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Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am, 6:00 pm
Weekdays: Mon. - Saturday 8:00 am
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What is faith? Do we have faith? There are many questions about faith that we should answer. In different ways, today’s gospel reading teaches us the essential nature of faith in our lives, contrary to some who believe that “faith gives us nothing.” Sometimes, we may think that it is enough to pray or to attend Sunday Mass. But faith is more than that. Faith should be what gives sense to our lives, making everything that we do more interesting, deeper. Faith gives us a vision of a world in which God is present, and… it is the substance of things we hope for and the evidence of things not seen (cf. Hb 11:1).

In the gospel today, the words of Jesus to the woman who was cured are simple: “Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction.” It is with faith that we, like her, need to approach God in order to obtain from him what we need for ourselves. Nevertheless, we do need to approach the Lord; we need to touch him with faith. That is the only way. We need to touch him with our actions and with our prayers. Yes, also with our prayers, because not all prayers touch God, because not everyone who says a prayer is praying… there is a difference. The person who is really praying puts his or her heart in the words of their prayer. Just as in the Gospel, to be physically close to Jesus does not mean to be united with him. This union requires faith because it is by true faith that we are saved, precisely because we are united with God.

Additionally, faith allows us to do courageous things. The words Jesus spoke to the man in the gospel, after having been informed of the death of his daughter are very simple: “Do not be afraid; just have faith.” Faith gives us courage, makes people to do things that those without faith would fear. Real faith makes us proclaim our faith!

“Do not be afraid!” When we go to proclaim Christ, it is He himself who goes before us and guides us. When He sent His disciples on a mission, He promised: “I am with you always” (Mt 28:20). And this is also true for us! Jesus does not leave us alone, He never leaves you alone! He always accompanies you. (Pope Francis).
The release last week of Pope Francis encyclical on the ecology was eagerly awaited and is receiving broad attention within and outside of the Church. Pope Francis is respected for this thoughtful work and commitment on the issue of protecting God’s creation. The encyclical titled *Laudato Si (Praised Be)* invites us to become actively involved in addressing climate change.

Over the next month we will share excerpts from the encyclical in the Green Corner. We encourage all to read and reflect on the encyclical as well. Below are excerpts regarding climate change, along with the citation for reference.

**Climate Change**

A very solid scientific consensus indicates that we are presently witnessing a disturbing warming of the climatic system. In recent decades this warming has been accompanied by a constant rise in the sea level and, it would appear, by an increase of extreme weather events, even if a scientifically determinable cause cannot be assigned to each particular phenomenon. Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming or at least the human causes, which produce or aggravate it. (23)

If present trends continue, this century may well witness extraordinary climate change and an unprecedented destruction of ecosystems, with serious consequences for all of us. (24)

Climate change is a global problem with serious implications, environmental, social, economic, political, and for the distribution of goods; it represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day. (25)

The warming caused by huge consumption on the part of some rich countries has repercussions on the poorest areas of the world, especially Africa, where a rise in temperature, together with drought, has proved devastating for farming. (51)
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Scripture Readings for NEXT Week Sunday, July 5, 2015

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-6

How is the Sacrament of Eucharist a Prophetic sign for you?

RCIA: Summertime is here and so are we!!

RCIA at St. Martin of Tours is an ongoing process, which means we are always here to welcome you! We continue to meet each Thursday evening at 7.

Bring your questions and an open heart and Come and See!

Everyone is Welcome!
Contact Joy at jaea@aol.com for more information.

2015 Marriage for Life

Marriage prep dates: August 1st, October 17th, 2015. Engaged couples can register at www.marriageforlifestf.com or, the registration form can be printed and mailed in.
You changed my mourning into dancing; O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.

GOD’S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

A synagogue official fell to his knees begging Jesus to lay his hands on his daughter so she may get well and live.

Wis 1:13-15:23-24  Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13
2Cor 8:7,9,13-15  Mk 5:21-43

Directions: Fill in the puzzle with healthy foods.

VEGETABLES  CARROTS  CHEESE  EGGS
RASPBERRY  PRETZELS  PEAR

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Heartfelt Thanks and Appreciation for 30 Years of Parish Ministry

Doug and Diane Hughes have served St. Martin’s parish for over 30 years, most prominently at our 8:30 Sunday liturgy since May of 1985.

(The photo at left is even older, dating from when they first started singing together at Church of the Ascension in Saratoga, in the late 1970s.)

This weekend, Doug is retiring from leading the music at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Here are some of Doug’s memories from their 30 years of ministry in the parish.

“There have been a lot of changes over the past three decades,” says Doug. “We joined the parish shortly after it had been remodeled, when we were still putting the lyrics to our hymns on hand-made 35mm slides that were projected on a Kodak Carousel slide projector. The laser printer had just been invented, so we were able to print the lyrics directly onto transparency material and cut them to fit into a slide mount. Today, of course, we’re using a MacBook equipped with PowerPoint.”

Over the years, they have seen singers come and go (including both their daughters, Karin and Kaitlin), and they have teamed with guitarists, flutists, bass and keyboard players, percussionists, and handbell ringers. When Karin made her First Holy Communion in 1992, Doug wrote extra verses to the Song of the Body of Christ, working the names of all the First Communicants into the song lyrics. It’s a tradition he has continued for the past 22 years.

Since the couple met when they both worked at Modern Liturgy magazine, it’s no surprise that their fondest memories of St. Martin’s Masses are those times when the arts were incorporated most beautifully. Doug remembers the time he directed a group of teens to act out the parable of the Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids. Diane recalls the wonderful stories that served as the homily for Christmas and Easter celebrations. Other memorable moments include the song parodies Doug wrote for Father Ray and Leslie Plecque’s retirements and the parish’s 90th anniversary, dancers waving colorful ribbons during the Gloria, and the times we brought a Mac SE computer with sequencing software to add a full orchestral backing to the songs.

Because Diane worked at St. Martin’s School for 15 years, she used her connections there to assemble a children’s choir to join their group on Christmas Eve. After their daughter Kaitlin got a degree in music, she came back to help with those liturgies, and composed a beautiful medley of carols that they still use today.

“We are extremely grateful for the gift of St. Martin’s community,” says Doug. “It has been a privilege to share our music, and to harmonize with so many dedicated friends.”