

Saint Martin of Tours

Ministering to People

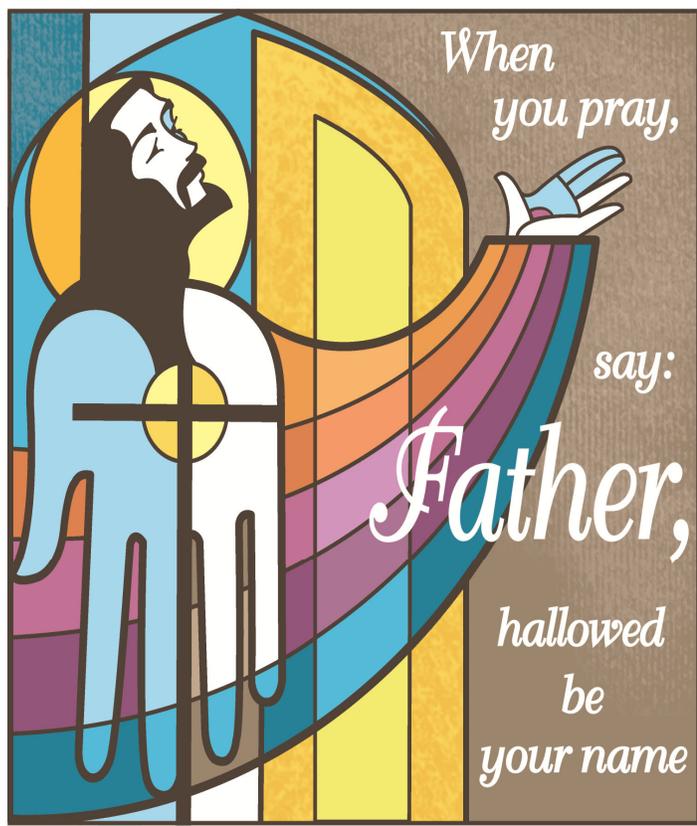
Roman Catholic Church and School Community

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

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 24, 2016



Parish Office... 408-294-8953

Rev. Sergio Ovando, Pastor
Rev. Abraham Antony, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Bob Shinney, S.J., Assisting Priest
Lori Krouse, Bookkeeper
Jennifer Tavares, Office Administrator
Samuel Aguilar, Buildings and Grounds
St. Vincent de Paul...408-439-0342

Sacrament of the Sick

If you or anyone you love is sick and unable to attend Mass please call 408-289-9617

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 pm or by appointment

Catechetical Ministry... 408-289-9608

Laura Martin-Spencer, Director
Megan Lott, Catechetical Coordinator

RCIA

We warmly welcome all those inquiring about becoming Catholic. For information, call Laura.

Baptism

A sacrament of initiation and belonging. Please Contact the Catechetics

200 O'Connor Drive, San Jose, California 95128

www.stmartin.org

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

HOW POWERFUL IS PRAYER?

The inescapable theme of this weekend's Liturgy of the Word is prayer and the need for persistence in prayer. The question I want to deal with here is how powerful is prayer and how we can enjoy prayer without being burdened and /or bored.

Is prayer powerful enough to change God's mind? Can we change God's mind at all? Metaphysically, can God be changed? These are the questions being asked in philosophical circles. No satisfactory answer has come to light. Let me tell you what I know. Prayer changes things. It does make a difference in what and how God does. It changes persons. It can have an effect on situations and circumstances. It can transform the one who prays. I am not talking metaphysics but my personal experience. This is what I have seen, experienced, seen happen in the Holy Scriptures and other people's lives.

That being said, we pray not because prayer is powerful but because God is powerful. To avoid being burdened by prayer and the very thought of it and to enjoy praying we must have the ability to be lost in and carried away by the 'awesomeness' of God. We see Psalmist do it over and over and over again. To mention but two: "Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders which you have done, And Your thoughts toward us; There is none to compare with You. If I would declare and speak of them, they would be too numerous to count" (Ps. 40:5). And, "You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely" (Ps. 139:1-4). Like the disciples we should be wonder-struck: "Who then is this, who commands even the winds and the sea, and they obey him?" (Luke 8:25).

