



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

# FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

NOVEMBER 9, 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)  
 8:00am Prince of Peace (Bilingual)

**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  
**Saturday** 9:00am-3:30pm San Martin

### 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.

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# HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY/SABADO** November/Noviembre 14, 2025  
**Santa Monica** 4:30pm

For the People of the Parish  
**Prince of Peace** 6:30pm

- +Regino Garcia by Family
- +Molly McGovern by Ana Martinez
- +Herminia R. Infante by Rivera Family
- In Thanksgiving for Gina Raimondo by Ana Martinez
- In Thanksgiving for the McGovern Family by Ana Martinez

**SUNDAY/DOMINGO** November/Noviembre 8, 2025  
**St. Martin of Tours** 8:30am

For Healing of Jacob Rocha by Family  
**Prince of Peace** 10:30am

- +Benjamin Garcia by Saenz Family
- +Frank and +Herminia R. Infante by Family
- +Santos Gonzales
- +Ramona Adame
- +Teodoro and +Herminia R. Quilantan by Family
- +Socorro Rivera by Family

**MONDAY/LUNES** November/Noviembre 9, 2025  
**Prince of Peace** 8:00am

*There will be no Mass this day*

**TUESDAY/MARTES** November/Noviembre 10, 2025  
**St. Martin of Tours** 6:00pm

*There will be no Mass this day*

**WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES** November/Noviembre 11, 2025  
**Santa Monica** 4:00pm

*There will be no Mass this day*

**THURSDAY/JUEVES** November/Noviembre 12, 2025  
**Prince of Peace** 6:00pm

*There will be no Mass this day*

**FRIDAY/VIERNES** November/Noviembre 13, 2025  
**Prince of Peace** 8:00am

*There will be no Mass this day*

**SATURDAY/SABADO** November/Noviembre 14, 2025  
**San Martin of Tours** 8:00am

*There will be no Mass this day*

**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

Sunday, 11/2 Reg. Offering:\$3,014.99 2nd Collect:\$374.00  
 Front Desk:\$ 2,112.00

### ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

Sunday, 11/2 Reg. Offering:\$943.00 2nd Collect:\$259.00  
 Front Desk:\$4,260.00

### ST. MONICA

Sunday, 11/2 Reg. Offering:\$163.00 2nd Collect:\$99.00  
 Front Desk:\$40.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$12,151.91**



## Online Giving

SCAN QR CODE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TO YOUR PARISH.

*Thank you, your offering counts!*



**1/4 Chicken BBQ Plate**  
 Sponsored by the Honeybees  
**February 22, 2025 | 11:00am-2:00pm**  
 Prince of Peace Parish Hall  
 8413 N Park Ave. Lyford, TX

**1/4 Leg, Rice, Beans  
 Potato Salad and Bread**  
 Funds to offset cost of a new stove for the Hall.

**Donation \$10 per ticket**

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY OR LITURGICAL CELEBRATION
<b>SUNDAY</b>	11/09	<b>Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b>
MONDAY	11/10	Memorial of Saint Leo the Great
LYFORD	11/10	✘ There will be no 8:00am Daily Mass
TUESDAY	11/11	Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours
SEBASTIAN	11/11	✘ There will be no 6:00pm Daily Mass
WEDNESDAY	11/12	Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
SANTA MONICA	11/12	✘ There will be no 4:00pm Daily Mass
THURSDAY	11/13	Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini
LYFORD	11/13	✘ There will be no 6:00pm Daily Mass
FRIDAY	11/14	Friday of the Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time
LYFORD	11/14	✘ There will be no 8:00am Daily Mass
SATURDAY	11/15	Saturday of the Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time
SEBASTIAN	11/15	✘ 8:00am Daily Mass
SEBASTIAN	11/15	☀ Eucharistic Adoration
LYFORD	11/15	† Confessions 10:00am

Please be advised that Father Josh will be out from  
**November 3-13, 2025**  
 Therefore we will not have Daily Masses, Adoration  
 nor Confessions on those days.  
 Sunday Mass Schedule for  
 November 8-9th will remain the same  
 Regular Mass Schedule

### SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

### DAILY MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12  
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17  
 Gospel: John 2:13-22



*St. Martin of Tours*  
**Fall JAMAICA**

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped make this year's Fall Jamaica such a beautiful celebration of faith, fellowship, and community. Your generosity—through donations, volunteering, and prayers—truly reflects the love and spirit that strengthen our parish family.

