



# Saint Martin of Tours

People Ministering to People

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

## Our Mission Statement

*Saint Martin of Tours is a Roman Catholic Community bound together by the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, as we join Him in offering thanks and praise to God the Father through the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit. Molded by the Word of God and nourished by the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, we are sent to seek out the lost, bind the broken, feed the hungry, and to share the Good News of God's mercy and love for all. We welcome all people of goodwill to join us in building here on Earth the coming Reign of God and so to offer to people of all ages continued formation in our Christian Faith.*

Third Sunday of  
Advent  
December 16, 2018

REJOICE IN THE LORD  
ALWAYS



## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKENDS:

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

### RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 4:00 pm or by appointment

[www.stmartin.org](http://www.stmartin.org)

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Bookkeeper

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### Sacrament of the Sick

If you or anyone you love is sick and unable to attend Mass, please call Pastoral Care.

## Catechetical Ministry..... 408-289-9608

**Daniel Valcazar** dvalcazar@stmartin.org Ext. 21  
Director of Faith Formation

### Baptism

A sacrament of initiation and belonging.

**Sunday Preschool, Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW),  
Children's Catechetical Ministry (CCM)**

**First Holy Communion**

**Adult Sacraments of Initiation (RCIA)**

We warmly welcome all those inquiring about becoming Catholic.

**Megan Lott** mlott@stmartin.org Ext. 22  
Catechetical Coordinator

**Edge, Teen Confirmation, Lifeteen &  
Finger Printing**

**St. Vincent de Paul..... 408-439-0342**

Please leave a message at this number and be sure to accept calls from blocked numbers as other wise you may miss the call to provide assistance.

**St. Martin of Tours School..... 408-287-3630**

**Debby Rodriguez**  
Principal

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# A Reflection

## Venture and Experience Joy

Dear Friends,

The Third Sunday of Advent is often referred to as Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday. The title comes from the beginning of the Latin introit for this Sunday, "Rejoice in the Lord; again I say, rejoice," (Philippians 4:4, from the second reading for this Sunday).

Advent is an invitation to Adventure of Faith – Be Bold, Venture and Experience Joy!

An unusual survey was done a few years ago, Participants in the survey were asked this question.....what 3 word sentence would you most like to hear or have said to you? The top three answers were 1. I love you.....2. I forgive you.....3. Supper is ready. How does that relate to Advent? Listen and I'll tell you.

Abraham Lincoln snuck into church one night. On the way home his aide asked him if he liked the sermon. He replied, "I thought it was well-thought through, powerfully delivered and very eloquent." His aide remarked that Lincoln must have thought it was a great sermon then. Lincoln replied, "No. It failed. It failed because Dr. Gurley did not ask us to do something great." In today's Gospel, John the Baptist asks people to do something - venture.

When was the last time something bold was done by us? When was the last time any of us grabbed life by the tail and took a risk, turning down the opportunity to play it safe? William James said, "Compared to what we ought to be, we are only half awake. We are making use of only a small part of our physical and mental resources." When was the last time you or I colored outside the lines? There is a sign on an Alaskan highway that reads: Choose your rut carefully; you'll be in it for the next 200 miles.

Many people are in a rut and they don't even know it. It has been said that a rut is simply a grave with the ends kicked out. As we get older, we tend to play it safe. Some settle for comfortable and predictable lives. Only a few dare to be bold with their lives and seize every day as a fresh gift from God. Only a few roll out of bed in the morning with the fresh enthusiasm of a little child. Advent calls for an adventure of

faith and life. "Don't play it safe. Go for it!" Don't let fear; pessimism, and paranoia rule your life. It's time to take risks and live boldly, deciding to enjoy life instead of just enduring it. Life is not monotonous. Rather, it is an adventure of faith that is anything but tedious.

- "Cast your bread upon the waters" – referred to shipping grain instead of carting it to other countries
- How much risk can you stomach?
  - Most people feel insecure taking risks
  - without risk, great things are missed
  - Christians should be the greatest risk-takers on earth
  - divide up your portions

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Venture to love and say it. Venture to forgive and express it. Venture to care and do it. Fixing supper or breakfast and saying, "Supper is ready", makes for a venture. Hope Fr Gener would venture more for this last one. Ha ha!

