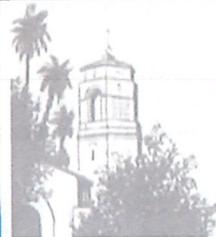


Twenty-second

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 28, 2022

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St. Martin of Tours Church

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invite the poor, the crippled,
the lame, the blind.

Luke 14:13

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday
8:15 am — Mass

Saturday 5:30 pm — Vigil Mass

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 SMT.church/register
or contact the Rectory Office.

Rectory Office | 310-476-7403

9:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

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A 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 PINK Restricted envelope, or mark your gift "restricted."



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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

August 27 - September 3

Sat	8:15 am	Students of SMT
	5:30 pm	Mmgr. O’Leary, †
Sun	7:30 am	Mrs. Lee Sweeney, †
	9:30 am	Harry Lowe, † Walter Novak, Spec Int.
	11:30am	James Moore, †
	5:30 pm	Carolyn Lynch, †
Mon	8:15 am	Parishioners of SMT
Tues	8:15 am	Founding Pastor, Fr. Murray, †
Wed	8:15 am	Victor S. Palacios, †
Thurs	8:15 am	Leoncio & Felicidad Garcia Lim, †
Fri	8:15 am	Students of SMT
Sat	8:15 am	Rose James, †

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.



www.LAVocations.org



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Martin of Tours Council 14660

*Next Meeting:
Thursday September 1st at 7pm*

The *fourth principle* of the Knights of Columbus is *Patriotism*

Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it’s in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

August 27: after 5:30 pm Mass
August 28: after 7:30 am and 11:30 am Mass

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5 (431)/Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5
Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

PROPHETS

We reflect upon the voice of the prophet in this Sunday’s readings. We hear of the suffering and the rescue of Jeremiah. We hear how Jesus anticipates his suffering and death. As with Jeremiah and Jesus, the prophets were sent by God to the leaders and people of Israel. A prophet is one who speaks truth to the powerful, exposing their darker hidden motives and injustices. The prophet presents a way forward that aligns with God’s purposes. A prophet can force people away from a comfortable neutrality or indifference. The prophet creates an urgency to make a choice: Are we content with the status quo, or are we to change our ways and pursue a new and better path? Today, we may also ask, how do we identify and respond to prophets of our time? How might we provide a prophetic voice in our Church and in our world?



FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS

Our sacramental preparation programs will begin late September. In the meantime, we would like to reach out to all who would like to participate in the coming year. Please contact Fr. Paul for more information and to get a registration form so that we can have a running start in the fall:

1. **First Communion Preparation for Children** – a two-year program
2. **Confirmation Program for grades 6 and above** – a two-year program
3. **Adult Confirmation/Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** – for those new to the faith, those baptized in another faith tradition, or Catholics who have not completed their sacraments of initiation (Baptism-Eucharist- Confirmation).

For more information, please send an email to
FrPaul@LA-Archdiocese.org

To access registration forms, please visit:
smt.church/news/FaithFormation

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SATURDAY’S 4:00 PM
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AUGUST 27 - 28
WHAT MAKES A CHILD RUN AWAY?

An endangered runaway is a child under the age of 18 who goes missing on his or her own accord, and whose parents do not know where they are. These children are vulnerable to abuse, trafficking, homelessness, and substance abuse. A young person may think running away is the only option if he or she is subject to abuse at home, family conflicts, struggles with mental health, drugs, or alcohol, or becomes the victim of an online predator.

For more tips, visit lacatholics.org/did-you-know

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIVING
 FROM THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Luke 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

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.



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<https://angelusnews.com/magazine>

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LIVESTREAM TEAM!

We would like to form a team of people to livestream our Sunday 9:30 am Mass, as well as other parish services. If you are interested in being trained to be an operator, it is quite simple. For more information, please contact Steve Martinez by text at (909) 964-6941 or 2015smartinez@gmail.com

This ministry is essential for those who cannot attend Mass. Please help make a difference and volunteer!

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If you look up the origins of the word "humility," you will find that it is related to humus, dirt or earth. Gardeners and farmers know that it is a particularly rich kind of soil, composed by the decay of leaves and other organic material that has fallen on it. Too often we misunderstand it to mean not accepting compliments, relentlessly putting ourselves down, failing to accept our gifts in a positive way. None of this carries with it the meaning of being grounded in reality. Both our limits and our abilities, our grace and even our sin fall upon our lives to enrich us. In their different ways, Sirach and Jesus tell us to accept our lives, to be aware of who we are. Rather than presuming we deserve a higher-up place at the table, we ought to wait to be called to our rightful place, to be blessed with the joy of the righteous.

