



**PRINCE OF PEACE**  
**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 ST MONICA • ST MARTIN OF TOURS  
 LYFORD, TX

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 AD - LITURGICAL YEAR C



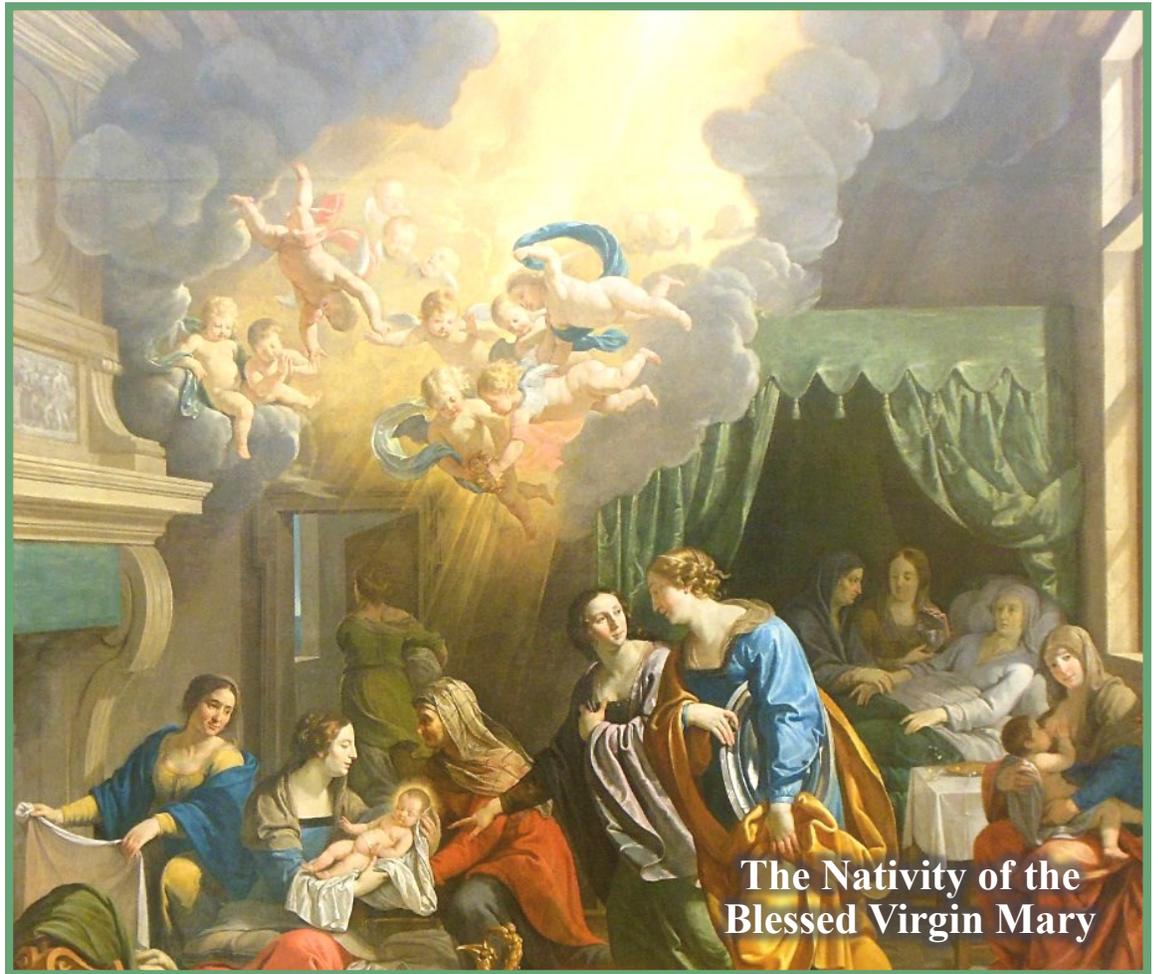
**ST MARTIN OF TOURS**  
 345 N MARTIN CAVAZOS DR  
 SEBASTIAN, TX



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 8413 PARK AVE.  
 LYFORD, TX