God bless!  
Fr. Saj

## Mass Intentions

### December 16th-22nd

<b>Saturday</b>	5:00	
<b>Sunday</b>	7:00	
	8:30	Antonio Furtado†
	10:00	Azariah Gandeza
	11:30	Lydia Zapanta†
	6:00	St. Martin of Tours Parishioners
<b>Monday</b>	8:00	Michael DeLuca† Alexander Soosaipillai†
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00	Margret Soosaipillai† Soosaipillai Sothy†
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00	Justin Semana†
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00	Calixtia Cuevas†
<b>Friday</b>	8:00	Souls in Purgatory
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00	

## SUNDAY OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

Sunday Offerings: 12/9/2018

	Actual	Year to Date
Budget	\$10,235	\$362,860
Actual	\$7,995	\$309,378
	<b>(\$2,240)</b>	<b>(\$53,482)</b>

As of now, our Sunday offering shows a considerable short fall. We ask that you be as generous as you can during this holiday season.

Retirement Fund for Religious \$2,192

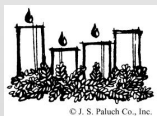
**For donations to "Capital Campaign"**

**Please make a note in the memo section of your check.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

## Family Prayer around the Advent Wreath

Third Sunday of Advent 12-16-2018



"Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The Lord,  
your God,  
is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over  
you  
with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing  
joyfully because  
of you, as one sings at festivals." (Zephaniah 3:14-18)

**Lighting of the Candle:** One member of the family may light the candle corresponding to the Third Sunday of Advent – Rose—Candle of Joy.

**Prayer:** Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Jesus experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## FOOD BOX IN DECEMBER NEEDS YOU!

Please join us **on Friday, Dec. 21st at 6pm in the gym**, for the biggest Food Box Distribution of the year! Every year, December is a record month for our program-- so we especially need your help. Please consider volunteering your time to help us help our neighbors-- what a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas!

### AND DONATIONS!

We are also soliciting donations for our Food Box and St Vincent de Paul clients of HYGIENE items: toothpaste, toilet paper, shampoo, soap, and diapers (all sizes.)

Please contact Karen at 408.410.3222 or [kguldan@gmail.com](mailto:kguldan@gmail.com).

**Thank you for your continued support!**

## VILLAGE HOUSE UPDATE!

Our rotating interfaith shelter for medically-fragile women will be hosted right in our neighborhood, from Nov 7-Dec 5 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and Dec 5-Jan 2 at St. Pauls. Both congregations are quite small, so while they are so generous to share their space, they need our help as volunteers.

As such, St. Martin of Tours has committed to fill all of the volunteer positions (at a minimum!) on Nov 29, Dec 8, Dec 17, and Dec 26. Please consult your heart and your calendar and help fill in all of the dates at:

<http://www.villagehousesccca.org>

and select St. Mark's or St. Paul's. Thank you for your support!

## Poinsettia Donations for the Church

The Arts and Environment Committee are preparing to decorate our church for Christmas. As we know, poinsettia usually adorns our church altar during the Christmas season. We would like to request you, St. Martin Community, to donate white poinsettia flowers to adorn once again our church altar this Christmas. You may bring your donation of poinsettias either to the church or parish office on or before December 17. Thank you for your donation.

## 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



## FAITH FORMATION CORNER

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, "Gaudete Sunday," is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice!" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams!

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## Scripture Readings for Mass NEXT Week

**December 23, 2018**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

First Reading: MI 5:1-4A

Second Reading: HEB 10:5-10

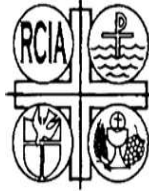
Gospel Reading: LK 1:39-45

**Question of the Week** What can we learn from Elizabeth this Advent season?

## RCIA

### (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Have you ever considered becoming Catholic? On December 20<sup>th</sup> we'll be discussing Baptism and Confirmation. RCIA provides a safe space with others that are exploring whether the Catholic Church may be a place to call "home"? We meet weekly in the Parish Office and all are welcome!



Please contact Daniel at (408) 289-9608 or [dvalcazar@stmartin.org](mailto:dvalcazar@stmartin.org) for more info.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**The EDGE** is our middle school (6-8th) grade youth ministry and meets 5:00-6:30pm in the Community Building on Tuesdays. We have ongoing Open Registration, so please visit <https://goo.gl/3b2uFf> to register your child.

**Life Teen** is our high school youth ministry. We will be meeting most Sundays in the Bailey House from 7:00- 9:00 pm. We have ongoing Open Registration, so please visit <https://goo.gl/FNsgEk> to register your child.

For more info about Youth Ministry, please contact Megan at (408) 289-9608.

## SUNDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**Nursery** The nursery is open for parents with children to use. The nursery is available from the 8:30am Mass until after the 11:30am Mass, but please let us know if you'd like to use it during a different Mass. Please enjoy this wonderful space where your child can feel comfortable and you can still observe Mass streamed on the TV.

