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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)

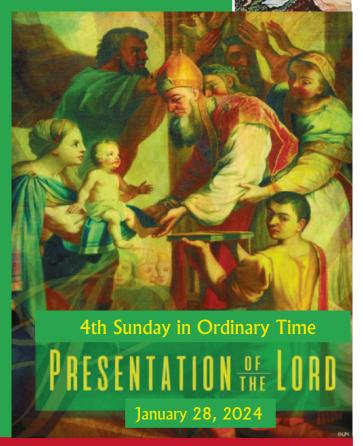
#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

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

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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.

	Your Information:	(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: "I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him." (Dt 18:18) Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95:1-9) Second Reading: An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. (1 Cor 7:34). Gospel: The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mk 1:22). 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: 2 Sm 15:13-30; 16:5-13/Ps 3/Mk 5:1-20 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-25, 30-19:3/Ps 86/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2-17/Ps 32/Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-12/1 Chr 29:10-12/Mk 6:7-13 **Friday:** Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24/Lk 2:22-40 or

2:22-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119/Mk 6:30-34 Sunday: Jb 7:1-7/Ps 147/1 Cor 9:16-23/

Mk 1:29-39

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2024

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Psalm 95)





#### THE YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Prayers of the Faithful

The Universal Prayer is the last part of the Liturgy of the Word. In the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, it states "In the Universal Prayer of Prayers of the Faithful, the people respond in some sense to the Word of God which they have received in faith and, exercising the office of their baptismal Priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation of all. It is desirable that there usually be such a form of prayer in Masses celebrated with the people, so that petitions may be offered for holy Church, for those who govern with authority over us, for those weighed down by various needs, for all humanity, and for the salvation of the whole world" (*GIRM*, 69).

These prayers are offered in a general way for the community at large or for some special celebrations such as a wedding or confirmation. After praying the Creed together in Unity, this is just another opportunity for us to join our prayers together, and to stand together in faith as we ask God for what we need. As we come to pray as a community, and not just individually every Sunday. We hope in great faith God hears and accepts our petitions. Let us pray for the needs of the Church this Sunday, knowing that we unite our prayers always.

Visit: www.eucharisticrevival.org

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PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS - January 28 - February 3, 2024
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
28 Rev. Rolando Gabutera	29 Rev. Msgr. Michael Gallagher	30 Rev. Garrett Galvin, OFM	31 Rev. Marc Gandolfo	1 Pope Francis	2 Cardinal Robert McElroy	3 Bishop Ramon Bejarano



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.

#### ADULT CONFIRMATION

We approach Adult Confirmation preparation as continuing Faith Formation. If you are at least 18 years old, high school graduate. Are practicing your faith and have not been confirmed, this year's Adult Confirmation process will start on Tuesday, February 20 at 7pm in the small meeting room in Food Assistance Room.

Please contact Christine Davis, OCIA Coordinator at chris@saintmartinoftours.cc

New Year Greetings!

As we begin another year, I want to share words of encouragement. We often "over promise" our New Year Resolutions. We resolve to lose weight, read the Bible, pray more, etc.

In Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians 3:12-14 "It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.'

Paul was willing to go through challenges and the obstacles of his life to know Christ better. He reminded the people that while he had made significant progress in knowing Christ, he continued, learning more each day. In his declaration Paul shares three things:

FORGET THOSE THINGS BEHIND. Don't allow anything from your past to hold you back from all God has for your future! Learn from yesterday and then move on.

REACH FORWARD TO WHAT IS AHEAD. Trust in God's plan for you. Look for the "joy in the journey". MOVE TOWARD THE GOAL. Living life is not just the journey, there is a finish line as well. Knowing Christ will move you closer to the goal of "Eternity in God's Heavenly Kingdom".

Remember Paul's three things as you journey to your goal. I pray this coming year is one of tremendous victory for you, loved ones and friends. May you grow closer to Christ.

Happy New Year! Dora Castaneda, Office Manager



Saint Martin of Tours
High School Youth Group

## February 2024

SUN., FEB., 04: MASS AND YOUTH GROUP

SAT., FEB. 10: SERVICE PROJECT
OPPORTUNITY

WED., FEB. 14: ASH WEDNESDAY!

