

**PASTORAL BULLETIN FOR THE PARISHES OF
SAINT MARK & SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 14, 2025**

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SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

HOLY MASS

Monday-Friday

6:30 AM at St. Martin

8:00 AM at St. Mark (livestream)

Saturday Morning 8:00 AM

at St. Mark (livestream)

Saturday Evening Vigils

4:00 PM at St. Martin

5:00 PM at St. Mark

Sunday Morning

7:00, 9:00 (livestream) & 11:00 AM
at St. Mark

10:00 AM at St. Martin

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, & FUNERALS

May be scheduled at St. Mark, St. Martin,
St. Andrew, St. Bernadette, or St. Matthias
Churches by calling the Pastoral Office.

CONFESSIONS

One half hour prior to each Vigil or
Sunday Mass beginning at the quarter hour.



Saturday, Dec. 13

4:00pm **St. Martin** Jack P †
 5:00pm **St. Mark** Brian Pollihan †

Sunday, Dec. 14 *3rd Sunday of Advent*

7:00am **St. Mark** Jennie S Wright †
 9:00am **St. Mark** Vince Manning †
 10:00am **St. Martin** People of the Parishes
 11:00am **St. Mark** Sean Verbeck †

Monday, Dec. 15

6:30am **St. Martin** Donna Stockclausen †
 8:00am **St. Mark** Sean Selvaggio †

Tuesday, Dec. 16

6:30am **St. Martin** Angie Eckhard
 8:00am **St. Mark** Shranz Family

Wednesday, Dec. 17

6:30am **St. Martin** Roxanne Astroth †
 8:00am **St. Mark** Stefan Capkovic †

Thursday, Dec. 18

6:30am **St. Martin** Bob Bernhard
 8:00am **Sr. Mark** Thomas Feder †

Friday, Dec. 19

6:30am **St. Martin** Bob Bernhard
 8:00am **St. Mark** Carolyn Feder †

Saturday, Dec. 20

8:00am **St. Mark** Tom Mataya †
 4:00pm **St. Martin** Jack P †
 5:00pm **St. Mark** People of the Parishes

Sunday, Dec. 21 *4th Sunday of Advent*

7:00am **St. Mark** Ramon Madrigal †
 9:00am **St. Mark** George & Celeste Ottoline †
 10:00am **St. Martin** Jack P †
 11:00am **St. Mark** Herb Meyer †

Psalm 19
His Words are Spirit & Life.



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 35:1-10

*“Those the Lord has ransomed
 will return and enter Zion singing
 crowned with everlasting joy.”*

James 5:7-10

*“Be patient, brothers and sisters,
 until the coming of the Lord.”*

Matthew 11:2-11

*The disciples of John came and asked Jesus,
 “Are you the one who is to come,
 or should we look for another?”*

DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK DECEMBER 15 - 21

Monday: **Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17**
Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday: **Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13**
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday: **Genesis 49:2, 8-10**
Matthew 1:1-17

Thursday: **Jeremiah 23:5-8**
Matthew 1:18-25

Friday: **Judges 13:2-7, 24-25**
Luke 1:5-25

Saturday: **Isaiah 7:10-14**
Luke 1:26-38

Sunday: **Isaiah 7:10-14**
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Yes, your prodigal pastor has finally returned home and the time away proved to be just the boost I hoped before the Holiday onslaught.

During my vacation Fr. Allen and our pastoral staff did a great job covering the bases and for that I am truly grateful — however, that didn't stop things from collecting in my absence:

- A request from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops for a special January collection to provide humanitarian relief in Gaza by way of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and Catholic Relief Services (CRS).
- A need to consolidate the Open Pastoral Council Meetings in order to accommodate the schedules of Council Members who found two weeks of back to back meetings in December difficult to make.
- A delay in the replacement of the roofs at St. Martin's due to expected weather and perennial supply issues.
- Reception of a grant from the *Annual Catholic Appeal* to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Martin of \$3,300 to support their Food Bank.
- A promise from the Archdiocesan Office of Buildings and Real Estate for asphalt repairs, resurfacing, and stripping to St. Martin's parking lot in the Spring.
- As the weather became frigid, the boilers in one of the schools at St. Andrew and at St. Martin decided to go on the fritz.

Its just another day at your Pastor's Desk reminding me just why it was that I needed that vacation!

Nonetheless, it is really good to be back home!

