

Saint Martin of Tours

Ministering to People
Roman Catholic Church and School Community
Mass Schedule

Sunday Vigil: Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekdays: Mon. - Sat. 8:00 am
Holy Days: 8:10 am, 12:10 pm, 7:00 pm

Fifth Sunday in Lent March 13, 2016



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Sacrament of the Sick
If you or anyone you love is sick and unable to attend Mass, please call the Parish Office

Catechetical Ministry... 408-289-9608
Megan Lott, Catechetical Coordinator
Fr. Abraham, Catechumenate Coordinator
RCIA

We warmly welcome all those inquiring about becoming Catholic. For information, call Fr. Abraham.
Baptism

A sacrament of initiation and belonging. Please register with Fr. Sergio 408-294-8953

Reconciliation
Saturdays 3:30 pm or by appointment
St. Vincent de Paul...408-439-0342
St. Martin of Tours School...408-287-3630

200 O'Connor Drive, San Jose, California 95128

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WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US

Whether you are a parishioner of long standing or new to the parish, if you are not registered, we invite you to do so. If there are changes to your status, please let us know. Please fill in the details below and place in the offertory basket or mail to the Parish office.

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip: _____

- New Parishioner Moving (please remove from directory) New Address New Phone Number
 Please check to receive offering envelopes Please check to discontinue receiving envelopes

Pastor's Note

The Sins of Others


Jesus presents us with the problem of the sins of others, how we respond – and how we should respond – to them.

We see sin in the world and we have a unique ability to recognize sin in others; at the same time, that gift seems to evaporate when we look to ourselves! With this blindness, we can act or judge others' sins as if we ourselves were sinless.

While our own sinfulness should help us to understand and to help others, we can easily forget our own struggles and just as easily condemn others in the name of all that is right and just. The situation presented before Jesus in the gospel reading today is about fulfilling the Law. Jesus does not nullify the Law; rather, He makes us think about ourselves and ask this question: *Are we qualified to judge others?* The truth is that although the faults and the sins of others are real, we are obliged to act in the name of mercy, which does not condemn, but tries to save.

There are many ways to respond to sin. We can attempt to understand the situation in which the person lives, the circumstances that lead to sin, and to see how we can help that person. This does not mean that we justify their sins, but it will assist us to reach out to help the sinner. We should keep in mind that no sin is an isolated act. Sins are acts that have consequences for the individual and family, friends and acquaintances; sin also affects the life of the Church because we are all members of the Church as sons and daughters of God. We need to discover ways to help those who are subject to sin, and we need to begin with ourselves.


The interaction between Jesus and those around Him is very interesting. For those who want to accomplish what the law prescribes, He agrees and encourages them to look to themselves, to their own sins: *"If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."* The woman who was caught in adultery suffers the consequences of

Mass Intentions	
	
March 12—March 19	
Saturday	5:00 Teddy Florendo† & Arturo Florendo†
Sunday	7:00 Joann Fisher†
	8:30 ICF Deceased Members†
	10:00 St. Martin of Tours Parishioners
	11:30 Dorothy Busco†
	6:00 Rosemary Detro
Monday	8:00 Sheila Nielsen†
Tuesday	8:00 James Maloney†
Wednesday	8:00 Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	8:00 Right to Life
Friday	8:00 Christopher Borella
Saturday	8:00 Rosalia Bommarito†

punish her. Jesus, who is the only one who could apply the force of the Law, shows her mercy, not condemnation, and He offers her encouragement: *"Neither do I condemn you; go away, and do not sin any more."*

The sins of others should move us to act with mercy and to act with repentance. Let us look to ourselves, to our consciences, and repent because this is what the Lord wants of us: *"I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live"* (Ezekiel 33:11).

-Fr. Sergio



PALM SUNDAY REMINDER

We begin our Passion Sunday liturgies next weekend with palm processions. **If it doesn't rain, there will be outdoor processions at all of the masses, so the Bailey Street entrance will be blocked off.** Please plan to enter the parking lots from the O'Connor Drive entrances. These masses are generally about 15 minutes longer than usual.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM

We encourage parishioners of all ages to attend our Triduum liturgies and experience the beautiful symbols and actions of these special liturgies. For more information go to www.stmartin.org



March 24 - Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.

