



Saint Martin of Tours

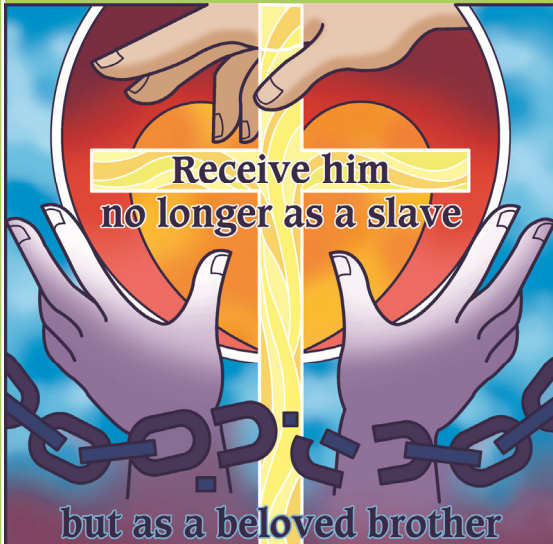
People Ministering to People

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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.

*Twenty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 8th, 2019*



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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Baptism

A sacrament of initiation and belonging.

**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 and Lifeteen

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

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

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A Reflection

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

By Joe Juellich

The theme of today's readings is not just wisdom, but the difference between conventional wisdom and divine wisdom.

The first reading is from the Book of Wisdom. This book was written about a hundred years or less before Christ. It is part of the Deuterocanonical Books of the Bible. Even though the author is unknown, it is known that he came from Alexandria, Egypt, and had an excellent knowledge of the Hebrew Scriptures as well as Greek culture. The book was written in Greek and came at a time of persecution not only from the outside but also by apostate Jews. The St. Charles Borromeo Bible Study of Picayune, MS, adds this additional comment on the Book of Wisdom – "Perhaps the single-most important contribution of the book consists on its reflections on Wisdom, and especially the personification of Wisdom as God's agent in the world, yet sharing intimately in His nature. The ground is prepared for the understanding of Jesus as the incarnate Wisdom of God".

In this first reading from chapter 9, we see the difference between God's divine wisdom and our conventional wisdom. Conventional wisdom is not only burdened by our mortal bodies but also by external concerns. Divine wisdom does not have those impediments and therefore is beyond our understanding. As the author of Wisdom asks – "Who can know God's counsel". Reginald H. Fuller in his *Preaching the Lectionary: The Word of God for the Church Today* adds this comment on this reading – "While verse 15 recalls Plato's *Phaedo*, the author does not teach a non-biblical dualism of body/soul. The body is a hindrance to the knowledge of God's will, not the seat of evil. It is its finite, not evil,

character that is its drawback. Only God's Spirit, or wisdom, enables us to transcend that finitude".

In today's Gospel reading from Luke, we see what it takes to be a disciple of Jesus. Many of these sayings are unique only to Luke. Jesus does not mince words here. To be a disciple one must turn one's back on the world and be totally committed to God. One must also carefully plan and know what they are getting into, regardless of what conventional wisdom might say. Unlike many great leaders, Jesus is more concerned about His followers than by how many followers He has. He makes it quite clear that being a disciple is very difficult. This is not a part time job. It is a lifelong job that is never ending.

(Joe Juellich has been a Bible Study Facilitator for the past 19 years. He is well known for his learning of sacred scriptures and his thought provoking reflections).

Mass Intentions

September 7th - September 14th

Saturday	5:00	David Grimm
Sunday	7:00	Faithful Departed
	8:30	Deceased Members of ICF†
	10:00	Richard Harrison†
	11:30	St. Martin of Tours Parish
	6:00	Faithful Departed
Monday	8:00	Faithful Departed
Tuesday	8:00	Faithful Departed
Wednesday	8:00	Hortencia Ovando†
Thursday	8:00	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	8:00	Faithful Departed
Saturday	8:00	Faithful Departed

OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

Stewardship numbers not
available at time of print

For donations to "Capital Campaign"
Please make a note in the memo section of your check.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

An unforgettable "break" for your marriage! Want something more lasting than a weekend vacation in Bahamas, Bermuda or the Mountains? Give your marriage the "best vacation break" by making Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The **next Marriage Encounter Weekends** include: **Nov 8-10, 2019 in Menlo Park, CA and Sep 13-15, 2019 in Concord, CA.** For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at:

sanjosewwme.org

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

Growing Your Faith Men's Fall Cursillo Weekend October 3-6, 2019

A great opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus happens this Fall. Consider going on a **Cursillo** weekend. Described as a short course on Christianity, Cursillo combines prayer, learnings, heartfelt talks, good food, and fun. You'll meet people just like you who desire a stronger Catholic-Christian Faith. Leaders and speakers have a passion for the Faith.

A Cursillo weekend runs from Thursday after dinner through Sunday afternoon. Let a friend know about this opportunity and encourage your spouse, too. If you haven't attended a Cursillo, decide to go this Fall. If you have attended a Cursillo, invite a friend.