**Sunday Preschool** Our Preschool runs most Sundays from October through April. The program is designed for children ages 3 to Kindergarten and includes: music, crafts, activities and faith lessons. We have ongoing Open Registration, so please visit <https://goo.gl/4PMhEo> to register your child.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)** designed for children ages 5-11. Children are sent forth from the 8:30 and 10:00am Mass for their own special Liturgy of the Word. We have ongoing Open Registration, so please visit <https://goo.gl/4PMhEo> to register your child.

For information on Children's Ministry please contact Daniel at (408) 289-9608.

## Calendar of Events

- 12/16** Giving Tree Gifts Deadline
- 12/17** Scripture Study - Community Building 6-7:30pm  
1st Corinthians Chapter 16
- 12/17** Food Box Sorting - Bailey House 6:45-8:45pm
- 12/21** Food Box Distribution - Gym 6-8:30pm

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Is a lay ministry that reaches out to those in need both spiritually and financially. The society has been part of the parish since its inception. This is a ministry that is flexible and can fit in with your busy schedule. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Bailey house.

For more info call 408-439-0342



## Nothing But Net

Get yourself and your game to Saint Martin Gym on Saturday morning at 7:15am. Play begins when 10 are ready; continues until last leaves, or 10am. \$4.00 donation requested. If you haven't played basketball here, you'll quickly see why parishioners and other friends get a great run to start their weekend.

For more information e. mail John Heagerty:  
jdheagerty@gmail.com or 408.921.6188  
Think about it: friendly, fun competition and maybe *swish*, nothing but net. (It's good!)

**St. Martin of Tours School**  
Offering a Transitional Kindergarten through  
Eighth Grade Catholic Education  
**Open House, January 10, 2019**  
School Tours: 8:30am-11:00am  
TK & Kindergarten meeting: 8:45am



300 O'Connor Drive  
San Jose, 95128



**Application deadline**  
January 18, 2019  
www.stmartinsj.org  
(408) 287-3630

 **We Believe - We Achieve - We Roar**

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

MARRIED COUPLES - WANT TO GIVE A GIFT THAT  
KEEPS ON GIVING?

Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend - it's the best gift you'll ever give each other and your marriage! The next Marriage Encounter Weekends: Feb 15-17, 2019 in San Jose, CA and May 17-19, 2019 in San Jose, CA. For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at:

[sanjosewme.org](http://sanjosewme.org) or contact Ken &  
Claranne at [applications@sanjosewme.org](mailto:applications@sanjosewme.org) or  
408-782-1413.

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When you follow our page, you'll get information about the parish activities!



**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS - CRAB FEED**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019 - 6PM**  
Sponsored by the Men's Club to benefit the parish

TICKET PRICES	BEFORE Dec 17th	AFTER Dec 17th
Adult	\$55	\$60
Senior 60+	\$40	\$45
Kids K-8th	\$15	\$20
Pasta Kids	\$10	\$15
TK & Under	FREE	FREE

Music - Great Food  
Raffle Prizes  
Kid Tables & Crafts

Includes: Crab, Salad,  
Soup, Pasta, Bread,  
Dessert, Coffee, Punch  
\$1 Soft Drinks & Water  
\$6 Wine & Beer



First come, first serve seating. Buy your tickets online before they sell out!  
<https://www.mkt.com/st-martins-mens-club>



# Christmas Schedule of Mass



## Christmas Eve Masses – Monday, December 24th

**4:00 p.m. Mass** - Children/Family Mass

**6:00 p.m. Mass**

**Midnight Mass** (Caroling begins at 11:30pm)

## Christmas Day Masses – Tuesday, December 25th

**7:00 a.m. Mass**

**9:00 a.m. Mass**

**11:00 a.m. Mass**

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### **Please consider A YEAR END DONATION TO THE PARISH**

I would like to acknowledge the generosity and good will of each and every one who supports the parish and ministries with your time, talent, and treasure. Thank you!

As the year 2018 is coming to an end, please consider making a generous one time donation to the parish. This will greatly help us in catching up with our Sunday collection shortfall. You could mail in your donations, drop it in the Sunday collection or drop it at the parish office.

Those considering online giving, please contact Loretta Krouse by email: [lkrouse@dsj.org](mailto:lkrouse@dsj.org) or stop by the parish office.

Thanking you and looking forward to your continued support in People Ministering to People.

~St. Martin of Tours Finance Council

