

Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Church "A Century of Blessings 1921 - 2021"

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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

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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 regis	stration 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

Sun: Gn 15:1-6;21:1-3/ Ps 105/Heb 11:8-19; Lk 2:22-40
Mon: Nm 6:22-2/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Tues 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28
Wed: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98/John 1:29-34
Thurs: 1 Jhon 3:7-10/Ps98; John 1:35-2
Fri 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100/John 1:43-51
Sat: 1 Jn 5:5-13/ Ps 147/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38
Sun: ls 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-6; Mt 2:1-12 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 31, 2023

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Psalm 89)



THE YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Homily

After the Gospel reading is done, the deacon, priest, or bishop then says a homily. From its greek origins, "Homily" means "explanation." Sometimes we use the terms "homily" and "sermon" interchangeably, but the Church opts for the term "homily." Why is that? Is there a difference?

Sermons usually denote a speech about a religious topic delivered *apart from* the sacred liturgy. This can be done with a varying amount of religious topics that don't pertain specifically to the readings heard at mass.

The homily, may at times be less formal, but a definitive part of the liturgy. The ordained minister's task is to take such readings from the liturgy of the word and open up the mystery of God's work in our lives so that the faithful can understand God's message for them in their lives today and give them spiritual nourishment so that they can in turn be ready to receive the Eucharist and live out the message of God's redemption and salvation in their everyday lives.

I hope the homily is a steady place for you to find God's teachings and movements in your life so that you can live the Gospel well.

Visit: www.eucharisticrevival.org

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PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS - December 31, 2023—January 6, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rev. Msgr. Robert Ecker	Pope Francis	Cardinal Robert McElroy	Bishop Ramon Bejarano	Bishop Michael Phan	Bishop Felipe Pulido	Rev. Manuel Ediza

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Join us this Friday, January 5 and every first Friday of the month, for a very rewarding time of prayer and meditation in front of the Blessed Sacrament, from 9am to 12noon in the Church. Everyone is welcome to stay as long as time permits.



Memen's

The Saint Martin's Women of Faith Ministry welcomes all women of the parish to their meeting on Thursday,

January 4 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. Join us and share fellowship with the women of the parish. For questions or more information, please call Mary Margaret Kissel at 619.698.4845.

The Saint Martin's Women of Faith Ministry is



collecting travel size toiletries for women who are choosing to have their babies. As opposed to ending their pregnancies. In February, we

will put together gift bags from your donations and distribute them on Valentine's Day through East County Pregnancy Care Clinic. For questions, please call Mary Margaret Kissel at 619.698.4845.

12th ANNUAL SAN DIEGO WALK "WITNESS FOR

LIFE". This event will be held on Saturday, January 13, 8:30a.m. to 12:00p.m. at Waterfront Park, Downtown San Diego. Join Cardinal McElroy and thousands of people to stand up for the lives of the unborn and their mothers. Bring your loved ones with life-affirming signs and enjoy inspirational speakers, live music, exhibitors, and free drawings. Pre-order your t-shirt and register for the video contest today. For more information and flyers, go to www.sandiegowalkforlife.org.



Our Parish Office will be closed on Monday & Tuesday, January 1 & 2. We will resume normal working hours on Wednesday, January 3 at 8:30am.

EFFECTS

The effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive. —Pope Saint Leo the Great



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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

a child is born.



0.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.

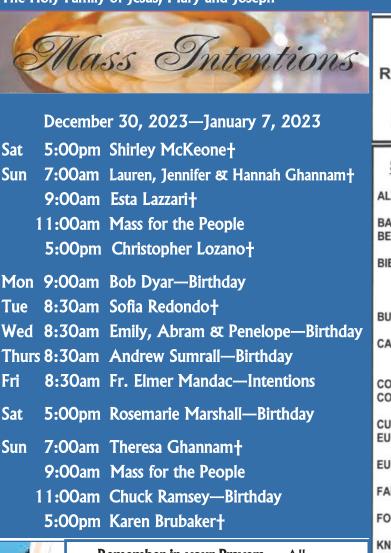
Everyone is welcome to join us on Tuesdays at 7pm in Barry Hall. January 2 topic is: Matrimony.