**ST. MONICA**  
 FM 1018 & 1420  
 SANTA MONICA, TX



**The Nativity of the  
 Blessed Virgin Mary**



**CATHOLIC DIOCESE**  
 OF  
**BROWNSVILLE**

## REV. JOSHUA A. CARLOS—PASTOR

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### MASS TIMES \* HORARIO DE MISAS

**Saturday** 8:00am Saint Martin (Bilingual)  
 4:30pm Santa Monica (English)  
 6:30pm Prince of Peace (Spanish)  
**Sunday** 8:30am Saint Martin (Bilingual)  
 10:30am Prince of Peace (English)  
**Monday** 8:00am Prince of Peace (Bilingual)  
**Tuesday** 6:00pm Saint Martin (English)  
**Wednesday** 4:00pm Santa Monica (English)  
**Thursday** 6:00pm Prince of Peace (Bilingual)  
**Friday** 8:00am Prince of Peace (Bilingual)

### CONFESSIONS \* CONFESIONES

**Saturday** 9:30am Prince of Peace  
 4:00pm Santa Monica  
**Sunday** 8:00am Saint Martin  
**Tuesday** 6:30pm Saint Martin  
**Wednesday** 3:30pm Santa Monica  
**Thursday** 6:30pm Prince of Peace

### ADORATION \* ADORACIÓN

**Tuesday** 6:30pm Saint Martin  
**Thursday** 6:30pm Prince of Peace

### CARE FOR THE SICK

If you know someone who is sick and homebound who would like a visit from a priest or in need of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick please call the office to schedule a visit.

WE LOVE HAVING YOU AS

a part of  
 our Flock!



Keep in touch with us via  
 email and text!



TEXT  
 POP-SMT-SM  
 TO 84576





# HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY/SABADO** September/Septiembre 06, 2025  
Santa Monica 4:00pm

+Deacon Cruz Carlos by Parishioners  
+Andrea Cavazos Aguirre by Family  
+Ricardo Mares by Velma Garcia  
**Prince of Peace** 6:30pm  
For the People of the Parish

**SUNDAY/DOMINGO** September/Septiembre 07, 2025  
St. Martin of Tours 8:30am

+Erik Chavez by Family  
+Merced Guerrero by Family  
+Delia De Leon by Ana Capelo  
+Pete Alvarez by his wife, Vicky  
**Prince of Peace** 10:30am

+Manuel and +Josefina Aparicio by Family  
+Juan Guadalupe Costilla by his sister, Claudia  
+Frank Infante by Family  
+Gloria Urbina by Family  
+Rafael Rincones by Family  
In Thanksgiving for Marco Mungia by Family

**MONDAY/LUNES** September/Septiembre 08, 2025  
Prince of Peace 8:00am

**TUESDAY/MARTES** September/Septiembre 09, 2025  
St. Martin of Tours 6:00pm

**WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES** September/Septiembre 10, 2025  
Santa Monica 4:00pm  
+Rogaciana C. Mendez by Family

**THURSDAY/JUEVES** September/Septiembre 11, 2025  
Prince of Peace 6:00pm

**FRIDAY/VIERNES** September/Septiembre 12, 2025  
Prince of Peace 8:00am

**SATURDAY/SABADO** September/Septiembre 13, 2025  
San Martin 8:00am

**Important Reminder:** For inclusion in the weekly bulletin all announcements, including Mass Intentions should be made by Wednesday at Noon.

## MASS OFFERING/OFRENDAS

### PRINCE OF PEACE

Saturday, 8/30, Reg. Offering:\$207.00 2nd Collect:\$59.00  
Sunday, 8/31, Reg. Offering:\$611.00 2nd Collect: 398.88  
Front Desk:\$85.00

### ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

Sunday, 8/31, Reg. Offering:\$696.00 2nd Collect: 213.00  
Front Desk:\$303.00

### ST. MONICA

Saturday, 8/30, Reg. Offering:\$365.00 2nd Collect:\$49.00

Total Expenses: 10,215.01



## Online Giving

SCAN QR CODE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TO YOUR PARISH.

