



AS HE BLESSED THEM
HE PARTED FROM THEM
AND WAS TAKEN
UP TO HEAVEN.

LUKE 24:51

MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday - Saturday:
8:15 am**

**Saturday Vigil:
5:30 pm**

**Sunday:
7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm**

LIVESTREAM MASS

Sunday at 9:30am on our YouTube channel
www.youtube.com/c/saintmartinoftoursLA

Adoration & Confession

Saturday: 9:00 am
Concludes with Benediction at 10:00 am

Baptism

Please contact the rectory for information

Marriage Preparation

Please contact the rectory at least six months in advance

Funeral Arrangements

Contact the rectory to make arrangements

ALL ARE WELCOME!

We encourage all Catholic adults living within the parish, and those who would like to join our parish, to register.

Visit SaintMartinofTours.com/register or contact the Rectory Office.

Rectory Office | 310-476-7403

9:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m. Saturday & Sunday

Parish Staff

Fr. Paul Fitzpatrick, Pastor (x. 301)
Chad Perkins, Executive Assistant (x. 300)
Christine Scheibal, Accounting (x. 312)
Gaby Lopez, Support Staff (x. 300)

School | 310-472-7419

Transitional Kindergarten - Grade 8

Debbie Margulis, Principal (x. 205)
Michelle Berlin, Admissions (x. 201)
Carol Mahaffey, Main Office (x. 200)

THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORT OUR PARISH!

We wish to express our gratitude to all who support our parish with their time, talent and/or treasure!

A new safe, secure, eco-friendly stewardship tool is e-Giving through Faith Direct. To learn more, visit: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/CA1145>. If you prefer using church envelopes, you can request them by contacting the rectory. If you want to make sure that 100% of your gift remains at SMT, please use a PINK Restricted envelope, or mark your gift "restricted."



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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 29, 2022

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

May 28 - June 4

Sat	8:15 am	Emily Scheibal, Spec. Int.
	5:30 pm	Irena Zalewska, Spec. Int.
Sun	7:30 am	Parishioners of SMT
	9:30 am	Dr. James Salz, MD †, Leo Brink †
	11:30 am	Edward Kroll, †, Karyn Schmitz, †
	5:30 pm	Confirmation Candidates
Mon	8:15 am	Margaret Ludwig, Spec. Int.
Tues	8:15 am	Founding Pastor Fr. Murray †
Wed	8:15 am	Students of SMT
Thurs	8:15 am	Owen Traynor, †
Fri	8:15 am	Nerissa Badillo, †
Sat	8:15 am	Students of SMT

Mass Intentions:

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful part of our Catholic tradition. To request a Mass Intention contact the rectory Office. The stipend for Mass intentions is \$10.

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS
ONLINE ROSARY
 SATURDAY 4:00 PM
[CLICK HERE OR](#)
 ZOOM: 897-190-7451



FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

June 19-27

We invite you to include your father, grandfather, and other significant men in your life in our Novena of Masses.

Fathers Day Envelopes are available at the doors of the church.



CELEBRATE FR. DONIE
Sunday, June 5, 2022

A day of thanks for all the years and good work Father Donie gave to us at St. Martin of Tours

Fr. Donie will celebrate the 11:30 am Mass

A reception in his honor follows the Mass on the rectory patio. Refreshments will be served.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Absence and Presence

Appreciating the Ascension within the larger story of Jesus can be difficult. This is partly because of the mystical features of Luke's two descriptions, and also the lack of description in the other Gospels. The Ascension describes both the absence and the presence of Jesus. Why did Jesus have to leave? As Jesus told his disciples, his departure makes possible his continuing presence in a new way, through the work of the Spirit beginning at Pentecost.

The Ascension is more than a departure, for it describes how the bodily, human Jesus is now "at the right hand of God," and that the Father exalts Jesus as Lord of heaven and earth. We need to hold these two together: that Jesus knows our human trials and joys and walks compassionately with us; and Jesus also is our Lord, who pushes us out of our comfort zones toward Christian maturity, and holds us accountable.

In the descriptions of the Ascension in today's readings, Jesus tells the disciples "You are witnesses" or "you will be my witnesses." The image of witness evokes a legal proceeding, where a person affirms the truth of an event. Sometimes physical evidence, such as a DNA test, serves as witness to the truth. This same word is used again and again in Acts, as the apostles witnessed to the Resurrection, or to the whole story of Jesus. We are called to witness the truth of the Gospel.

We might witness in at least three ways. In dialogue with others, we can speak the witness, by explicitly sharing the biblical story and what it means for us. We can do the witness, by aligning our actions and lifestyle so as to share love for others. We can be the witness, in our fundamental openness and faithful response to God, and in our grace-filled personal presence with others. We are the best evidence of the truths of our faith.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

May 30, 2022 8:15 am



Join us as we gather as a faith community to pray for those who have died in defense of freedom and to pray for Christ's gift of peace for our world.

The Rectory and School office will be closed.