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 <u>chris@saintmartinoftours.cc</u> 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







Remember in your Prayers... All expectant Mothers, Joe Garrido, Stella Agbogun, 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 lagmin, 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: <u>info@saintmartinoftours.cc</u> 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, ikseam@outlook.com BUILD-A-MIRACLE: Jerry & MaryJo Crouch, Coordinators Email: jcrouch566@cox.net CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY (Men's Lust Recovery): Pete Lesniewski, Coordinator 847-917-5379 or Email: Peter.Lesniewski24@gmail.com 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 **EUCHARIST to the HOMEBOUND:** Deacon Al Rosker, Coordinator 619-465-5334 EUCHARISTIC 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 KNIGHTSofCOLUMBUS: 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 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation for Children) 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 WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Lisa Zickert, Coordinator Walking With Purpose 619-698-8434 or Email: lisaz@saintmartinoftours.cc YOUTH MINISTRY: Helen Deen, Director 619-698-3180 or Email: helend@saintmartinoftours.cc Junior High (7th and 8th Grade)

High School (9th and 12th Grade)

HEARTFELT THANKS

Thanks again and again to all who remember me with greetings, gifts and cards during this Christmas celebration. You are all remembered in my daily prayers and Mass. May you be blessed with faith, hope and joy this Christmas and throughout the New Year. Fr. Elmer Mandac

FOOD ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

Food Assistance is in need of nonperishable food to reach out to the less fortunate in our midst. We appeal to our caring parish community to help us with items such as: jelly, peanut butter, spam,



canned chicken, Rice A Roni, meal helper, cold or hot cereal, spaghetti or pasta sauce, canned string beans and corn. Please place the items in the food box in the vestibule of the church or bring them to the Parish Office. In the month of November 2023 we provided 1,122 meals to families in need. Thank you for your support.



LET US KEEP OUR ARMED FORCES AND FIRST RESPONDERS IN OUR PRAYERS

Almighty God, be their constant companion and strength in every adversity.

May they always experience your presence, love and comfort.

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.



INTRODUCTORY CREATION CARE WORKSHOP FOR PARISHES, SCHOOLS, AND FAMILIES JANUARY 24TH, 5:30-8PM AT THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTER

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.



https://bit.ly/CCIntro2024

Contact Christina Slentz with questions at cslentz@sdcatholic.org



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

Our church uses Vanco Payment Solutions for secure online giving. Donate by visiting our website or by scanning the QR code with your smartphone camera! It's the easiest & most secure way to give to our church and it's ministries!

You can make one-time donations or you can set up automatic, recurring giving!



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28 4 th Sunday in O.T. 7:00 – Fr. Elmer 9:00 – Fr. Elmer (academy sponsored mass) 11:00 – Fr. Alex 5:00 – Fr. Jim	21 3rd Sunday in O.T. 7:00 – Fr. Elmer 9:00 – Fr. Jim 11:00 – Fr. Elmer 5:00 – Fr. Alex	14 2 nd Sunday in O.T. 7:00 – Fr. Elmer 9:00 – Fr. Elmer 11:00 – Fr. Jim 5:00 – Fr. Chris	7 Epiphany 7:00 – Fr. Chris 9:00 – Fr. Jim 11:00 – Fr. Chris 5:00 – Fr. Alex	Sun
29 8:30 – Fr. Elmer	22 8:30 – Fr. Elmer	15 8:30 – Fr. Elmer	8 Baptism of the Lord 8:30 – Fr. Chris	Mon 1 Mary Mother of God (New Year) 9:00 – Fr. Chris
30 8:30 – Fr. Chris	23 8:30 – Fr. Elmer	16 8:30- Fr. Alex	9 8:30 – Fr. Chris	Tue 2 8:30 – Fr. Chris
31 8:30 – Fr. Elmer	24 8:30 – Fr. Elmer	17 8:30 – Fr. Elmer	10 8:30 – Fr. Jim	January 2024 Wed 3 8:30 – Fr. Jim 8:30
	25 8:30 – Fr. Alex	18 8:30 – Fr. Jim	11 8:30 – Fr. Alex	24 Thu 8:30 – Fr. Alex
	26 8:30 – Fr. Jim 5:00 – 6:00 – Confessions – Fr. Elmer	19 8:30 – Fr. Elmer 5:00 – 6:00 – Confessions – Fr. Elmer	12 8:30 – Fr. Chris 5:00 – 6:00 – Confessions – Fr. Chris	Frist Friday 5 First Friday 8:30 – Fr. Chris 9:00 to 12:00 – Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 – Confessions – Fr. Chris
	27 5:00 – Fr. Elmer	20 5:00 – Fr. Elmer	13 5:00 – Fr. Chris	Sat 6 5:00 – Fr. Chris



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