



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

FEAST of THE EXALTATION of THE HOLY CROSS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 AD - LITURGICAL YEAR C



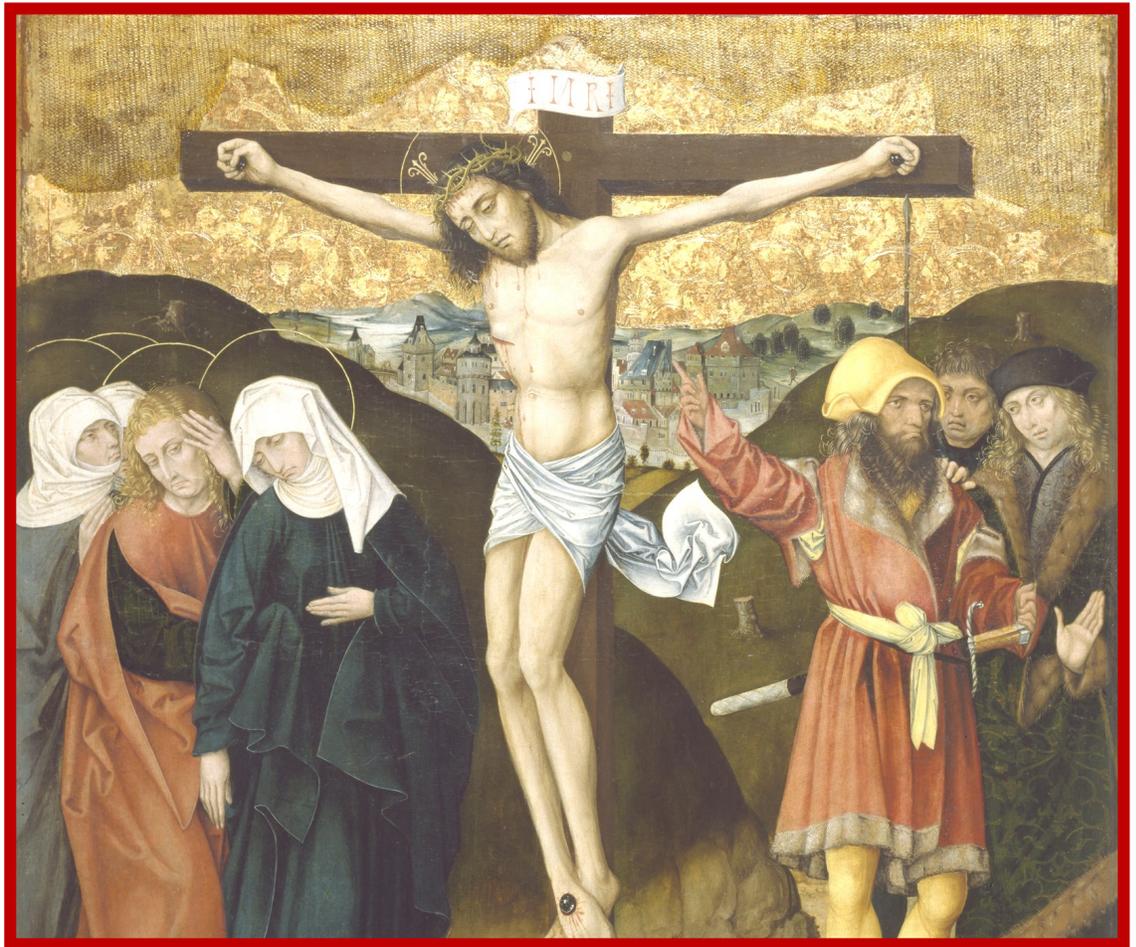
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MASS TIMES * HORARIO DE MISAS

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 10:00am 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!



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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY/SABADO Santa Monica For the People of the Parish	September/Septiembre 13, 2025 4:00pm
Prince of Peace +Pedro Lopez, Sr. by Family +Hector Cantu by Family +Antonio Cantu by Family	6:30pm
SUNDAY/DOMINGO St. Martin of Tours In Thanksgiving for Basilio Guerrero by Family In Thanksgiving for 52 Years of Marriage for Elueterio and Rosa Chavez	September/Septiembre 14, 2025 8:30am
Prince of Peace +Sylvia V. Flores by Family +Gabriella Marina "Gaby" Rivera by Family	10:30am
MONDAY/LUNES Prince of Peace	September/Septiembre 15, 2025 8:00am
TUESDAY/MARTES St. Martin of Tours	September/Septiembre 16, 2025 8:00am
WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES Santa Monica In Thanksgiving for Raquel Chapa by Family	September/Septiembre 17, 2025 4:00pm
THURSDAY/JUEVES Prince of Peace	September/Septiembre 18, 2025 6:00pm
FRIDAY/VIERNES Prince of Peace	September/Septiembre 19, 2025 8:00am
SATURDAY/SABADO San Martin	September/Septiembre 20, 2025 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, 9/6, Reg. Offering:\$565.00 Sunday, 9/7, Re. Offering:\$891.00	2nd Collect:\$215.34 2nd Collect:\$1,537.11
ST. MARTIN OF TOURS Sunday, 9/7, Re. Offering:\$861.00	2nd Collect:\$1526.00
ST. MONICA Saturday, 9/6, Reg. Offering:\$179.00	2nd Collect:\$63.00
Total Expenses:\$6,678.32	