For more information, Contact the following St. Martin of Tours Parishioner
(Jeff Lola /408-761-2954)

Annual Blessing of the Animals

- ALL PARISHIONERS AND SCHOOL FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A SHORT PRAYER SERVICE AND ANIMAL BLESSING.
- ALL TYPES OF PETS WELCOME (PLEASE BRING ON A LEASH OR IN A CARRIER) OR BRING A PHOTO OF A BELOVED PET

Sun. September 29, 2019 | 1pm
Mary's Grotto | St. Martin of Tours



New Core Team Members needed For Youth Ministry

Our Life Teen and Edge youth groups are looking for new Core Team members for this upcoming year! A Core Team member is someone who helps lead the youth of our parish through their faith journey. The youth are our future. And we, as people of faith, need to help guide them throughout their middle school and high school years. Please consider becoming a Core Team member this year and helping grow our Youth Ministry program. If you don't feel called to the ministry, please keep this in your prayers. Contact Katie M'Guinness if you are interested or just want to learn more!

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



Faith Formation Corner TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God's people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate.

In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was "full, conscious, and active," a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered.

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Scripture Readings for Mass NEXT Week

September 15, 2019
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
 Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17
 Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-32

Question? What most challenges you from
our WEEK these readings?

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This weekend we celebrate the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our weekly RCIA sessions have resumed with our introductory period of Inquiry. During this period, we spend our time exploring the Catholic faith as individuals discern whether they are prepared to commit to this new way of life. This weekend we will learn about the Mass, the Church Year and places in a Catholic Church. If you'd like to explore whether to be Catholic or to prepare for Baptism, to receive your First Communion, or Confirmation, then we'd love to welcome you to RCIA. We are meeting on Sundays after the 10am Mass in the Bailey House. All are welcome!

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

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. (After your visit, please be sure to clean up any toys that your child used before you leave)

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 the Nursery or Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) please contact Daniel at (408) 294-8953.

Calendar of Events	
9/13	Mind Body Spirit - Bailey House from 2-4pm
9/16	Scripture Study - Community Building from 6-7:30pm
9/16	Food Box Sorting - Bailey House at 6:45pm
9/20	Food Box Packing - Gym at 6:00pm

Join Us for Scripture Study



All are welcome for St. Martin's Scripture Study! If you're interested in adding another dimension to your prayer, please consider joining us as we explore the Spirituality of St. Paul! Our Scripture Study uses the Little Rock Scripture Study Series and our next gathering will be Monday, September 16th from 6-7:30pm in the Community Building. We hope to see you!

If you have any questions, please contact Daniel at (408) 294-8953 or dvalcazar@stmartin.org.

Donation Requests for St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) and Food Box Program

The Food Box program needs your help! While we receive a generous amount of donations from Second Harvest, we are sometimes short on specific items.

We would appreciate donations of COOKING OIL and TOILET PAPER. Any and all non-perishable donations are welcome! Please place donations in the barrels in the entryways of the church, or drop them off at the parish office.

Mark your calendar now for our next Food Box distribution on Friday, September 20--our volunteers make this program possible!

Faith Formation Registration is LIVE!

St. Martin of Tours Faith Formation Program Registration is live! Please visit stmartin.org and look at the rotating images on the homepage to click on the program you're interested in. We look forward to another great year of faith formation, sacrament preparation and engaging ministry!

Please contact Daniel at (408) 294-8953 or dvalcazar@stmartin.org for more info.

NEW PARISHIONER **REGISTRATION** AND CURRENT PARISHIONER **UPDATES** 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

Other updates: _____



St. Martin of Tours Church

People Ministering to People

Dear Parishioners,

An old proverb says, 'A vision without a plan is just a dream. A plan without a vision is just drudgery...but a vision with a plan can change the world.'

I feel blessed to be part of a community that lives and celebrates the mission of Christ with great vision articulated as "People Ministering to People." The former pastors, countless lay leaders and community members have not only set a great vision before us, but also strived to live it from the formation of this Parish. However, if we do not have a plan on how to achieve our vision in the changing demographic of the parish, we will likely falter.

With the above realization in mind, the Pastoral Council in collaboration with the parish staff embarked on a planning process for our parish that outlines our goals and objectives for the coming years. Pastoral Council members interviewed all the ministry leads, various leaders, many volunteers, staff members, and council members. We received very valuable inputs from the interviews conducted, which constituted major source for formulating the priority plan. This plan will embrace different aspects of parish life and will help us to continue where we are good and strengthen areas requiring growth.

This will be the guiding document for pastor and parish staff in their work. It will also guide different councils (Pastoral, Finance, and Spirituality) and committees in their discernment and decisions.

Please read and follow though this document carefully so that you know the direction our parish is heading and can actively be part of the implementation process. We have so much going for us and we continue to receive God's grace in abundance to make it happen. Thank you for your commitment to the parish. May we always remember that when we are in the same boat rowing together with the Spirit, we will go far!

May God bless you and your family abundantly.

With love,

Fr. Saju Joseph
Pastor

