



Saint Martin of Tours

People Ministering to People

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL
COMMUNITY

Our Mission Statement

We are a community of disciples formed by the Word, who gather in Worship and bear Witness to Christ by ministering to all people.



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 28TH, 2021**

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS:

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

WEEKDAYS:

Monday - Friday 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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Baptism

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW),

Children's Catechetical Ministry (CCM)

First Holy Communion

Confirmation

Adult Sacraments of Initiation (RCIA)

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

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

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Notes from the Pastor & Prayers

Dear Friends,

Wish you all a grace filled Advent!

In the modern world we live in, the Advent season may have just disappeared, because it has no commercial value. As a result, when we look around, we see a huge leap from Thanksgiving to Christmas without the Advent season.

However, in the spiritual journey of a Christian, the season of Advent is very important. That is the reason; we have four weeks of Advent that ends on Christmas Eve, when we really begin the Christmas Season. Advent begins on the Sunday that falls between November 27th and December 3rd each year

The English word "advent" is borrowed from the Medieval Latin word "adventus". It means arrival, appearance, or new beginnings. Therefore, we talk about the advent of an important event, invention, or situation with reference to the fact of it starting or coming into existence.

Advent Season for all Christians is a time for new beginnings. It cannot be just a repeat of the past. It calls us to begin something radically new for our spiritual growth and for the welcoming of Christ.

The wonderful news is that this weekend is the Church's version of "Happy New Year." Advent marks the beginning of a new Liturgical year – a perfect time to examine our conscience, our habits, our actions and our passions. Are they ordered toward God and a closer relationship to Jesus? If not ... now might be the time to make a set of "Advent Resolutions" to get back on track. Advent resolutions for the new liturgical year instead of the traditional January resolutions – that would be something new.

Wishing you all a blessed Advent,
Fr. Saju

Please pray with us for
our parishioners, family and friends.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE DECEASED:

Justin Ebner, Manuel Eres, Rose Scudero-Jones, Aleksis Cantu, Bill Scharrenberg, Michael Glazzy, Dolores Santana, Luciana Sanvicente

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Rose Mary Maguire, Michael Joseph, Kay Macken, Dee Jackson, Sofia Rita Vernacchia, Helena Knapen, Msgr. John Sandersfeld, Diane Borella, Hilaria Amezquita, Maximillion Thompson Smith, Joe Arant, Midge Zylker, Kyle Anderson, Jose Mendoza, Michael Griffith Jr.

Prayer Angels Ministry

Prayer is one of the greatest gifts you can give another. If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please email Therese Lehane at tlehane@stmartin.org.

Mass Intentions

November 27th - December 3rd

Saturday	5:00	Kathleen Sieben †
Sunday	8:30	James & Vincee Viso †
	10:00	J.W. Knapen † Al & Lucy Bergquist †
	11:30	Robert Lawrence † Cristeta & Hilario Balolong †
Monday	8:00	St. Martin of Tours Parishioners
Tuesday	8:00	Faithfully Departed
Wednesday	8:00	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	9:00	St. Martin of Tours Parishioners
Friday	8:00	St. Martin of Tours School



Family Reflection...

November 28, 2021 1st Sunday in Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16 • 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 • Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all... to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. —1 Thessalonians 3: 12-13

All of us anticipate this time of year when Advent begins, looking forward to all the fun that is to come at Christmas time. But Advent is supposed to be about getting ready for Jesus, not just getting presents, going to Christmas parties, decorating, or baking. It's fine to do all that too, and enjoy it, but Advent calls us to stop to think of those around us and how we can share Jesus with them. It means sharing his love with those you know and those who need it most this time of year: shut-ins, people who are ill or sad, and those who can't afford all the things we can for Christmas. Let's use Advent to let our love increase and abound for one another and for all.

Dear Lord, thank you for the chance to prepare our hearts for your coming each year in Advent. Please help us to share your love with those who need it most this year.

Family Reflection: What are some ways we as a family can reach out those in need this Advent?

First Sunday of Advent - Prayer

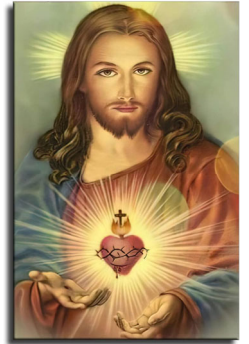
HOPE

Jesus, there are so many people in our world who need hope. Help me to embrace the hope that comes my way today, whether it's something small or something big. Amen.

A Closer Look at God.....

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Science classes teach us that our hearts pump blood, the source of life, through our bodies. But many cultures have understood the heart also as the core of a person and the source of love. One of the basic laws of the Jewish people commands them to love the Lord with their whole hearts.



It makes sense that the symbol of Jesus' Sacred Heart helps us understand the great love Jesus has for us.

When we see Jesus' Sacred Heart, sometimes it is pictured apart from Jesus' body, and sometimes it is superimposed on his chest, and he is pointing to it. There are some variations in how the Sacred Heart is presented, but usually you will see some common symbols. The heart is pierced, and perhaps there are drops of blood. This helps us remember how Jesus' side was pierced when he was on the Cross. Thorns, a symbol of our sin and Jesus' suffering, surround the heart. The flames coming out of the Sacred Heart help us remember that Jesus' love burns with intensity.

