in and support our parish life and mission by sharing your time, talent and treasure.

If you have been coming here but are not registered or if you just moved into the area, we invite you to join us as a member of our parish family, using the registration form below or stopping by the Parish Office. Your registration makes it possible for us to communicate with you and to plan and provide for your needs more effectively, especially Baptism or Marriage, as well as eligibility to serve as godparents or sponsors.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR "NEW" PARISHIONERS

Your Information: (Please cut and drop in offering basket)

Name _____ **Home Phone** _____

Street Address _____ **Daytime Phone** _____

City, State & Zip _____ **email:** _____

(this registration will be followed by a telephone call to obtain more information)

**WELCOME TO
SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS
CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY**

We invite you to be a "Sharing Member".
Register, Participate, and
Share your Gifts and Talents.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



"We cannot find God in noise or agitation. Within nature: trees, flowers and grass grow in silence. The stars, the moon, and the sun move in silence... In silence, He listens to us; in silence He speaks to our souls. In silence we are granted the privilege of listening to His voice. Silence of our eyes. Silence of our ears. Silence of our minds... In the silence of the heart, God will speak." Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta.

The Children's Chapel is open Monday to Friday, from 10am to 3pm, for personal prayer and meditation before the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle. Also, we will continue to gather in the Church every Friday from 7pm to closing with benediction at 830pm.

Everyone is invited and welcome to stay as long as time allows.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever." (2 Sm 28:16). **Psalm:** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89). **Second Reading:** The revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith. (Rom 16:25-26). **Gospel:** "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." (Lk 1:31). Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

WEEKLY READINGS

Christmas Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-25/Mt 1:1-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14
Christmas Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20;
Christmas Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Tues Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59/Ps 31/Mt 10:17-22
Wed: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97/John 20:1-8
Thurs: 1 Jhon 1-5-2:2/Ps124; Mt 2:13-18
Fri 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96/Lk 2:22-35
Sat: 1 Jn 2:12-17/ Ps 96/Lk 2:36-40
Sun: Gn15:1-6;21:1-3/Ps 105/Heb 11:8-19/Lk 2:22-40

**December 24,
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
(Ps 89)



THE YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Four Gospels

In the previous article, we mentioned the fourfold Gospel, which is the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. But why is it that we have four separate accounts? Why don't we just put them altogether?

One can see these differences as a hindrance, thinking that Christians can't get their story straight. But after many years of preaching and meditation, the Gospel writers took what they heard through the oral teachings and wrote them down so their audience can more easily understand Jesus as Christ, Messiah, and Lord.

Matthew, Mark and Luke are very similar in view. For this, we call them the "synoptic" Gospels, meaning one view. They are very similar in content while they may still have details that are not in others and with events not in the same order. John is written completely different.

For a brief overview, this is the differences one can find. (1) Matthew wrote towards a Jewish audience, not explaining rituals and showing how Jesus was the true Messiah. (2) Luke was writing for a Greek audience, who needed more detailed explanations. (3) Mark provides a narrative in great detail to show Jesus is the Son of God. John provides other miracles and teachings confirm reader's faith in Jesus, as many may have been familiar from the other stories mentioned in the last three.

In having all Four Gospels written close to the time of Jesus, we can understand who He is and what He does for us. Jesus, the Son of God, the Messiah, the Christ, the Savior of the World!

Visit: www.eucharisticrevival.org

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PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS - December 24—30, 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
24 Rev. Msgr. Neal Dolan	25 Rev. Benoit Drapeau, CJM	26 Rev. Msgr. Richard Duncanson	27 Rev. George Dunkley	28 Rev. Stephen Dunn	29 Rev. Peter Duong, OFM	30 Rev. Bradley Easterbrooks

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Advent

**God of Love, you promised freedom
to the Israelites**


and you kept your promise.

**You promised hope in the coming
of your Son**

**and he was good news
for the world.**

**You promise joy to each one of us
and we pray for your continued faithfulness.**

**Lord, we pray for strength
to remain true to all you offer us.**



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race.
- Jn 1:3-4

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CHRISTMAS SPIRITUAL SERVICES


*NOTE: December 24 & Christmas Vigil Masses (5:00pm & 10:00pm) are **NOT** considered Sunday Masses*

- DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE**
5:00 pm – Mass
10:00 pm – Mass
- DECEMBER 25 – Monday (Christmas Day)**
7:00 am – Mass
9:00 am – Mass
11:00 am – Mass
- DECEMBER 31 – Sunday**
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- JANUARY 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
9:00 am - Mass
- ADVENT DAILY SPIRITUAL PROGRAM**

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From
Children's Faith Formation*



May your **Christmas** be blessed by the **baby Jesus!**
All Children are welcome to join us in the New Year
Contact: Lisa Zickert, lisaz@saintmartinoftours.cc

St. Martin of tours Middle School Youth Group

January 2024

Wednesday, January 3rd: Ice Skating at Viejas

Friday, January 5th: Escape Bunco night at St. Kieran

Saturday, January 13th: Walk 4 Life

Friday, January 12th: Escape game night at OLPH

Monday, January 22nd: Youth Group

Monday, January 29th: Youth Group

For more information or to register,
please contact Helen Deen
Helend@saintmartinoftours.cc

UNTO US
a child is born.