On Holy Thursday, at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we hear Christ's mandate to love one another, and so have the washing of the feet and bring our gifts of food for the Food Box Program. We end our liturgy with a Eucharistic procession into the candle-lit garden in the Community Building, which will be open for Adoration until 11:00 p.m.

March 25-Good Friday Noon – 3:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the hours Noon – 12:30 p.m.

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 12:30–2:00 p.m.

During which we will experience the Passion of our Lord, reverence the cross, bear its weight as a community, and gather around it in prayer.

Liturgy of the Hours, part 2 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

March 26 - Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m.

(No 5 p.m. Mass on March 26)

The Paschal fire is lit, followed by the assembly's candles, as the church is filled with the light of Christ. Then, after we hear the stories of our ancestors, the Catechumens are baptized, confirmed and celebrate their first Communion.

March 27 - Easter Sunday

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m.

Our 10 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass will be a Children's Mass but it is also very crowded, so please come early (15-20 minutes) to be assured of finding a seat.

(There is no 6 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.)

Stations of the Cross Join us this Friday. March 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church for scriptural Stations of the Cross which were created by **Pope John Paul II**. Individual confessions are available after the stations (about 7:30 p.m.)



Calendar of Events

3/14 Food Box Sorting –6:30 PM Meeting Room

3/18 Food Box Packing 6:30 PM Gym

3/22 Women's Book Group will discuss "The Hundred Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared" by Jonas Jonasson at 7:15 pm in the Bailey House.

Sunday Offerings and Online Giving

Please mark checks for "Capital Campaign" In the memo section of your check.

Sunday offerings:

3/6/2016

	Week	Fiscal Year to Date
Budget	\$19,100	\$529,100
Actual	\$18,720	\$503,040
	(\$380)	(\$26,060)

Thank you for your continued support!

Good Friday Collection Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land.

Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land.

Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are housing and feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. For more information, visit MyFranciscan.org/good-friday.

The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy Father. Please be as generous as your abundance allows.



Rejoicing in God's Mercy, Together in Christ

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Sunday Ministry for Children

Please contact the Parish Office for program information.



Youth Ministry

The **EDGE** is our middle school (6-8th) grade youth ministry and meets 5-6:30pm in the community building on Tuesdays.

Life Teen is our high school youth ministry. We will be meeting Sundays in the Bailey House from 7:00- 9:00 pm. Since we will now be meeting directly after the 6pm Mass, dinner will be provided. Email us at mlott@stmartin.org for more details.



CRS Rice Bowl

In the Gospel readings this Sunday, Jesus uses the image of the prodigal son returning to his father to explain how much our God loves us. God's love is unconditional and extends, with special care, to those most in need.

When will the church be collecting your Rice Bowl donations?

You can bring your Rice Bowls and/or envelopes back at any time and place them in the receptacles in the church and entryways. If you combine all your change in the bowls into one check, it will make it easier for those who count the money. You may also put your Rice Bowl envelopes in the collection baskets.

Thank you for helping to change the lives of people throughout the world.

CHILDREN'S EASTER MASS PARTICIPATION

If your child or family would like to participate by bringing up the gifts, reading a petition, greeting, etc., then please fill out a pink form located in the main entryways and return it to the parish office or sign up on the Google Doc at <https://goo.gl/1l85zQ>.

Exploring Social Ministry and Restorative Justice....

All are welcome to join the Young Adults on March 14th at 7pm at the Bailey House (across the church), as we continue our Lenten discussion night series. We will explore Social Ministry and Restorative Justice in our community with our special guest, Sr. Maryann Canton.



St. Vincent De Paul Society Donate your car to help those in need. Cars with dents can help pay rents 1-800-322-8284. Please tell the operator you are from St. Martin of Tours.

