



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.

*Fourth Sunday of
Advent
December 23, 2018*



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

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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.

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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.

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**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
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200 O'Connor Drive, San Jose, California 95128

A Reflection

Dear St. Martin of Tours Community,

O Little town of Bethlehem, How still do we see thee lie!

I asked “Alexa” this morning to play for me the song, “*O Little Town of Bethlehem.*” After savoring the song, I tried to google its history—how the song came about. This is what I read: The American clergyman Phillips Brooks wrote those words in 1868, three years after visiting Bethlehem. But the village he visited was a much different place than the bustling commercial hub where Jesus was born.

Nicholas Blincoe, author of *Bethlehem: Biography of a Town*, tells the fascinating story of Jesus’ birthplace. When the future king David was born there, it was only a settlement of shepherds and herdsman. But Bethlehem came into prominence 200 years before Jesus’ birth when the Greeks built an aqueduct from the springs near the Bethlehem hills to supply water to the city of Jerusalem, seven miles away. Bethlehem instantly became a center of commerce as well as a strategic military location.

Blincoe writes that Mary and Joseph probably spent the night in the open garden in the center of Bethlehem. “Mary and Joseph would see tough-looking traders strike deals, count profit, write contracts, and exchange their sheep and wool for fruit or olive oil. To visitors from the Galilee, this might make Bethlehem a wild and strange kind of town. Nevertheless, it was clear that Bethlehem was far less free than the Galilee. There were soldiers everywhere. [Rome’s] Tenth Legion was charged not only with protecting the many miles of aqueducts, but also with policing the desert, the empire’s international border, as well as the profitable trade in livestock and Dead Sea chemicals . . . Bethlehem was supposed to be part of the Jewish ancestral homeland. Yet, as the scriptures tell us, it was not a place where one was likely to find many Jews.”

It was here, Matthew and Luke write, in this busy, bustling, godless exchange that God entered human history.

Every day, Jesus is born in the Bethlehems of our

lives: lives overwhelmed by responsibilities and expectations. Sometimes Jesus comes to us in poverty that we might know the riches of God; he comes in simplicity that we might realize the presence of God in all things; he comes quietly so that we might hear the music of God amid the clamor of our noisy world.

This Christmas, may the wellspring that is Jesus bring new hope and joy into our Bethlehems; may the light that is Christ illuminate the darkness of our manglers, our “hearts,” with wisdom and peace in this season and in every season of the new year.

Fr. Saju and I invoke God’s manifold blessings upon you.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2019!

Fr. Gener

Mass Intentions December 22rd-29th

Saturday	5:00	St. Martin of Tours Parishioners
Sunday	7:00	Faithfully Departed
	8:30	Norman Demers
	10:00	David Grimm
	11:30	Barbara Baggen Stoss†
Monday (Christmas Eve)	6:00	Faithfully Departed
	4:00	Jacob Dann†
Tuesday (Christmas)	6:00	Miguel Banzon†
	12am	Connie La Toza Family (Thanksgiving)
	7:00	The Cisneros Family (Thanksgiving)
	9:00	David Grimm
Wednesday	11:00	Justin Semana†
	8:00	Right to Life
Thursday	8:00	Mary Anthony†
		Anthony La†
Friday	8:00	Patrick Mellot
Saturday	8:00	Suzanne Cisneros (B)

Family Prayer around the Advent Wreath

Fourth Sunday of Advent 12-23-2018



“Thus says the Lord: You, Bethlehem too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times.” (Micah 5:1-4)

Lighting of the Candle: *One member of the family may light the candle corresponding to the Fourth Sunday of Advent – Purple—Candle of Peace.*

Prayer: Father, all-powerful God, your Eternal Word took Flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice that announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE DID IT AGAIN!!

A **big THANK YOU** to all our parishioners who brought the gifts that went to our nursing home residents and food box participants! All the tags were taken so we have done our best through your generosity to see that each resident has received a gift at Christmas. Special thanks to those who bought and wrapped the gifts, the students who hung the tags on the trees, and those who sorted the many gifts and delivered them. They say it takes a village to raise a child. It takes the wonderful community-of-hearts of St. Martins to remember all these precious ill and elder persons at Christmas.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

Stewardship numbers
not available at time

For donations to “Capital Campaign”
Please make a note in the memo section of your check.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Merry Christmas from the Food Box Program!