ISAIAH 9:6



O.C.I.A.

**“Order of Christian Initiation for
Adults”**

**Interested in becoming Catholic
O.C.I.A. is the process by which
adults enter the Catholic Church.**

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, completing Sacraments or learning more about the Catholic Faith, this is the process for you.

This is a spiritual journey, led by the Holy Spirit, which can lead to Full Initiation into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. It is also, a way to learn more about the Catholic Faith. One of the goals is to develop a personal relationship with God, accomplished through prayer, scripture and worship.

Everyone is welcome to join us on Tuesdays at 7pm in Barry Hall. January 2 topic is: Matrimony.

If you would like to be part of this Faith Journey to become Catholic, or to help facilitate the Journey, please contact Christine Davis at chris@saintmartinoftours.cc or 619.465.5334.

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

January 2024

Wednesday, January 3rd: Ice Skating at Viejas

Sunday, January 7th: Mass and Youth Group

Saturday, January 13th: Walk 4 Life (Service Hours)

Sunday, January 14th: No Youth Group

Sunday, January 21st: Mass and Youth Group

Sunday, January 28th: Retreat Day and Mass



For more information please contact Helen Deen
Helend@saintmartinoftours.cc



Mass Intentions

December 24-31, 2023

Sat 5:00pm Gladys Hanchett†
 Sun 7:00am Clemente Bantilan†
 9:00am Mass for the People
 11:00am Tommy Duncan†

NOTE: December 24, Christmas Vigil Masses (5pm and 10pm are NOT considered Sunday Masses)

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00pm The McDonnell Family†
 10:00pm Enama & Deandra Families†

CHRISTMAS DAY

Mon 7:00am Mass for the People
 9:00am Enama & Mula Families-Blessings
 11:00am Bobby Laminen-Healing
 Margaret Laminen-Healing
 NO 5:00pm MASS
 Tue 8:30am Farah Sophia Garcia-Birthday
 Wed 8:30am Matthew Frausto-Birthday
 Thurs 8:30am Teresita & Roberto Medina†
 Fri 8:30am Peter Bantilan-Birthday
 Sat 5:00pm Shirley McKeone†
 Sun 7:00am Lauren, Jennifer & Hanna Ghannam
 -Blessings
 9:00am Esta Lazzari†
 11:00am Mass for the People
 5:00pm Dodie McCarthy†

Remember in your Prayers... All expectant Mothers, Raymond Wilson, MeghanBeth Reynolds, Blanche Stetlear, Erin Heneghan, Fr. Jim Poulsen, Bobby Laminen, Margaret Laminen, Sergio Toscano, Lizette Torres, Berta Villanueva, Teresa Climaco Pantig, Lissa Barber, Miguel & Martha Soto, Ricardo & Consuelo Soto, Walter "Chino" & Delia Urteaga, Shuk Family, Dave Sheppard, Andrew Dietsch, Don Rakestraw, Dora Castaneda, Diana Houze, Rita Bongard, Maria Murrieta, Cindy Mendez, Tanya Mendez-Smith, Joseph Green Gonzalez, Vincent Iagmin, Larry Smith, and healing for all suffering from Covid-19... **may they find joy in the healing love of Christ.**

*Names will remain listed for four weeks.
 Please call the Parish Office at 619.465.5334
 or email: info@saintmartinoftours.cc
 to add or delete names on the list.*

CLERGY

Rev. Elmer Mandac, Pastor
 Rev. Christopher Bongato, Assoc. Pastor
 Deacon Allen Rosker
 Rev. Alex Aquino (Supply Priest - Retired)
 Rev. Jim Poulsen (Supply Priest - Retired)

