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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)

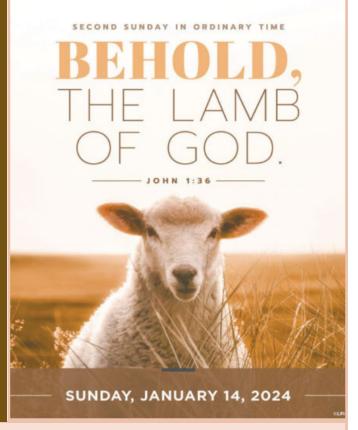
OFFICE HOURS:

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

SAINT MARTIN ACADEMY

Principal: Jennifer Miller 619.466.3241

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Preschool through 8th Grade



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	tration 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: The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:10). Psalm: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40). Second Reading: Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17). Gospel: So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39). 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

Monday 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50/Mk 2:18-22 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89/Mk 2:23-28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-51/Ps 144/Mk 3:1-6 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57/Mk 3:13-19 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-27/Ps 80/Mk 3:20-21 Sunday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 25/1 Cor 7:29-31/

Mk 1:14-20

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 14, 2024

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Psalm 40





THE YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Creed

After hearing the readings and the homily, we are then brought to recite the Creed. Why is that? As a reminder, the liturgy can be seen like a dialogue between God and His people. After hearing the Word of God, After we hear the Word of God proclaimed and broken open, which leads us to greater understanding of who He is, it is now time for the people of God to respond! We say we heard you, and we believe you!

Creed comes from the latin word *Credo*, which means "I believe." What we see in the creed is many "I believe" statements which are a summary and profession of our Christian faith.

One may be familiar with two such Creeds: the Apostle's Creed and the Niceno-Constantinopolitan (Nicene) Creed. The Nicene Creed is said at the Mass in its fullness of what it says about the faith, which stems from the first two ecumenical Councils in 325 and 381.

We say the creed at the mass so that these tenets of our faith remain on our lips frequently and that we may not forget them.

One could look at each sentence of the Creed and see in declaring such truths that it is said to combat opinions or beliefs that are contrary to the orthodox faith (heresy).

I hope you take the time to sit with the words within the Creed as people have given their life for professing for such words. In professing the truth of the faith, may that help us to see our unity as the Body of Christ before we come to communion in the Eucharist.

Visit: www.eucharisticrevival.org

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PRAY FOR (OUR	PRIESTS - '	lanuary	14 -	20.	2024
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
14 Rev. Silverio Espenilla, Jr.	15 Rev. Reynald Evangelista	16 Right Rev. Abbot Sharbel Ewen, OSB	17 Rev. David Exner	18 Rev. Emmet Farrell	19 Rev. Paul Farrelly, OSB	20 Rev. Gerardo Fernandez

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.

NEW LIFE IN OUR PARISH

Jane Alla Byrne
Daughter of
Timothy & Samantha Byrne

Creed Joseph Conners
Son of
Kyle & Joanne Conners

were baptized on January 13, 2024

We lovingly welcome these newest members into our parish family.

SCAM ALERT, SCAM ALERT!

Please be aware that some parishioners have been receiving text messages and emails, using Fr. Chris Bongato, our Associate Pastor's name, with a fake email address and with strange requests. If you receive any of these emails, please ignore them, do not respond to them and call the parish office at 619.465.5334 to let us know. It's the season and the scammers are phishing around to take advantage of people.



PRO-LIFE RESOURCES

Birthline San Diego - 858.270.2491
National Life Center - 800.848.5683
Culture of Life Family Services - 619.692.4401
College Area Pregnancy Services
"CAPS"- 619.337.8080



POST ABORTION HEALING & RECONCILIATION

Rachel's Hope 858.581.3022

www.rachelshope.org

PROPER UNDERTAKING

Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessings of heaven. —George C. Lichtenberg



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





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 16 topic is: One Holy and Apostolic Church.