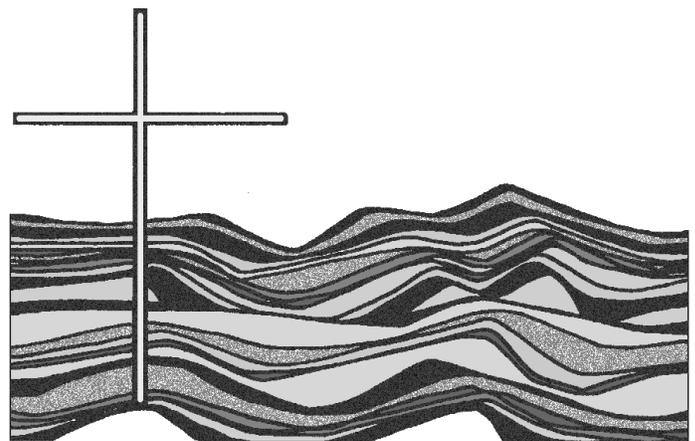
Our ability to enjoy prayer will also depend on

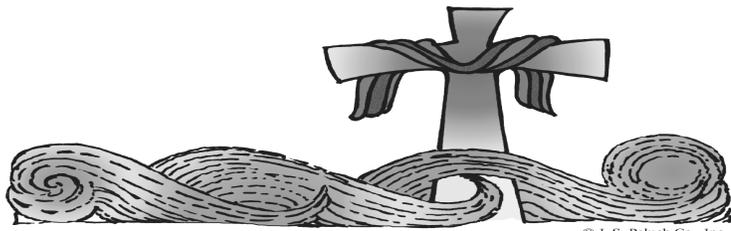
Mass Intentions July 23- July 30		
Saturday	5:00	David Grimm
Sunday	7:00	St. Martin of Tours Parishioners
	8:30	Joanne Brewer†
	10:00	Katherine Olson†
	11:30	Steve Forestieri†
	6:00	Robert Ferioli
Monday	8:00	Alex Stelmaszczyk
Tuesday	8:00	Right to Life
Wednesday	8:00	Sylvia Busch†
Thursday	8:00	Rosalia & Tom Bommarito, Sr†
Friday	8:00	Stacia Borella†
Saturday	8:00	Souls in Purgatory

our faith, hope, and charity. The degree of our faith is the degree of our prayer. The strength of our hope is the strength of our prayer. And the warmth of our charity is the warmth of our prayer. Ultimately, prayer is like love. Words pour out in silence or from silence. In difficulties, a gesture is enough, a word, or nothing at all – love is enough.

"The spiritual person comes to God as an intimate friend, heart to heart and therefore keeps her soul vigilant and happy" (St. Clement of Alexandria)

-Fr. Abe





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You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

— Colossians 2:12

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Childrens Catechetical Ministry (CCM)

Who

Children in 1st -5th Grades & their Parents

What

Parent & Student Orientation/CCM Kickoff!!

When

Thursday, September 15th
6:00 - 7:00 pm

Where TBD

Why

Helping your child to know & love God is the best gift a parent can give!!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes when bishops are consecrated, they are not given the care of a diocese as an "ordinary." A very old tradition, however, assures that they are invested with a "see," a link with a local church. Many hundreds of places around the world were dioceses at one time, but are no longer. In England, for example, some of the historic dioceses such as London, Salisbury, and Manchester ceased to be Catholic at the Reformation and their cathedrals passed to the Church of England. The reestablishment of the Catholic Church in the nineteenth century meant that new dioceses had to be created, such as at Liverpool and Westminster. Similarly, in Scandinavia the ancient Catholic dioceses vanished under Lutheranism. In North Africa, tiny dioceses disappeared under the sands or were swept away by Islam.

In the United States, some original dioceses never really developed as population centers, such as the old dioceses of Bardstown, Vincennes, Sault Ste. Marie, or Walla Walla. The tradition of "titular sees" assures that the ancient churches are always held in prayer, as the bishop celebrates Mass in its memory a few times a year.

WE NEED YOU... For more information or to help with our Children's Ministries, contact Laura Martin-Spencer at lmartin-spencer@stmartin.org or 408-289-9608

We need more Catechists and volunteers for the following Ministries:

Children's **L**iturgy **O**f the **W**ord- **CLOW** is for children ages 5 through 11 years old. Children attend the 8:30 am or 10:00 am Mass with their family and then process from the Church to the Community Building for the Proclamation of God's Word at a child's level of understanding. The children then return to Church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Children's **C**atechetical **M**inistry- **CCM** is for children in Grades 1- 5: Catechesis is on Thursday afternoons, 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. from September through May in the school building. We utilize Loyola Press' *Finding God* faith formation program for our elementary age children.

Preschool Ministry- Preschool ministry is for children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten and is in the school building during the 10:00 am Masses, September through May. The preschool children are placed in small, mixed groups to rotate through activity centers (faith, craft, action/movement, etc.).