*Thank you, your offering counts!*

**DAILY MASS ON SEPTEMBER 16TH AT ST. MARTIN OF TOURS WILL BE OFFERED AT 8:00AM, THERE WILL NOT BE MASS AT 6:00PM.**

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY OR LITURGICAL CELEBRATION
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>09/07</b>	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
MONDAY	09/08	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
LYFORD	09/08	✕ 8:00am Daily Mass
TUESDAY	09/09	Memorial of Saint Peter Claver
SEBASTIAN	09/09	✕ 6:00pm Daily Mass
WEDNESDAY	09/10	Wednesday of the Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time
SANTA MONICA	09/10	✕ 4:00pm Daily Mass
THURSDAY	09/11	Thursday of the Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time
LYFORD	09/11	✕ 6:00pm Daily Mass
FRIDAY	09/12	Friday of the Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time
LYFORD	09/12	✕ 8:00am Daily Mass
SATURDAY	09/13	Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom
SEBASTIAN	09/13	✕ 8:00am Daily Mass
SEBASTIAN	09/13	☼ Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00am-3:30pm
LYFORD	09/13	† Confessions 9:30am

### SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b  
2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17  
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

### DAILY MASS READINGS



**Liturgical Color for next Sunday September 14: Red**  
For the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



## 1st Day of CCD

**ELEMENTARY: SUNDAY-SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL-SEPTEMBER 10, 2025.**

**TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN)  
PLEASE VISIT THE OFFICE**



## PLEASE JOIN US FOR A MARITAL ENRICHMENT EVENT

For all married couples interested in enriching, Your married life. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 13th from 11:30am to 1:30pm** At the Prince of Peace Parish Hall.

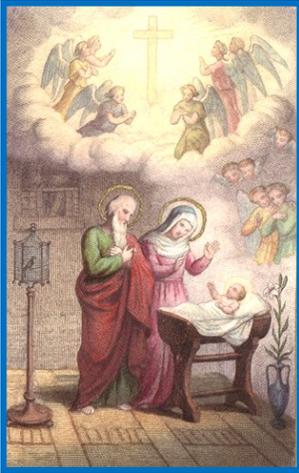


## BLESSING OF CRUCIFIXES

We invite you to bring your Crucifixes. Father Josh will be blessing crucifixes next weekend on September 13 & 14 during the Masses to celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.



# THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



The Catholic Church celebrates today the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church.

These accounts, although not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, outline some

of the Church's traditional beliefs about the birth of Mary.

The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. "He called to mind Abraham," the early Christian writing says, "that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac." Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting, initially wondering whether their inability to conceive a child might signify God's displeasure with them.

As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah, as an angel revealed to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all

generations would honor their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

After Mary's birth, according to the Protoevangelium of James, Anne "made a sanctuary" in the infant girl's room, and "allowed nothing common or unclean" on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father "made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel."

"And Joachim brought the child to the priests," the account continues, "and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations' . . . And he brought her to the chief priests, and they blessed her, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be for ever.'" The protoevangelium goes on to describe how Mary's parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a consecrated virgin for the rest of her life, and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley," he said. The fourth-century bishop, whose theology profoundly shaped the Western Church's understanding of sin and human nature, affirmed that "through her birth, the nature inherited from our first parents is changed."

**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS ALTAR SOCIETY**

Join us after the  
St. Martin of Tours 8:30am Mass  
on  
**September 14th**

♥ Homemade treats, baked with love ♥  
Proceeds benefit our upcoming  
Fall Jamaica.

*Thank you for your  
sweet support!*

**Celebrating**  
The 60th Anniversary  
of The Diocese of Brownsville

**JOIN US**  
for  
MASS @ 6:30 pm

**FREE FOOD & MUSIC**  
FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

WEDNESDAY  
**17**  
SEPTEMBER  
2025

ANNIVERSARY  
1965 - 2025

*Continuing the Mission*

Join us for a class on the Mass  
**"THE MASS EXPLAINED"**  
Next Thursday September 11, 2025  
at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.  
We will be learning about  
the Liturgy of the Word.

**GRAN LOTERIA**

¡TE INVITAMOS!  
YOU'RE INVITED!

**21 DE SEPTIEMBRE**  
**2PM - 4PM**

Tendremos lotería y antojitos.  
We will have the game of  
loteria and snacks.