Online Giving
SCAN QR CODE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TO YOUR PARISH.
Thank you, your offering counts!

SEPTEMBER 16TH'S DAILY MASS AT ST. MARTIN OF TOURS WILL BE OFFERED AT 8:00AM. THERE WILL NOT BE A MASS AT 6:00PM.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY OR LITURGICAL CELEBRATION
SUNDAY	09/14	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
MONDAY	09/15	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
LYFORD	09/15	✠ 8:00am Daily Mass
TUESDAY	09/16	Memorial of Saints Cornelius and Cyprian
SEBASTIAN	09/16	✠8:00am Daily Mass (no Mass at 6pm)
WEDNESDAY	09/17	Wednesday of the Twenty-fourth Week Ordinary Time
SANTA MONICA	09/17	✠4:00pm Daily Mass
THURSDAY	09/18	Thursday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time
LYFORD	09/18	✠6:00pm Daily Mass
FRIDAY	09/19	Friday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time
LYFORD	09/19	✠8:00am Daily Mass
SATURDAY	09/20	Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
SEBASTIAN	09/20	✠8:00am Daily Mass
SEBASTIAN	09/20	✠ Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00am-3:30pm
LYFORD	09/20	✠ Confessions 10:00am

SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS DAILY MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9
2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: John 3:13-17



Liturgical Color for next Sunday September 21: Green
For the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Community Council Meetings
COME JOIN US

September 18-Santa Monica 5:15pm.
September 18-Prince of Peace 7:30pm.
(Both will take place at each parish hall.)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

COME WORSHIP THE LORD

EVERY SATURDAY
AT ST MARTIN OF TOURS
FROM 9:00AM-3:30PM



Important Altar Servers Meeting:
There will be a meeting for all Altar Servers **this Sunday Sep 14 at Prince of Peace at 12:30pm after Mass** for all three communities. Altar Servers, please make plans to attend.

THE GLORIOUS CROSS

On 13 September 335, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (also called the Church of the Resurrection) was dedicated. The following day, the cross that Empress Helena had discovered on 14 September 320, was venerated in a solemn ceremony. In 614, the Persian King, Chosroes II, waged war on the Romans. After conquering Jerusalem, he confiscated many treasures, among which was the Cross of Jesus. The Byzantine emperor Heraclius initiated peace negotiations, but was rejected. He then waged war and won near Nineveh, asking for the restitution of the Cross, which then returned to Jerusalem. Today, the cruelty of the Cross is not what is exalted, but the Love that God manifested to humanity by accepting death on the Cross: "Who, though in the form of God, emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. This is the glory of the Cross of Jesus!" (Pope Francis)

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.' For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him (Jn 3:13-17).

Stop turning in on ourselves
 "Being Christian", Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event". The Gospel the liturgy offers us on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross suggests that God wants to enter into a relationship of love with everyone. This is offered in His Son, Jesus, lifted up on the Cross. Lifting up our gaze to God expresses a very important truth: we

are invited to enter back into relationship with Him. We need to stop turning in on ourselves, uselessly nurturing a sense of guilt and forgetting that "in whatever our hearts condemn, God is greater than our hearts" (1 Jn 3:20). Let us lift up our eyes toward the stars (remember Abraham and the promise of many descendants), knowing how to cast every worry onto God.

Wonder and gratitude
 Lifting up our gaze should not enkindle fear, but gratitude, because that elevation is the measure of the love with which God loves His children, in His Son. It is the Mercy of God, therefore, which, as is the case with Nicodemus, illuminates the darkness of our lives and allows us to continue on our journey.

There is no neutrality regarding the Cross
 We cannot remain neutral regarding the Cross of Jesus. Either we are with Him or we are against Him. A choice is made before every action, for the actions of a Christian are none other than the testimony of how "God has love us so much that he gave His only Son, Jesus".