Each act of kindness, big or small, helped bring our church grounds to life with joy, laughter, and a sense of togetherness that reminds us how blessed we are to serve God alongside one another.

May God continue to bless each of you for the joy and support you bring to our church community.

# CELEBRATING ST. MARTIN OF TOURS



On Nov. 11, the Catholic Church honors St. Martin of Tours, who left his post in the Roman army to become a "soldier of Christ" as a monk and later bishop.

Martin was born around the year 316 in modern-day Hungary. His family left that region for Italy when his father, a military official of the Roman Empire, had to transfer there. Martin's parents were pagans, but he felt an attraction to the Catholic faith which had become legal throughout the empire in 313. He received religious instruction at age 10, and even considered becoming a hermit in the desert.

Circumstances, however, forced him to join the Roman army at age 15, when he had not even received baptism. Martin strove to live a humble and upright life in the military, giving away much of his pay to the poor. His generosity led to a life-changing incident, when he encountered a man freezing without warm clothing near a gate at the city of Amiens in Gaul.

As his fellow soldiers passed by the man, Martin stopped and cut his own cloak into two halves with his sword, giving one half to the freezing beggar. That night, the unbaptized soldier saw Christ in a dream, wearing the half-cloak he had given to this garment."

Martin knew that the time for him to join the Church had arrived. He remained in the army for two years after his baptism, but desired to give his life to God more fully than the profession would allow. But when he finally asked for permission to leave the Roman army, during an invasion by the Germans, Martin was accused of cowardice.

He responded by offering to stand before the enemy forces unarmed. "In the name of the Lord Jesus, and protected not by a helmet and buckler, but by the sign of the cross, I will thrust myself into the thickest squadrons of the enemy without fear." But this display of faith became unnecessary when the Germans sought peace instead, and Martin received his discharge.

After living as a Catholic for some time, Martin traveled to meet Bishop Hilary of Poitiers, a skilled theologian and later canonized saint. Martin's dedication to the faith impressed the bishop, who asked the former soldier to return to his diocese after he had undertaken a journey back to Hungary

to visit his parents. While there, Martin persuaded his mother, though not his father, to join the Church.

In the meantime, however, Hilary had provoked the anger of the Arians, a group that denied Jesus was God. This resulted in the bishop's banishment, so that Martin could not return to his diocese as intended. Instead Martin spent some time living a life of severe asceticism, which almost resulted in his death. The two met up again in 360, when Hilary's banishment from Poitiers ended. After their reunion Hilary granted Martin a piece of land to build what may have been the first monastery in the region of Gaul. During the resulting decade as a monk, Martin became renowned for raising two people from the dead through his prayers. This evidence of his holiness led to his appointment as the third Bishop of Tours in the middle of present-day France.

Martin had not wanted to become a bishop, and had actually been tricked into leaving his monastery in the first place by those who wanted him to lead the local church. Once appointed, he continued to live as a monk, dressing plainly and owning no personal possessions. In this same spirit of sacrifice, he traveled throughout his diocese, from which he is said to have driven out pagan practices.

Both the Church and the Roman Empire passed through a time of upheaval during Martin's time as bishop. Priscillianism, a heresy involving salvation through a system of secret knowledge, caused such serious problems in Spain and Gaul that civil authorities sentenced the heretics to death. But Martin, along with the Pope and St. Ambrose of Milan, opposed this death sentence for the Priscillianists. Even in old age, Martin continued to live an austere life focused on the care of souls. His disciple and biographer, St. Sulpicius Severus, noted that the bishop helped all people with their moral, intellectual and spiritual problems. He also helped many laypersons discover their calling to the consecrated life of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Martin foresaw his own death and told his disciples of it. But when his last illness came upon him during a pastoral journey, the bishop felt uncertain about leaving his people.

"Lord, if I am still necessary to thy people, I refuse no labour. Thy holy will be done," he prayed. He developed a fever, but did not sleep, passing his last several nights in the presence of God in prayer.

"Allow me, my brethren, to look rather towards heaven than upon the earth, that my soul may be directed to take its flight to the Lord to whom it is going," he told his followers, shortly before he died in November of 397.