Father Bob Burkemper



Monday, Dec 15

Exercise Class 9:00am St. Mark 112

Tuesday, Dec 16

Devotions to the Mother of Perpetual Help After 6:30 & 8:00am Mass

Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:00am Pastoral Office

Quilting 9:00am St. Mark Rm 113

Quilting 10:00am St. Martin Runge

Scripture Study 1pm & 7pm Pastoral Office

Wednesday, Dec 17

Bible Study 9:00am St. Mark Rm. 101

Quilting 9:00am St. Mark Rm 113

Cards 12:15pm St. Mark Rm 114

Christ's Journeyman 7:00pm St Mark Rm 112

Thursday, Dec 18

Eucharistic Adoration After 8:00am Mass until 6:45pm Benediction

Exercise Class 9:00am St Mark Rm 112

Quilting 10:00am St Martin Runge

Choir Practice 6:30pm St Mark Rm 101

Legion of Mary 7:15pm St Mark Rm 115

Friday, Dec 19

Men's Club Christmas Party 6:00pm Andre's Banquet Center

Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30PM St. Andrew Hoffmeister Ent.

Sunday, Dec 21

Bingo Bandwagon Hall 2:30PM
doors open/5:30PM
games begin (Volunteer Team 3)

BINGO BINGO BINGO

**PLEASE REMEMBER
IN YOUR DAILY PRAYER**



All the Faithful Departed

Especially
Marge Fedke

*May they find eternal rest
in the light of Christ's Resurrection.*



All the Sick

Especially
Dorothy Brahm

and all our parishioners and family members
who are in need of our prayers.

*May they experience
the healing touch of Jesus in their lives.*



For the Peace of Christ

*In our hearts, in our homes, in our cities,
in all brothers and sisters around the world,
may peace arise.*



***For Pope Leo's Special Intention
for December***

*"Let us pray that Christians living in areas
of war or conflict,
especially in the Middle East, might be seeds
of peace, reconciliation, and hope."*



For All Our Parishioners

May this Advent Season
be a time of grace,
drawing ever closer
to Jesus,
Emmanuel, God with us!



PRAYER HOTLINE

The members of this ministry pray for the special intentions of our parishioners and their loved ones.

To be included or to join in prayer for others, please contact Jean Malone at 314.544.3572.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

To have prayer intentions listed in the Pastoral Bulletin for parishioners who have recently died or who are currently ill please contact our Pastoral Office.

The names of the sick will be published for four consecutive weeks.



**G O D ' S W O R D
P R O C L A I M E D
S C R I P T U R E S T U D Y**

This study, led by our pastor, Fr. Burkemper, fosters a better understanding of the context and practical application of the Sunday Scriptures.

We gather each week in the Pastoral Office (4200 Ripa Avenue) on ***Tuesday afternoon at 1:00PM & again in the evening at 7:00PM.***

All are welcome!

This Tuesday's texts will be:

Isaiah 7:10-14

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

**Our Sacramental Schedule
for Late Advent & Christmas Season**

Wednesday, December 17

Advent Penance Service

6:30 PM at St. Martin

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Vigil Masses

4:00 PM at both St. Martin & St. Mark

Christmas Mass in the Night

10:00 PM at St. Mark Church

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day Masses

9:00 AM at St. Mark

10:00 AM at St. Martin

Wednesday, December 31

Mary, Mother of God Vigil Masses

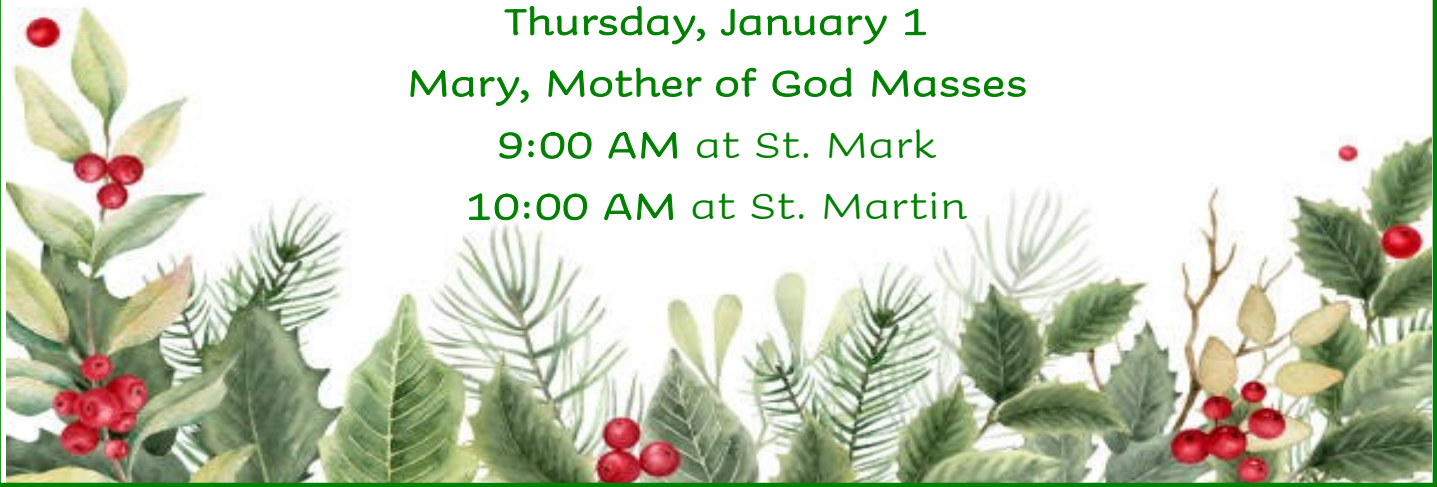
4:00 PM in both St. Mark & St. Martin

Thursday, January 1

Mary, Mother of God Masses

9:00 AM at St. Mark

10:00 AM at St. Martin





ST. MARTIN MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 19

ANDRE'S BANQUET HALL

From 5:45 PM

Price: \$35 (in advance only)

The Evening Includes:

Hors d'oeuvres

Choice of 2 Meats for Dinner

An Open Bar

Attendance Prizes

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December 13/14

At St. Martin & St. Mark

At Dubowl Lanes

Tuesday, Dec.16

Reservation Required - Call

Kevin 314-541-8840

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Mike 314-952-3475



DECK THE HALLS...

Our two sanctuaries are particularly beautiful during the Seasons of Advent and Christmas.

The transformation from one season to the other will begin after the 11:00 AM Mass next Sunday, December 21 at St. Mark and then on Tuesday, December 23 at St. Martin at 9:00 AM.



The Creche for each Church will be assembled at that time but without the image of the long awaited Infant.

The floral decorations will be arranged just before the actual celebrations of the Masses of Our Lord's Nativity and the shift from the current Advent Bushes into the brilliant Trees of Christmas won't occur until the Vigil Masses of Christmas Eve.

We can all be grateful to the volunteers who will gather to help out with all the decorative touches which remind everyone of the wonder of the Mystery of the Incarnation of Christ when we gather for the Great Feast.

*FA—LA—LA—LA
LA—LA—LA—LA*

Did you Know . . .

Advertising on the Pastoral Bulletin

is cost effective and helps us cover the cost of this weekly publication?

This Week, Monday thru Thursday, December 15 thru 18, **Matt Mansfield** from **LPI**, our bulletin printer, will be here in the Pastoral Office to secure new ads.

*Come in to speak with Matt about an ad,
call him at 314-276-4756
or email him at mmansfield@4lpi.com.*



WE CAN ASSIST OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED WITH FOOD FOR CHRISTMAS

St. Martin of Tours Food Pantry
is preparing food baskets
for those in need.

Items still needed for the baskets:

Canned vegetables
Canned meats
(chicken & dumplings, stew, chili, etc.)
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- Homeless Outreach
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To see all events, view the young adult
calendar at stlyoungadults.com.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PREVENTION FUND (CCPF)



*"Don't be frightened
by the size of the task.*

*Be strong and courageous
and get to work for
the Lord My God is with You."*

I Chronicles 28:20

PHASE II OF CCPF HAS BEGUN...

Funds raised in Phase II will be used to
replace the roof of St. Martin's School, at an
estimated cost of **\$ 206,242**.



This Phase
will be funded
as was Phase I

—by an ACA
Grant from the
Archdiocese

—Remaining
Proceeds of
the 2025-2026
Parish Bingo

—And Your
Ongoing
Support of the
CCPF.

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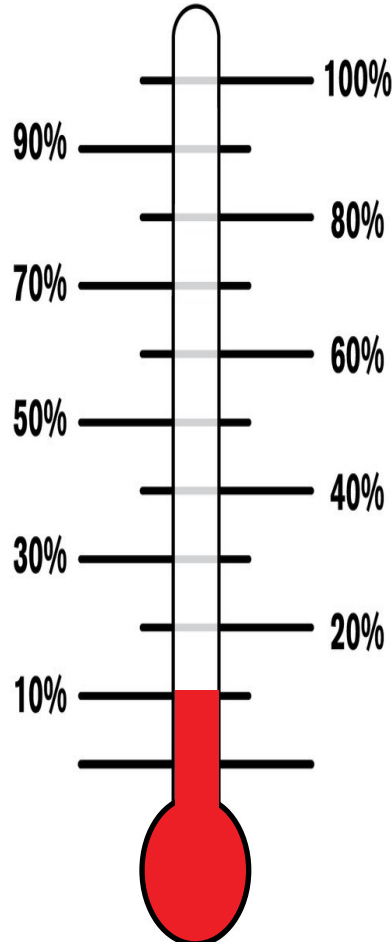
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