**\$20 for 4 cards**

St. Martin of Tours Parish Hall  
345 N Martin Cavazos Dr., Sebastian, TX

# LA NATIVIDAD DE LA VIRGEN MARÍA.



La celebración de la fiesta de la Natividad de la Santísima Virgen María, es conocida en Oriente desde el siglo VI. Fue fijada el 8 de septiembre, día con el que se abre el año litúrgico bizantino, el cual se cierra con la Dormición, en agosto. En Occidente fue introducida hacia el siglo VII y era celebrada con una procesión-letanía, que terminaba en la Basílica de Santa María la Mayor.

El Evangelio no nos da datos del nacimiento de María, pero hay varias tradiciones. Algunas, considerando a María descendiente de David, señalan su nacimiento en Belén. Otra corriente griega y armenia, señala Nazareth como cuna de María.

Sin embargo, ya en el siglo V existía en Jerusalén el santuario mariano situado junto a los restos de la piscina Probática, o sea, de las ovejas. Debajo de la hermosa iglesia románica, levantada por los cruzados, que aún existe -la Basílica de Santa Ana- se hallan los restos de una basílica bizantina y unas criptas excavadas en la roca que parecen haber formado parte de una vivienda que se ha considerado como la casa natal de la Virgen. Esta tradición, fundada en apócrifos muy antiguos como el llamado Protoevangelio de Santiago (siglo II), se vincula con la convicción expresada por muchos autores acerca de que Joaquín, el padre de María, fuera propietario de rebaños de ovejas. Estos animales eran lavados en dicha piscina antes de ser ofrecidos en el templo.

La fiesta tiene la alegría de un anuncio premesiánico. Es famosa la homilía que pronunció San Juan Damasceno (675 -749) un 8 de septiembre en la Basílica de Santa Ana, de la cual extraemos algunos párrafos:

"¡Ea, pueblos todos, hombres de cualquier raza y lugar, de cualquier época y condición, celebremos con alegría la fiesta natalicia del gozo de todo el Universo. Tenemos razones muy válidas para honrar el nacimiento de la Madre de Dios, por medio de la cual todo el género humano ha sido restaurado y la tristeza de la primera madre, Eva, se ha transformado en gozo. Ésta escuchó la sentencia divina: parirás con dolor. A María, por el contrario, se le dijo: Alégrate, llena de gracia! ¡Oh feliz pareja, Joaquín y Ana, a ustedes está obligada toda la creación! Por medio de ustedes, en efecto, la creación ofreció al Creador el mejor de todos los dones, o sea, aquella augusta Madre, la única que fue digna del Creador. ¡Oh felices entrañas de Joaquín, de las que provino una descendencia absolutamente sin mancha! ¡Oh seno glorioso de Ana, en el que poco a poco fue creciendo y desarrollándose una niña completamente pura, y, después que estuvo formada, fue dada a luz! Hoy emprende su ruta la que es puerta divina de la virginidad. De Ella y por medio de Ella, Dios, que está por encima de todo cuanto existe, se hace presente en el mundo corporalmente. Sirviéndose de Ella, Dios descendió sin experimentar ninguna mutación, o mejor dicho, por su benévola condescendencia apareció en la Tierra y convivió con los hombres". Si pensamos por cuántas cosas podemos hoy alegrarnos, cuántas cosas podemos festejar y por cuántas cosas podemos alabar a Dios; todos los signos, por muchos y hermosos que sean, nos parecerán tan sólo un pálido reflejo de las maravillas que el Espíritu de Dios hizo en la Virgen María, y las que hace en nosotros, las que puede seguir haciendo... si lo dejamos.

## ST. MARTIN OF TOURS HAS RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR THE UPCOMING FALL JAMAICA!

Please support our mission by helping sell tickets.  
An incentive will be awarded to the top seller—more

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

We will have a Protecting God's Children training for those who have not taken the course within 5 years on

**September 28th from 2pm-5pm.**

And we will have a refresher course on  
**October 5th from 2pm-3pm.**

## ST. MARTIN OF TOURS IS SELLING 2 BUILDING SHEDS BOTH FOR \$3,750



This opportunity is open to parishioners until September 14th. After this date, it may be opened to the public. **Buyer is responsible for all moving and transportation costs.**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**COME WORSHIP THE LORD**  
**EVERY SATURDAY**  
**AT ST MARTIN OF TOURS**  
**FROM 9:00AM-3:30PM**