St. Martin of Tours has historically been among the most beloved saints in the history of Europe. In a 2007 Angelus address, Pope Benedict XVI expressed his hope "that all Christians may be like St Martin, generous witnesses of the Gospel of love and tireless builders of jointly responsible sharing."



**UPCOMING BAPTISMS**  
 IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, REGISTRATION HAS STARTED FOR THE NEXT BAPTISM ON  
**NOVEMBER 29, 2025**  
**PREPARATION CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 10, 2025 AT 6PM**  
 PLEASE REGISTER IN THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

**3 THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT PURGATORY**

 <p><b>IT MAKES US IMAGES OF CHRIST</b>              It isn't a punishment. Rather, it's a state of purification to make us "perfect images of Christ".</p>	 <p><b>WE NEED TO PRAY FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY</b>              This process of purification can be long and painful, so we need to pray for them - always.</p>	 <p><b>THE SOULS IN PURGATORY CAN PRAY FOR US</b>              Though they can't pray for themselves, as members of the body of Christ, can pray for us.</p>
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**PRAYER FOR THE SOULS OF THE DEPARTED**  
**V.** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.  
**R.** And let the perpetual light shine upon them.  
 And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JAMAICA FALL FESTIVAL Raffle Winners**

- Lobo Del Mar Fishing Trip:** Paul Bonilles, Jr.
- 65" Smart TV:** Ubaldo Lopez
- Apple iPad Mini:** Orlando Gonzales
- Blackstone Flat Top Griddle:** Naya Franklin
- \$100 Visa Gift Card:** Jack Ayub
- \$100 Visa Gift Card:** Dora Rodriguez

# CELEBRANDO A SAN MARTIN DE TOURS



Nació en Hungría, pero sus padres se fueron a vivir a Italia. Era hijo de un veterano del ejército y a los 15 años ya vestía el uniforme militar.

Durante más de 15 siglos ha sido recordado nuestro santo por el hecho que le sucedió siendo joven y estando de militar en Amiens (Francia). Un día de invierno muy frío se encontró por el camino con un pobre hombre que estaba tiritando de frío y a medio vestir. Martín, como no llevaba nada más para regalarle, sacó la espada y dividió en dos partes su manto, y le dio la mitad al pobre. Esa noche vio en sueños que Jesucristo se le presentaba vestido con el medio manto que él había regalado al pobre y oyó que le decía: "Martín, hoy me cubriste con tu manto".

Sulpicio Severo, discípulo y biógrafo del santo, cuenta que tan pronto Martín tuvo esta visión se hizo bautizar (era catecúmeno, o sea estaba preparándose para el bautismo). Luego se presentó a su general que estaba repartiendo regalos a los militares y le dijo: "Hasta ahora te he servido como soldado. Déjame de ahora en adelante servir a Jesucristo propagando su

santa religión". El general quiso darle varios premios pero él le dijo: "Estos regalos repártelos entre los que van a seguir luchando en tu ejército. Yo me voy a luchar en el ejército de Jesucristo, y mis premios serán espirituales".

En seguida se fue a Poitiers donde era obispo el gran sabio San Hilario, el cual lo recibió como discípulo y se encargó de instruirlo.

Como Martín sentía un gran deseo de dedicarse a la oración y a la meditación, San Hilario le cedió unas tierras en sitio solitario y allá fue con varios amigos, y fundó el primer convento o monasterio que hubo en Francia. En esa soledad estuvo diez años dedicado a orar, a hacer sacrificios y a estudiar las Sagradas Escrituras. Los habitantes de los alrededores consiguieron por sus oraciones y bendiciones, muchas curaciones y varios prodigios. Cuando después le preguntaban qué profesiones había ejercido respondía: "fui soldado por obligación y por deber, y monje por inclinación y para salvar mi alma".

Un día en el año 371 fue invitado a Tours con el pretexto de que lo necesitaba un enfermo grave, pero era que el pueblo quería elegirlo obispo. Apenas estuvo en la catedral toda la multitud lo aclamó como obispo de Tours, y por más que él se declarara indigno de recibir ese cargo, lo obligaron a aceptar.

En Tours fundó otro convento y pronto tenía ya 80 mojes. Y los milagros, la predicación, y la piedad del nuevo obispo hicieron desaparecer prontamente el paganismo de esa región, y las conversiones al cristianismo eran

de todos los días. A los primeros que convirtió fue a su madre y a sus hermanos que eran paganos.