SACRAMENTS & MINISTRIES updated 12/23

ALTAR SERVERS: Jaime Paredes, Coordinator 619-581-0686
 Email: STMARTINALTARSERVERS2023@gmail.com
BAPTISM: Call Parish Office 619-465-5334 (Pre-baptism seminar required)
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: Elvira Medina, Coordinator 619-465-5334
 or Email: elvira@saintmartinoftours.cc (in office M/Tu/F)
BIBLE STUDY: Deacon Al Rosker, Coordinator 619-851-8578
 Saturday 9:30am-11:00am Barry Hall
 Thursday 6:30pm-8:00pm are on Zoom
 Jeff Seaman-Leader, jkseam@outlook.com
BUILD-A-MIRACLE: Jerry & MaryJo Crouch, Coordinators
 Email: jcrouch566@cox.net
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 Coordinator 847-917-5379 or
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COMMUNITY GARDEN: Anne Pacheco, Coordinator 619-466-3241
CONFIRMATION: Helen Deen, Youth Ministry Director
 619-698-3180 or Email: helend@saintmartinoftours.cc
CULTURE OF LIFE: Cheri Hubka Sparhawk, Coordinator 619-459-3002
EUCCHARIST to the HOMEBOUND:
 Deacon Al Rosker, Coordinator 619-465-5334
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Toni Dimuzio, Coordinator
 619-286-1877 or Email: ajdimuzio@cox.net
FAITH FORMATION: Lisa Zickert, Director 619-698-8434 or
 Email: lisaz@saintmartinoftours.cc (Ages: 4y—6th Grade)
FOOD ASSISTANCE: Richard Zasueta, Coordinator
 619-726-7618 OPEN TUE-THU 10:00am-12:00pm
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Chris Warner, Grand Knight 619-884-0532
 Email: gkchriswarner14550@gmail.com
LECTORS: Donna Tripi, Coordinator Email: tripidonna@gmail.com
MEN'S MINISTRY: Chris Bartel, Coordinator -That Man is You
 619-971-7321 or Email: chrisbartelfenway@outlook.com
MUSIC MINISTRY: Frances Cavanaugh, Choir Director
 619-490-9062 or Email: stmartinoftourschoir@gmail.com
 Saturday 5:00pm with Cantor & Organist
 Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am with Cantor & Organist
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 Christine Davis, Director 619-465-5334, ext# 307
 or Email: chris@saintmartinoftours.cc
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST EUCHARIST and RECONCILIATION:
 Lisa Zickert, Faith Formation Director 619-698-8434
 or Email: lisaz@saintmartinoftours.cc
SCOUTS BSA (Cubs and Troop 51): Mitzi Elsten
 619-889-6003 or Email: jointroop51lamesa@gmail.com
WEDDINGS: Parish Office at 619-465-5334
WOMEN OF FAITH: MaryMargaret Kissel, Coordinator
 619-698-4845
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 Walking With Purpose 619-698-8434
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YOUTH MINISTRY: Helen Deen, Director 619-698-3180
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 Junior High (7th and 8th Grade)
 High School (9th and 12th Grade)

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

The parish office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 25 & 26, in observance of Christmas. We will resume activities on

Wednesday, Dec 27
at 8:30am.



SAN DIEGO YOUNG ADULT AND ADULT COMMUNITY

Please go to www.sandiegocac.org, to learn more about activities and a social network for adult Catholics: College Age, Young Adults: 20s & 30s, Adults: 40s & 50s and Active Adults 60+.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS must be requested in advance, at least two (2) weeks or more, prior to the desired Sunday. Please send requests via email to

info@saintmartinoftours.cc.

All submissions are subject to approval by Fr. Elmer.

Our Gifts to God and Parish

We are grateful to you for your presence, your participation, and your financial support of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Parish.

December 2-3, 2023

Sunday Collection:	\$10,773.85
Weekly Sunday Mail-in Envelopes:	\$ 2,135.00
Sunday E-Giving (11/27-12/04):	\$ 3,559.45
TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:	\$16,468.30

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- This workshop is designed to:
- Give participants a working scientific knowledge of climate & environmental issues
 - Provide a summary of Catholic teaching on creation care
 - Present an overview of our diocesan programming, pathways to action, and available support

Please come with any and all questions. We seek to provide a moment of learning, sharing, dialogue and discernment!

Attendance is free, but please register at this link or scan the QR code as pizza and refreshments will be provided.



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Contact Christina Slentz with questions at cslentz@sd catholic.org



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 The faculty, staff and students wish you a blessed Christmas.*

Thinking of a Catholic School?

Open House • Sunday, January 28, 2024 • 10:00 - 12:00 PM
 Pancake breakfast will follow the 7am & 9am Masses



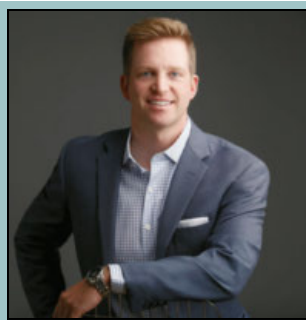
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