WHAT HUMILITY IS NOT

It's easy to feel surrounded in our world. We have numerous technological means through which we can receive information (much of it put into circulation unfiltered). Ben Sira, author of the first reading, was in a similar situation: Israel was surrounded by much Greek philosophy and culture in addition to that of their Near-Eastern neighbors and their own. Hard to filter all that out and maintain their grounding in the covenant with God. However, Ben Sira manages to do that much-needed filtering for them, warning his students about pride (the sin of Eden). He promotes humility instead. It is an attitude of courtesy and respect to others, and not a mode of self-abasement. Rather, it refers to an awareness of one's role in the world, offering appropriate respect always, deference only when called for, arrogance never. The mercy of God comes from this humility.

HOW TO BE HUMBLE

Ben Sira concludes that the ears listening to wisdom will rejoice. Jesus has such wisdom to offer today on the topic of humility. Those who hold position or riches would normally presume they were assured a good seat at the table. They are told "step back." Instead, in the spirit of Ben Sira's lesson on humility, they ought to wait to be invited up. Those schooled in the writings of Ben Sira may have nodded in agreement. Jesus then rips up the etiquette book. Do not to invite family and friends to your table, Jesus says, but welcome those who have no status, those who cannot repay you. In this way, Jesus makes the poor and outcast the ones who actually are able to exalt the humble. Luke's world was as polytheistic and multicultural as Ben Sira's, with plenty of outsiders and unclean folks to go around. Welcome these first, Jesus says, quite literally turning the table on his listeners!

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SUMMER GIVING GOAL

Summer has arrived and many St. Martin of Tours families are traveling. Unfortunately, this can slow down our offertory when people give with checks and envelopes. To strengthen our parish for the busy months ahead, we have set a **Summer e-Giving Goal**, to increase the number of SMT parishioners that use e-Giving by 10% before September.

Helping us to reach this goal is simple: Click on the **QR code** to get started or visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/CA1145> - Signing up with a recurring gift is easy, and Faith Direct will help if you need assistance. Contact Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757 or contact the parish office at 310-476-7403 and we will help.

May God bless you for your generosity.



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Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina for the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time

We begin our prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Collect, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully.

He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, ‘Give your place to this man,’ and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, ‘My friend, move up to a higher position.’ Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” Then he said to the host who invited him, “When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Meditation (*Meditatio*)

After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?



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- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.

Prayer (*Oratio*)

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Contemplation (*Contemplatio*)

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. When have I sought worldly acclaim and honor? Who have I excluded?

Give your place to this man. For whom am I willing to make sacrifices? How can I expand that circle?

For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

When have I committed the sin of pride? How can I grow in humility?

After a period of silent reflection and/or discussion, all recite the Lord's Prayer and the following:

Closing Prayer:

The just rejoice and exult before God;
they are glad and rejoice.
Sing to God, chant praise to his name,
whose name is the LORD.

The father of orphans and the defender of widows
is God in his holy dwelling.

God gives a home to the forsaken;
he leads forth prisoners to prosperity.

A bountiful rain you showered down, O God, upon
your inheritance;

you restored the land when it languished;
your flock settled in it;

in your goodness, O God, you provided it f
or the needy.

From Psalm 68

Living the Word This Week

How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

Make an examination of conscience in light of Catholic social teaching (<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examination-conscience-in-light-of-catholic-social-teaching>) and receive the Sacrament of Penance.

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August 28, 2022

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 | Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a |
Lk 14:1, 7-14

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

Pope St. John XXIII, one of the most influential figures of the 20th century, had a wonderful sense of humor. In stories recalled by Fr. Greg Friedman, OFM, Good Pope John would say, “God knew from all eternity I was going to be pope. Couldn’t God have made me more handsome?” He also had a deep devotion to St. Joseph. In his writings, he talks about the humble and overlooked role that Joseph played in the life of Christ. He promoted an increased devotion to the humble, loyal saint who stayed quietly in the background and provided a home for Christ and his mother. St. Joseph is a model for the humility that our readings speak of today. Being humble doesn’t mean being embarrassed or ashamed of the talents and abilities we have. It means acknowledging that these are gifts from God. God does not give us these gifts so we can place ourselves above others, as Jesus observed people doing at the home of the Pharisee. They are to be used to glorify God. By being humble, we “will be loved more than a giver of gifts ... and find favor with God.”

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I always remember what I was told in a volunteer training when preparing to serve hospice patients and their families: sit at eye level or lower when meeting with the patient or their family members. Being “at the same level” not only “lifted up” the patient but also brought the volunteer “down” to their level. This not only made listening easier and showed respect for the dignity of the patient; it also helped the volunteer see things from the patient’s perspective. Jesus tells us in the Gospel today that being his disciples is not about elevating ourselves, but about lowering ourselves. He calls us to invite, welcome, and accept those who are least able to repay us. When we forget about ourselves and our place in the world and instead lift up others, he tells us we “will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

ACT One of the greatest acts of humility is to acknowledge when we are wrong, apologize, and ask forgiveness. Is there someone you can reconcile with by admitting you were wrong? Allowing God to forgive you in the sacrament of reconciliation will help you grow in humility.

