

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

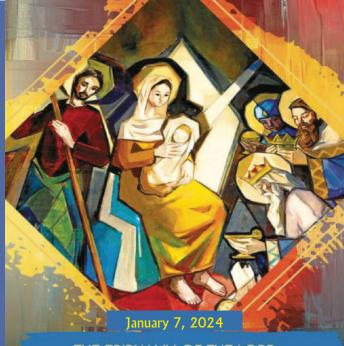
DAILY MASS: Monday through Friday: 8:30am Rosary before Mass: at 8:00am

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

SAINT MARTIN ACADEMY

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:2

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. OLP)

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.

	Your Information:	M FOR "NEW" PARISHIONERS (Please cut and drop in offering basket)	
Name		Home Phone	
.Street Address		Daytime Phone	
City, State & Zip		email:	

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 light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you (Is 60:1-6) Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Ps 72).

Second Reading: It was not known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:2-6). Gospel: "Where is the newborn king of the lews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him

homage ." (Mt 2:1-12) Excerpts from the lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 19700 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 (Pending)

Monday: ls 55:1-11/ls 12/1]n 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1-8/Mk 1:21-28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-20/Ps 40/Mk 1:29-39 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44/Mk 1:40-45 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-22a/Ps 89/Mk 2:1-12 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-19; 10:1a/Ps 21/Mk 2:13-17 Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3-19/Ps 40/1 Cor 6:13-20/ ln 1:35-42

The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024 Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Ps 72).



THE YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

A Deeper look at the Homily

When thinking of the Homily, have we ever thought about it as a bridge? The Homily helps to bridge the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Eucharist. The key thing here, as every Mass, is that each part is not unconnected parts but flow together as a fuller revelation of who God is, and what Jesus did for our salvation in which we give thanks.

If anyone remembers the story of the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) One may remember the Lord speaking on the scriptures and breaking the bread. With these two things, the two disciples said as lesus vanished from their sight: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" What this meant for them is they truly heard the Good News- That the Lord is Risen!

In the clergy breaking open the Word in the masstrying to keep their own words rich of the Good News and nourishing the congregation appropriately- I hope it helps you to know God, ourselves and our faith even more, and that it prepares you to unite with Him in body and soul, whom we know is present in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Visit: www.eucharisticrevival.org

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	PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS - January 7 - 13, 2024							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat		
7 Rev. Mark Edney	8 Rev. Earl Eggleston	9 Rev. Charles Eis	10 Rev. Raymond Elam, OSA	11 Rev. Msgr. William Elliot	12 Rev. Peter Escalante	13 Rev. Armando Escurel		

10URNEY TO OUR GOD

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today, God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co=heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfilment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.

ASK FOR HELP

Ask Our Lady to help you. Ask her to entreat her Son to let you know what you *should do.* –BI. Marie Rose Durocher



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, 8:30am to 12:00pm 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 lifeaffirming signs and enjoy inspirational speakers, live music, exhibitors, and free drawings. Pre-order your tshirt and register for the video contest today. For more information and flyers, go to www.sandiegowalkforlife.org.



A special invitation is extended to couples celebrating a major anniversary!

JOIN US TO RENEW YOUR COMMITMENT IN ENGLISH, SPANISH OR VIETNAMESE.



Celebrated by Aux. Bishop Michael Pham

February O3, 2024 • II:OO a.m. The Immaculata, 5998 Alcala Park, USD Campus, San Diego, 92110

To learn more, contact 858.490.8256 or jprust@sdcatholic.org



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.

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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 9 topic is: Witness to Love.

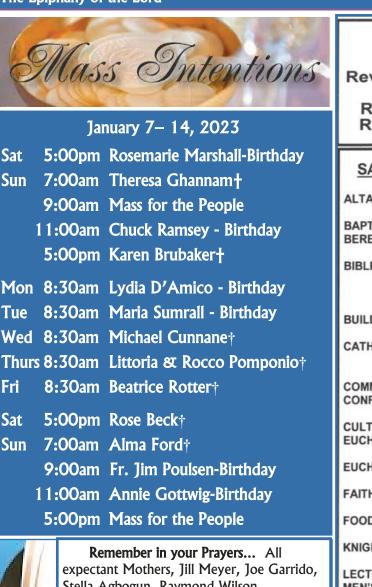
If you would like to be part of this Faith Journey to become Catholic, or to help facilitate the Journey, please contact Christine Davis at <u>chris@saintmartinoftours.cc</u> or 619.465.5334. ST. MARTIN OF TOURS HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP * January 2024

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

Sat

Fri



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: info@saintmartinoftours.cc to add or delete names on the list.

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 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 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 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

CLERGY

Junior High (7th and 8th Grade) High School (9th and 12th Grade)

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 9-10, 2023

Sunday Collection:	\$ 8,785.00
Weekly Sunday Mail-in Envelopes:	\$ 2,615.00
Sunday E-Giving (12/05 - 12/10):	\$ 2,505.00
TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:	\$13,905.00

Immaculate Conception: \$2,690.00 Retirement Fund for Religious: \$5,799.00

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!



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 or Food Center.. In the month of November 2023 we provided 1,122 meals to families in need; plus we also gave out 25 Thanksgiving Baskets. Thank you for your support.

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.

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.

SAN DIEGO YOUNG ADULT AND ADULT COMMUNITY

Please go to <u>www.sandiegocac.org</u>, 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+.



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



Let Perpetual Light

Shine Upon Them O Lord . . .

There is so much to do while still dealing with the emotions that come when someone dies. Often you don't even know where to start.

By virtue of one's baptism, a Catholic is eligible for the funeral rites of the Church. While the Church recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed, cremation is permitted as long as it is in line with Catholic teaching.

The cremains should be treated with the same respect given to the body of the deceased and should be entombed or buried. The scattering of cremains on the ground or at sea, of keeping any portion of them for personal reasons is not the reverent final disposition that the Church directs.



When death happens, please notify the Church office so we may assist you with next steps. You can also make

pre-arrangements for your funeral mass, a gift to your grieving loved ones feeling the "pressure" to do things exactly how you would've liked things to go and just not knowing for sure. If you would like additional information to plan a Funeral or Memorial Mass, or you would like to be part of the Bereavement Ministry...

Please contact Elvira Medina, Bereavement Coordinator Parish Office 619-465-5334 or email: elvira@saintmartinoftours.cc.

Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord,

With thanksgiving we entrust our year to You: whatever it holds, whoever we encounter, wherever we traverse. What You supply is gift. May our comings and goings be aligned with Your will. Amen. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor cry, nor pain anymore for the former things have passed away. - Revelations 21:2

Let us continue to pray for the souls of our dearly departed parishioners and their families

Gregory DeLaTorre Susan Brown Josephine "Angie" Murrillo Larry Zolezzi Angelo Cusamano Bernadine Stone Dale Johnson

June 20, 1949—September 29, 2023 November 4, 1933—October 15, 2023 February 24, 1935—October 23, 2023 August 31, 1950—November 20, 2023 January 1, 1949—November 28, 2023 October 10, 1924—December 13, 2023 October 11, 1941—December 21, 2023

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