VBC We are delighted to announce the dates for this year's Vacation Bible Camp at St. Martin of Tours: **June 13-17, 2016**. Registration for this wonderful week of fun and faith will be coming soon. Any parents, teens or other parishioners willing to volunteer their time and skills during this wonderful event, please contact Megan at mlott@stmartin.org

Reconnect with your Parish Family

We love seeing your faces at mass each week and we are very interested in knowing how we can make our masses more enjoyable, fulfilling and spiritually rewarding. **Reconnect St. Martin** is a small group of St. Martin parishioners, and a committee under the Parish Council, with one goal in mind - discover new opportunities to *reconnect* with those parishioners who don't come to mass regularly.

Please share your ideas with us via email at Reconnect-STM@googlegroups.com or talk to any of us directly. Let's work together to strengthen our parish community and improve the church experience for all of us.

Thank you,

Fr. Abe, Francisco Irao, Laura & Katie M'Guinness, Mark & Liz Page

Did you or another Parishioner **just have surgery? A new baby? Lost a loved one?** We are here to help! Please contact Lara Stanton at lara.stanton@gmail.com or Nancy Pierce at npierce33@yahoo.com. Not so good at email? Call Therese Lehane at the Parish office, 408-289-9617. A team of volunteers will be on hand to deliver home-cooked hot meals to your doorstep until you get back on your feet.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me." (Mt 25:35)

Looking for a way to help out your fellow Parishioners? Join our team of volunteers to deliver home-cooked meals for those parishioners in need. Please contact Lara, Nancy or Therese as noted above to sign up.



Engaged couples can register for any date at www.marriageforlifef.com April 2nd, May 7th, August 6th, October 15th

Peace and Justice Commission

It is Lent.

Observe it with compassion and mercy.

A one-time opportunity awaits you.

Hospitality for the un-housed April 13-20

See parish website or email SMOTHousing@gmail.com

Give mercy Receive mercy Give mercy Receive mercy Give ...



WHAT IS THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU?

The Light is On for You is a evangelization initiative in the Diocese of San Jose, encouraging all to take advantage of the healing and freedom found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Wednesday evenings during Lent, **all Catholic Churches in Santa Clara County** will be open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation Wednesdays during Lent **6PM -8PM**

March 16 & 23

Scripture Readings for NEXT Week

Sunday, March 20, 2016
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

First Reading: Ezekiel 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Reading: Luke 22:14-23:56

Question?
of the
WEEK

What do you consider to be
your personal cross in life?

The Food Box Program Needs Your Help!

Pope Francis has asked us to live our faith during Lent by performing works of mercy. The Food Box program is an easy and fun way to make an impact in our community. Both activities take about an hour, especially if we have lots of help!

FOOD BOX PACKING: Every 3rd Friday, including Friday, March 18, we gather at 6:15pm in the gym to pack and distribute groceries to over 75 households, and also to provide food to whomever walks in the door needing help.

FOOD BOX SORTING: Every month, the Monday immediately prior to Food Box Packing, we meet in the gym to sort the food, to prepare for the upcoming Friday. This month, we will meet on Monday, March 14, at 7pm.

RCIAWe meet each week at 7 PM on



Thursdays. Everyone is welcome, whether you are coming to explore the Faith, just have questions or just want to say hi and share a cup of coffee!

Come and See!!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Please pray for our catechumens, **Sarah Luthman, Madison Breiten** and **Monique Gadsden** as they continue their journey to the Easter Sacraments. They just celebrated their third Scrutiny at the 10 a.m. Mass this weekend.

Sarah, Monique and Madison will be fully initiated into the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist on **March 26th** at the Easter Vigil. Please consider attending this "Mother of all Vigils" and welcoming the newest members of your Catholic Family!

Please also continue to pray for our Candidates for Confirmation and Eucharist, **Willie Brown** and **Emerson Martz**, as they prepare to celebrate their reception of these sacraments.

Living the Year of Mercy

Speaker Series from February through May

7:00-8:30 PM

at the Diocese of San Jose Chancery
1150 N. First Street, San Jose

April 7

"Mercy in the Liturgy" - Diana Macalintal
April 28

"The Spiritual Works of Mercy" - Fr. Gerardo Menchaca
May 16

"The Corporal Works of Mercy" - Deacon Ruben Solario

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