Un día un antiguo compañero de armas lo criticó diciéndole que era un cobarde por haberse retirado del ejército. El le contestó: "Con la espada podía vencer a los enemigos materiales. Con la cruz estoy derrotando a los enemigos espirituales".

Recorrió todo el territorio de su diócesis dejando en cada pueblo un sacerdote. El fue fundador de las parroquias rurales en Francia.

Dice su biógrafo y discípulo, que la gente se admiraba al ver a Martín siempre de buen genio, alegre y amable. Que en su trato empleaba la más exquisita bondad con todos.

Un día en un banquete San Martín tuvo que ofrecer una copa de vino, y la pasó primero a un sacerdote y después sí al emperador, que estaba allí a su lado. Y explicó el por qué: "Es que el emperador tiene potestad sobre lo material, pero al sacerdote Dios le concedió la potestad sobre lo espiritual". Al emperador le agradó aquella explicación.

En los 27 años que fue obispo se ganó el cariño de todo su pueblo, y su caridad era inagotable con los necesitados. Los únicos que no lo querían eran ciertos tipos que querían vivir en paz con sus vicios, pero el santo no los dejaba. De uno de ellos, que inventaba toda clase de cuentos contra San Martín, porque éste le criticaba sus malas costumbres, dijo el santo cuando le aconsejaron que lo debía hacer castigar: "Si Cristo soportó a Judas, ¿por qué no he de soportar yo a este que me traiciona?".

Con varios empleados oficiales tuvo fuertes discusiones, porque en ese tiempo se acostumbraba torturar a los prisioneros para que declararan sus delitos. Nuestro santo se oponía totalmente a esto, y aunque por ello se ganó la enemistad de altos funcionarios, no permitía la tortura.

Supo por revelación cuándo le iba a llegar la muerte y comunicó la noticia a sus numerosos discípulos. Estos se reunieron junto a su lecho de enfermo y le suplicaban llorando: "¿Te alejas padre de nosotros, y nos dejas huérfanos y solos y desamparados?". El santo respondió con una frase que se ha hecho famosa: "Señor, si en algo puedo ser útil todavía, no rehúso ni rechazo cualquier trabajo y ocupación que me quieras mandar".

Pero Dios vio que ya había trabajado y sufrido bastante y se lo llevó a que recibiera en el cielo el premio por sus grandes labores en la tierra.

El medio manto de San Martín (el que cortó con la espada para dar al pobre) fue guardado en una urna y se le construyó un pequeño santuario para guardar esa reliquia. Como en latín para decir "medio manto" se dice "capilla", la gente decía: "Vamos a orar donde está la capilla". Y de ahí viene el nombre de capilla, que se da a los pequeños salones que se hacen para orar.

## Prayer of

### St. Martin of Tours

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Lord, if Your people still have need of my services, I will not avoid the toil. Your will be done. I have fought the good fight long enough. Yet if You bid me continue to hold the battle line in defense of Your camp, I will never beg to be excused from failing strength. I will do the work You entrust to me. While You command, I will fight beneath Your banner.

Amen.

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*St. Martin of Tours,  
Patron of Soldiers,  
Pray for us!*



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## 8 FACTS

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### ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

Juan Martin de Porres Velázquez was born in 1579 in Lima, Peru. He died - November 3, 1639.

- He is a Peruvian friar noted for his kindness, his nursing of the sick, his obedience, and his charity.
- He is the patron saint of social justice, racial harmony, and mixed-race people.
- Being raised in poverty by a single mother, Martin became an apprentice to barber-surgeon Marcel de Rivero at age 12.
- St. Martin de Porres was mocked and ridiculed all his life for being of mixed race.
- He was known to levitate, bilocate (be two places at the same time), and cure the sick instantaneously.
- He distributed food and alms to the poor and needy in Lima and was friends with St. Rose of Lima.
- He was canonized on 1962. Feast Day: November 3rd.

Our Lord promised St. Gertrude 1,000 souls would be released from purgatory each time this prayer is said devoutly:

*"Eternal Father,  
I offer You the most precious blood  
of thy Divine Son, Jesus,  
in union with the Masses said  
throughout the world today,  
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory,  
for sinners everywhere,  
for sinners in the universal Church,  
for those in my own home,  
and in my family. Amen."*