SUN., FEB. 25: MASS AND YOUTH GROUP

MON-WED, FEB. 26-28: PARISH LENTEN
MISSION

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



#### 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 30 topic is: Catholic Prayer.

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.

Saint Martin of Tours
Middle School Youth Group
February 2024

SAT., FEB. 03: MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH
DAY

FRI., FEB. 09: ESCAPE GATHERING AT ST. LUKES

SAT., FEB. 10: SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY

MON., FEB. 12: YOUTH GROUP

WED., FEB. 14: ASH WEDNESDAY!

MON-WED, FEB. 26-28: PARISH LENTEN
MISSION

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January 28—February 4, 2024

Sat 5:00pm Souls in Purgatory†

Sun 7:00am Sarah & Moses Andary†

9:00am SMA Staff, Students & Parents-

Blessings

11:00am Mass for the People

5:00pm Miguel Angel Badiola-Healing

Mon 8:30am Steve VanSickler+

Tue 8:30am lose Andres Gonzalez†

Wed 8:30am Fr. Elmer Mandac-Intention

Thurs 8:30am Helen Wolfe†

Fri 8:30am Beatrix & Elias Medina-Birthday

Sat 5:00pm Mass for the People

Sun 7:00am Robert & Helen Kincaid†

9:00am Jo Ellen La Rue-Birthday

James & JoEllen La Rue -

55th Wedding Anniversary

11:00am Angelo Cusumano†

5:00pm Johnny Lopez-Healing



Remember in your Prayers... All expectant Mothers, Lidu Camacho, Frank Hebert, Fr. Ignatius Kissell, O.S.M., Nadia Clayton, Jill Meyer, Joe & Doris Garrido, Stella Agbogun, Raymond Wilson, MeghanBeth Reynolds, Blanche Stetlear, Erin Heneghan, Fr. 1im 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.

#### 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

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Email: lisaz@saintmartinoftours.cc (Ages: 4y—6th Grade)

FOOD ASSISTANCE: Richard Zasueta, Coordinator

619-726-7618 OPEN TUE-THU 10:00am-12:00pm

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Email: gkchriswarner14550@gmail.com

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619-971-7321 or Email: chrisbartelfenway@outlook.com

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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

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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

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



### SAN DIEGO YOUNG ADULT AND ADULT COMMUNITY

Please go to <a href="www.sandiegocac.org">www.sandiegocac.org</a>, 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+.



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: <a href="mailto:dorac@saintmartinoftours.cc">dorac@saintmartinoftours.cc</a>. Tax statements will be mailed out to <a href="mailto:only">only</a> those who request them. Thank you for your faithfulness.

## PRAYER FOR THE YOUTH Dear Lord,

Be with our young people this week and always—keep them in Your care. Help them to form godly friendships, speak the truth, and know you in the personal way that will challenge, shape, and guide them. Amen.

#### **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 30-31, 2023

Sunday Collection: \$ 7,999.24
Weekly Sunday Mail-in Envelopes: \$ 3,107.00
Sunday E-Giving (12/25 – 12/31/23): \$ 2,374.27
TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: \$13,480.51

New Year's Day: \$551.00

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 non-perishable 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, canned chicken, Rice A Roni, meal helper, cold or hot cereal. Please place the items in the food box in the vestibule of the church or bring them to the Food Pantry or Parish Office. In the month of December 2023 we provided 1,074 meals to families in need. Plus we also gave out 25 Christmas Baskets. Thank you for your support.

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26 8:30 – Fr. Elmer	19 8:30 – Fr. Jim	12 8:30 – Fr. Chris	5 8:30 – Fr. Elmer		Mon
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28 8:30 – Fr. Elmer	21 8:30 – Fr. Elmer	14 Ash Wednesday 8:30 – Fr. Chris (with academy) 12:00 – Fr. Jim 6:00 – Fr. Elmer (Day of Fasting and Abstinence)	7 8:30 – Fr. Elmer		Wed
29 8:30 – Fr. Chris	22 8:30 – Fr. Alex	15 8:30 – Fr. Chris	8:30 – Fr. Alex	8:30 – Fr. Chris	Thu
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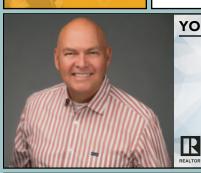




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