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



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January 14-21, 2024

Sat 5:00pm Rose Beck†

Sun 7:00am Alma Ford†

9:00am Fr. Jim Poulsen-Birthday

11:00am Annie Gottwig-Birthday

5:00pm Mass for the People

Mon 9:00am Fr. Elmer Mandac-Special Intention

Tue 8:30am Margaret Ruggiero+

Wed 8:30am John Kenner-Healing

Thurs 8:30am lackie Carter†

Fri 8:30am Ramiro Frausto-Birthday

Sat 5:00pm John Gerald Chess†

Sun 7:00am Joseph Ghannam†

9:00am Mass for the People

11:00am Elaine Gonzalez-Birthday

5:00pm Cecilia Sanchez-Birthday

Remember in your Prayers... All expectant Mothers, Nadia Clayton, Jill Meyer, 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 iov 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 01/24

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 Mon/Tue/Fri)

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

619-465-5334 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 619-465-5334 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 619-465-5334 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 619-465-5334

or Email: lisaz@saintmartinoftours.cc

YOUNG ADULTS: Helen Deen, Director 619-465-5334

Email: helend@saintmartinoftours.cc

YOUTH MINISTRY: Helen Deen, Director 619-465-5334

Email: helend@saintmartinoftours.cc Junior High (7th and 8th Grade) High School (9th and 12th Grade)



The IRS will only allow parishioners who itemize their tax returns to deduct their contributions if they can provide a written parish contribution statement or copies of bank records. Unidentified cash contributions can no longer be included in tax returns. Consequently, everyone wishing to deduct their contributions will need to use a parish envelope, a personal check or a direct deposit from the bank. The Parish Office can track the contributions of registered parishioners and produce the require statement for contributions made during 2023.

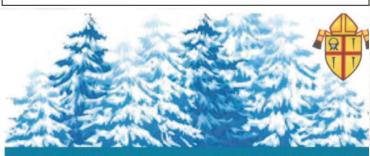
Please note that all tax statements for the 2023 year will be available after January 15,

2024. To request a copy of your 2023 tax statement, please call the Parish Offices on Tuesdays through Thursdays at 619-465-5334 9:00am – 4:00pm or email: dorac@saintmartinoftours.cc. Tax statements will be mailed out to only those who request them. Thank you for your faithfulness.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day



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



Would you like to be an Altar Server?

We are in need of Altar Servers
at all our Sunday Masses.

Requirements:

- 1. Grades 3 and up
- 2. Received the Sacrament of First Eucharist
- 3. Attend Mass on regular basis
- 4. Learn and understand the Mass

Participate in the Eucharist and understand its meaning.

If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact: Jaime Paredes

Email: *jfp523@yahoo.com* or Phone: 619.581.0686

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 16-17, 2023

 Sunday Collection:
 \$ 8,573.33

 Weekly Sunday Mail-in Envelopes:
 \$ 2,269.00

 Sunday E-Giving (12/11 – 12/17):
 \$ 1,869.27

 TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
 \$ 12,711.60

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!

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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.



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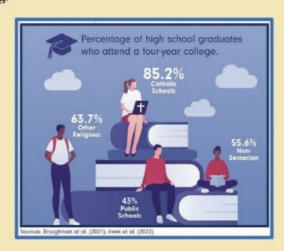
Sunday, January 28, 2024 • 10:00 - 12:00 PM

Bake sale will follow the 7am & 9am Masses

St. Martin of Tours Academy and Preschool, fully accredited by the Western Catholic Education Association and Western Association of Schools and Colleges, offer students the best in education in a family-oriented environment that is Christ-centered and peace-filled. Join SMA faculty, staff, parents and students on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at the 9 AM Mass as SMA kick's off Catholic Schools Week. Academy tours will begin at 10 AM. A parent information session will be held in the school library at 11am.

St. Martin of Tours Academy offers: Preschool, full day Kindergarten and 1st through 8th Grades. Please call our Academy office at (619) 466-3241 or email info51@stmartinacademy.org for more information. Visit our website: www.stmartinoftoursacademy.org.







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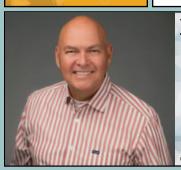


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