GOSPEL
 hangout



WEDNESDAY 7PM
 zoom [HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/88591618951](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88591618951)



MAY 28 - May 29

AMUSEMENT PARK SAFETY

Bike riding is great fun and a good form of exercise for children — it is also great way to get around. A properly fitted helmet can reduce the risk of a head injury by almost 50%, but many children go without them. Teach your children the importance of helmet safety and enforce rules about wearing them. You can also teach your children to use hand signals to show cars and other riders where they are going, and to follow the rules of the road.

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STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIVING

FROM THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (REVELATIONS 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

How much should I give?

Faithful Catholics are expected to give to the Lord with a grateful heart. The amount is meant to be a sacrifice -- not what is convenient or easy. For example, for those who are working, a minimum amount is one hour's household pay per week.

May is Foster Care Awareness Month

"Children are always a gift; they change the history of every family. They are thirsty for love, gratitude, esteem, and trust. Being parents calls you to pass on to your children the joy of realizing that they are God's children." *Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to Married Couples for the "Amoris Laetitia Family"*

Children witness the love of Christ alive and present in the arms of a family. The County of Los Angeles has more than 38,000 children in foster care. These foster children and youth need the love of a family to support them and nurture them to their full potential. We can all do our part to help children in foster care.

**Become a foster family!
Become a CASA!
Volunteer!**



For more information visit:
lifejusticeandpeace.lacatholics.org/foster

ANOINTING OF THE SICK



JUNE 11:
After 5:30 pm Mass

JUNE 12:
After 7:30 am Mass &
11:30 am Mass



May 29, 2022 | The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 | Lk 24:46-53

Written by
THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

"Praise Jesus." Those two words pack a powerful punch. We often say them with relief on hearing news of a better-than-expected prognosis, celebrating a milestone, seeing a beautiful sunset, or other moments when we feel God's presence. Jesus' ascension to the Father was clearly one of those moments. After Jesus was taken up into heaven, the Apostles "returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God." We might wonder how they could do that, after watching Jesus depart. I think the answer is found in Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. The Apostles had what Paul desired for the people of Ephesus, and for all people: "a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of [Christ]"; enlightened hearts that know "the hope that belongs to his call" for all who believe. The Lord has brought us salvation: "Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." The Apostles took Jesus' words to heart, and we must too. In a homily in 2013, Pope Francis said: "The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us." As the two men clothed in white reminded the Apostles, Jesus will return. And we know that he is not distant, but that he is fully present to us in a new way. His presence is felt through the workings of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the sacraments.

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Remember confirmation? A refresher on the gifts of the Spirit can serve as inspiration when we have a big decision to make or need guidance in our everyday lives: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 30

Take Courage

Jesus tells his disciples, “In the world you face persecution. But take courage, I have conquered the world.” When we spread the Gospel, we do so knowing that Jesus has gone before us, and that his persecution, death, and rising, offer eternal life. We do not face the trouble in our lives by ourselves; our faith reminds us that we are never alone. *Today’s readings: Acts 19:1–8; Psalm 68:2–3ab, 4–5acd, 6–7ab; John 16:29–33.*

Tuesday, May 31

Blessed Encounters

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Once Mary hears about her cousin Elizabeth being with child, as she is herself, the Gospel tells us she travels in haste to be with her. Elizabeth’s greeting was both a comfort and affirmation for Mary. Today remember and pray in gratitude for the people in your life who, in times of challenge, support you. *Today’s readings: Zephaniah 3:14–18a or Romans 12:9–16; Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6; Luke 1:39–56.*

Wednesday, June 1

What Is the Truth?

For his disciples and for us, Jesus prays, “Sanctify them in the truth.” The prayer commits us to being and saying what is true. Pray for the grace to know the truth in your life, and to be a witness of what is true—that is, every human being is created in the image of God and deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. Imagine a world that recognizes this truth. *Today’s readings: Acts 20:28–38; Psalm 68:29–30, 33–35a, 35bc–36ab; John 17:11b–19.*

Thursday, June 2

Being One

What would our world look like if we believed that we are all called to be one as Jesus is with his Father? In and through our baptism, we are united with God and others in our faith community, and because of this union, we are to be a witness to others. How would striving for unity with all Christians change the way you pray, the way you live, and the way you make present God’s love in our world? *Today’s readings: Acts 22:30; 23:6–11; Psalm 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; John 17:20–26.*

Friday, June 3

God Is Good and Kind

One of the songs from the musical *Godspell* was adapted from today’s Psalm 103 “Bless the Lord, O my soul.” The song and psalm remind us to remember the goodness and kindness of God. When was the last time you paused to thank God for something good in your life? When have you felt God’s abundant kindness in your life? *Today’s readings: Acts 25:13b–21; Psalm 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20ab; John 21:15–19.*

Saturday, June 4

Stories to Guide Us

Scripture is a living, breathing revelation of God’s life with humanity. Stories in the Bible are rooted in a certain time and place. But each of those stories holds a truth that is still relevant today. In our living out of our faith we continue to breathe life into the words of Scripture. Take some time soon to sit down with Scripture, discover the stories of our ancestors in faith, get to know Jesus better, and embrace the challenge of discipleship. *Today’s readings: Acts 28:16–20, 30–31; Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7; John 21:20–25.*