The Food Box program extends our thanks to the hundreds of supporters who helped make the Food Box successful in 2018. This includes volunteers and donors alike.

We served over 2100 individuals in 2018, providing healthier foods and lots of fresh produce. In our new client choice model, we provided personal 1:1 support and friendly fellowship to each client, with more personal interactions between our volunteers and the clients.

This has been our biggest and best year of distributions yet, and we hope to help even more of our food-insecure neighbors in 2019. If you haven't yet visited our Food Box program, we encourage you to add it to your calendar for 2019-

We distribute food every 3rd Friday in the Gym at 6pm-8pm, and we welcome volunteers of all ages. What a wonderful New Years resolution, to give back and volunteer in our community! We hope to see you soon-- and thanks again to everyone who supported the Food Box this year.

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 kauldan@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support!

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Facebook page!

You can find it at

www.facebook.com/stmartinoftoursSJ

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

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

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift-giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

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Scripture Readings for Mass NEXT Week

December 30, 2018
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading: SIR 3:2-6, 12-14

Second Reading: COL 3:12-21

Gospel Reading: LK 2:41-52

Question of the WEEK What can you learn from the Holy Family?

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Have you ever considered becoming Catholic? RCIA will resume January 10th and we'll be discussing two more sacraments. 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 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

1/7	Scripture Study - Community Building 6-7:30pm 2nd Corinthians Chapter 1-2
1/10	St. Martin of Tours School Open House 8:30-11:00am
1/10	Faith & Family Night - Church 5:30-7:00pm
1/19	Memorial Liturgy - Church 10:00am

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 or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewme.org or 408-782-1413.

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

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 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Bailey house.



For more info call 408-439-0342

Memorial Mass

The BeFriends – would like to invite those who have experienced a loss through death - to our annual memorial liturgy "A Time for Remembering". We hope that you will be able to join with other families or individuals who have experienced the loss of a spouse, child, parent, sibling other relative or dear friend to remember, pray, and celebrate the lives of those so dear to us.

You are invited to bring a photograph of your loved one(s) to add to our memorial table. It will be returned to you at the end of the mass. Best to arrive 10 minutes early to place photo on the altar and light a candle.

We keep you in our prayers and hope that you are being gentle with yourselves as you journey from grief to healing.

Date: Saturday January 19, 2019
Time: 10.00 A.M.
Place: St. Martin of Tours Church



Memorials
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There will be refreshments and time to share stories following the liturgy in the Community Building.



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

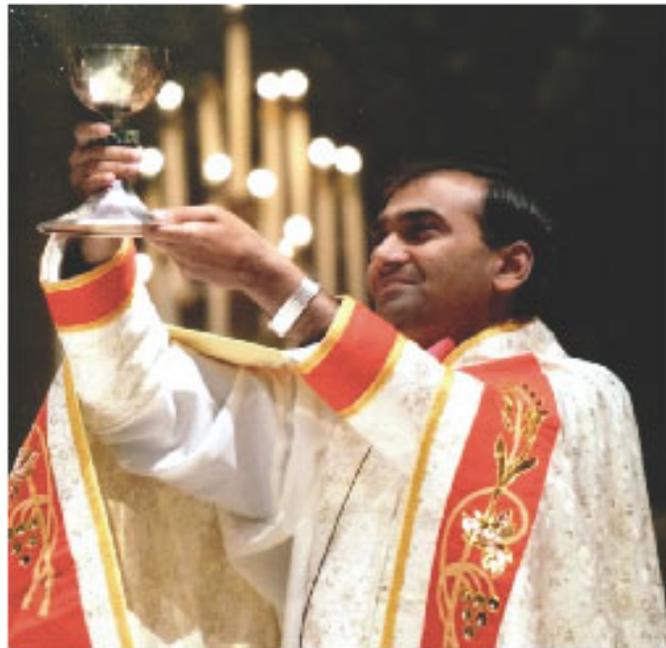
Includes: Crab, Salad, Soup, Pasta, Bread, Dessert, Coffee, Punch \$1 Soft Drinks & Water \$6 Wine & Beer



Music - Great Food
Raffle Prizes
Kid Tables & Crafts

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

St. Martin Of Tours Parish
cordially invites you to
Fr. Saju Joseph's
25th Ordination Anniversary



Saturday, January 5, 2019
5:00 PM Mass
Reception follows in the Auditorium

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