Dates to Remember

RCIA:

November 28 – 11:30 AM session in the parish office

December 5 – 11:30 AM session in the parish office

December 12 – 11:30 AM session in the parish office

CCM (Children's Catechetical Ministry)/First Eucharist Preparation:

December 2 – 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM CCM sessions

December 4 – 10:00 AM to 11:25 PM First Reconciliation

December 9 – 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM CCM sessions

December 9 – 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM (church) Parent sessions (Speaker Series)

December 16 – 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM CCM sessions

Confirmation:

December 5 - Confirmation Session Canceled

December 12 – 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM Virtual Student and Sponsor Meeting

January 9 – 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM Candidate session

Spirituality & Stewardship

Family Prayer around the Advent Wreath

First Sunday of Advent



"The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined." (Isaiah 9:2-3)

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

Prayer: O God, as light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming. Amen.

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!

Support St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)

Our second collection this weekend will support St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP).

In the spirit of love and justice, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Santa Clara County (SVdP) provides person-to-person services to help our neighbors in need. SVdP respects the dignity of every person. We provide Safety-Net services for families and individuals in our community who are often suffering, forgotten and deprived — the working poor, the homeless, the incarcerated, and all people living on the margins. We also seek systemic change solutions to move people out of poverty.

The holidays are always a challenge, and we appreciate your support! God Bless!



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: _____

Parish Events & Information

Calendar of Events

12/2	<i>Holy Hour Adoration & Benediction</i> in the Church at 7:00 PM
12/4	First Reconciliation for Candidates in the Church at 10:00 AM
12/9	Speaker Series with Fr. Angelbert in the Church at 4:00 PM
12/12	Giving Tree Gifts and Gift cards DEADLINE, please return so they can be distributed

See back of bulletin for Advent-Christmas Schedule

St. Martin of Tours Speaker Series Thursday, December 9th



In just a few weeks, the Church will be celebrating the Advent season. The Advent season marks the beginning of the liturgical new year, four Sundays before December 25. It is a season of desire and hope. Nothing about Advent should be inherently depressing, but because we live in physical bodies that respond to the cycles of light and dark and warmth and cold, for some people this season corresponds to greater emotional or psychological darkness. How poignant then, that Advent is a time to notice the darkness of our world and wait, long for, and pray for the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World.

Please join us Thursday, December 9 from 4:00pm-5:15pm in the Church as Father Angelbert Chikere shares a prayerful Advent reflection with us. Father Angelbert holds a Master of Divinity from Santa Clara University's Jesuit School of Theology. He is no stranger to St. Martin of Tours as he was previously assigned to our parish as a seminarian. He is currently a parochial vicar for St. Lawrence the Martyr Catholic parish in Santa Clara. We hope you can join us to be spiritually filled during this Advent season, deepening our longing for Christ in our lives.

Annual Giving Tree

The St. Martin of Tours community has always been extremely generous over the years to our giving tree program. COVID wasn't even able to hold us back when we adapted and were able to provide gift cards to those in need. This year our giving trees are going back up and we are so excited! The giving trees with tags will be placed at the back of the church on Thanksgiving Day, November 25th. This year St. Martin of Tours is providing gifts for 100 farm worker family members; they are the red tags on the trees. We will also be providing grocery store gift cards to our food pantry clients, as well as our farm worker families; they are the green tags on the trees. Please take the tag of your choice, purchase the gifts or gift card, and return the tag with gift on or before December 12, 2021 to the church, before Mass, or the parish office (Mon. - Thurs. from 10AM-5PM). The gifts will be sorted and delivered to the farm workers families before they have to vacate their current home, so please return all gifts **UNWRAPPED** by **December 12**. We thank you in advance for your continued generosity and kindness. God Bless you and Happy Holidays.



FOOD BOX

SAVE-THE-DATE for CHRISTMAS

The Christmas distribution for our Food Box program is the busiest day of our year-- sometimes doubling the number of clients in need. Please mark your calendars now, to save the date-- we would love to see you there. We meet behind the Bailey House.

Food box sorting Monday, December 13th 5-7pm (volunteers)

Food box packing Friday, December 17th 3-5:30pm (volunteers)

Food Box pick up Friday, December 17th 4-5pm (clients)

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Therese Lehane at (408) 294-8953 x316 or tlehane@stmartin.org.



ADVENT-CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Advent Schedule

Thursday, December 2nd	Evening Prayer, Adoration/Benediction 7:00 p.m. in the Church
Every Saturday during Advent	Confessions 3:30 p.m. in the Church
Saturday, December 4th	First Reconciliation Service (Candidates) 10:00 a.m. in the Church
Sunday, December 12th	Giving Tree Gifts deadline Return gifts for Food Box Clients & Farm worker Families
Tuesday, December 14th	Parish Reconciliation Service with Confessions 7:00 p.m. in the Church
Monday, December 13th	Food Box Sorting 5:00 p.m. Bailey House Patio
Friday, December 17th	Food Box Distribution 4:00 p.m. under the Tents



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses

Friday, December 24th

3:30 p.m. Mass

(Outdoor & in the Church)

5:30 p.m. Mass

(Outdoor & in the Church)

Christmas Day Masses

Saturday, December 25th

8:30 a.m. Mass (in the Church)

10:00 a.m. Mass (in the Church)

* Outdoor Masses are in person & in car