Sunday Offerings and Online Giving

Sunday offerings: 7/17/2016

	Week	Fiscal Year to Date
Budget	\$20,400	\$49,300
Actual	\$18,736	\$46,068
	(\$1,664)	(\$3,232)



Mission Appeal \$8,950

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

**Thank you for your continued
support!**

Martha's Kitchen, a San Jose soup kitchen which has been feeding the hungry for 35 years, is in need of volunteers from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday to help serve during the summer months. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age, wear close toed shoes and modest attire. Please email Kevin Patterson at kevmo450f@gmail.com or call (408) 293-6111.



Calendar of Events

7/26 Women's Book Group will discuss *Sherwood Nation: A Novel* by Benjamin Parzybok in the Bailey House at 7:15 pm

Summer Office Hours

Parish Office MTW 9-5, TR 8:30-12:30, F 1-5

Pilgrimage



St Frances Cabrini will be hosting a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico over the feast day, December 8 - 13, 2016. Cost \$2,379.00 per person including air from San Jose, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily. Holy Mass everyday. For a Flyer or more information please call Cathie or Mike Milano at

1-800-773-2660.

Peace and Justice Commission

Learning from our works of mercy, Housing the UnHoused Women in April 2016

We learned a lot but there is always more to learn/, we continue to review.

Lesson 5. What went well?

Using the church for sleeping was a huge upgrade from the area previously planned -- the Community Building. Our guests were most appreciative and loved being in church all night "next to Jesus."

What did we learn?

Moving the cots in each evening and out each morning before Mass added to the many tasks each day. Volunteers needed to do this task only.

**And we wonder..... where are the women now and how are they?
One is living at Casa de Clara and attends college,
another has her own room with house privileges.**



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.



Peace and Justice

A Blue Scarf represents the expansive blue sky we all share. It is worn to express solidarity. As we continue to pray for our country, let each of us wear a Blue Scarf to Mass each week to remind our selves of the need to be aware of our own woundedness and to become aware of the woundedness of others.

The next **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** offered by **RealOptions Pregnancy Medical Clinics** is on:

August 26-28
Mt. Hermon Retreat Center
37 Conference Drive
Mt. Hermon, CA 95041

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers support to anyone whose lives have been impacted by abortion. It is an opportunity to examine the experience, identify ways it has affected your life, and start the healing process. Find comfort in the reassurance of God's love, mercy, and acceptance.

Retreats are offered at no cost to attendees and are confidential. To register go to www.realoptions.net/hope or call 408-837-0990.



Engaged couples can register for any date at www.marriageforlifef.com **August 6th, October 15th**

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 the Parish office, 408-294-8953. A team of volunteers will be on hand to deliver home-cooked hot meals to your doorstep until you get back on your feet.



RCIA at St. Martin of Tours is an ongoing process, which means we are always here to welcome you and offer a place for you to take a deeper look at your relationship with God.

Where is it going? Where do you want it to go? We continue to meet each Thursday evening at 7PM.

All are Welcome!

Scripture Readings for NEXT Week

Sunday, July 31, 2016

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21



Why are we so reluctant to separate ourselves from material things?



Practice saying the Our Father.

Our Father
Who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
Our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses.
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation.
But deliver us from evil.
Amen



2016-2017 Online Registration for Sunday Ministries (CLOW, Preschool, Nursery), Children's Catechetical Ministry (CCM), & Middle and High School Youth Ministry will be coming soon!! Check the parish website in early August or listen during Sunday Mass announcements for when we will begin registration. For more information, email Laura at lmartin-spencer@stmartin.org.

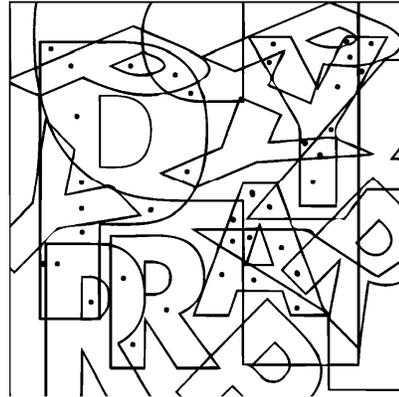
GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

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Jesus said to the disciples, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come, Thy will be done. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test."

Gn 18:20-32 Ps 138:1-3, 6-8 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13

Directions: Color only the spaces with a dot inside.
Decode the word.



"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Directions: Put the pictures in the same order as the quote from above by writing 1, 2, or 3 under the pictures below.