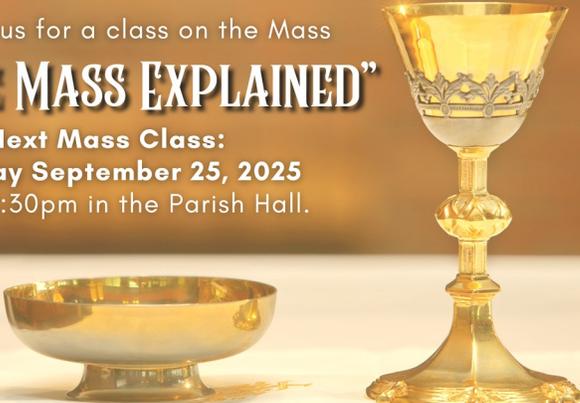

Divine Mercy Chaplet

COME JOIN US IN PRAYER
 TO PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
 ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2025
 AT 3:00PM IN SANTA MONICA.

Join us for a class on the Mass

"THE MASS EXPLAINED"

Next Mass Class:
Thursday September 25, 2025
 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.




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 CRUZ GLORIOSA

El 13 de septiembre del año 335 se dedicó en Jerusalén la iglesia de la Resurrección y del Martyrium. Al día siguiente, en una solemne ceremonia, se expuso la cruz que la emperatriz Helena había encontrado el 14 de septiembre de 320. En el año 614, Cosroe II, rey de los persas, declara la guerra al imperio bizantino. Tras ocupar Jerusalén, se llevó, entre sus tesoros, la Cruz de Jesús. El emperador Heraclio propuso la paz a Cosroe, pero éste rechazó la oferta. Ante la negativa, Heraclio le hizo la guerra, y en el año 627 venció la batalla de Nínive. Tras la caída de Cosroe, Heraclio exigió a su sucesor la devolución de la Cruz, que regresó así a Jerusalén. En este día no se exalta la crueldad de la Cruz, sino el Amor que Dios manifestó a los hombres al aceptar morir en la Cruz: "Aunque era Dios, Cristo se humilló haciéndose siervo. Esta es la gloria de la Cruz de Jesús" (Papa Francisco).

Del Evangelio según san Juan

«Nadie ha subido al cielo, sino el que descendió del cielo, el Hijo del hombre que está en el cielo. De la misma manera que Moisés levantó en alto la serpiente en el desierto, también es necesario que el Hijo del hombre sea levantado en alto, para que todos los que creen en Él tengan Vida eterna. Sí, Dios amó tanto al mundo que entregó a su Hijo único para que todo el que cree en Él no muera, sino que tenga Vida eterna. Porque Dios no envió a su Hijo para juzgar al mundo, sino para que el mundo se salve por Él» (Jn 3-13-17).

Confiar en Dios "No se comienza a ser cristiano por una decisión ética o una gran idea, sino por el encuentro con un acontecimiento, con una Persona que da un nuevo horizonte a la vida y, con ello, una orientación decisiva", escribió Benedicto XVI en su Encíclica Deus Caritas est. El Evangelio que la litur-

gia nos ofrece en la fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz muestra que Dios quiere construir una relación de amor con cada persona: se ofrece en su Hijo Jesús, elevado en la Cruz.

Levantar los ojos hacia Dios sugiere una verdad importante: estamos invitados a relacionarnos con Él. Hay que dejar de encerrarse en uno mismo alimentando inútiles sentimientos de culpa y olvidando que "si el corazón nos condena, Dios es más grande que nuestro corazón" (1 Jn 3,19). Hemos de

levantar la mirada hacia las estrellas (cfr. Abraham y la promesa de una gran descendencia, Gn 15, 5), aprendiendo a poner todas las preocupaciones en manos de Dios.

Asombro y gratitud

Levantar la mirada no debe suscitar miedo sino gratitud, porque la Cruz es la medida del amor con que Dios ama a sus hijos. Es la Misericordia de Dios la que -como en el caso de Nicodemo- ilumina las noches de la vida y permite continuar el camino. Ante la Cruz no hay neutralidad

Ante la Cruz de Jesús no se puede permanecer neutral: o con Él o contra Él. Es una elección que debe hacerse antes de cualquier acción, porque el obrar del cristiano no es otra cosa que el testimonio de lo mucho que Dios nos ha amado, hasta el punto de entregar a su Hijo Jesús.



CCD REGISTRATIONS FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS

Registrations for CCD classes are still open. Please pick up a registration packet and return it to the office during office hours.

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 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.