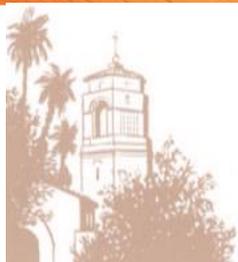


SEPTEMBER

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2022



St. Martin of Tours Church

website: SMT.church
310-476-7403



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

Parish Staff

Fr. Paul Fitzpatrick, Pastor (x. 301)
Dcn. Luis Gerardo Peña, in Residence (x. 314)
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We wish to express our gratitude to all who support our parish with their time, talent and/or treasure!

A safe, secure, eco-friendly stewardship tool is e-Giving through Faith Direct. To learn more, visit: <https://membership.faihdirect.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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Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for
joy and gladness all our days.

Psalms 90:14

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

September 3 - September 10

Sat	8:15 am	Rose James, †
	5:30 pm	Vygmumb & Margaret Rutkowski, †
Sun	7:30 am	Michael Moretti, †
	9:30 am	Narciso & Clarita Badillo, †
	11:30am	Edward Kroll, †
	11:30am	Karyn Schmitz, †
	5:30 pm	Carolyn Lynch, †
Mon	8:15 am	Dr. Joy Paul, †
Tues	8:15 am	Founding Pastor, Fr. Murray, †
Wed	8:15 am	Victor S. Palacios, †
Thurs	8:15 am	Brooke Shea, Spec. Int.
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.



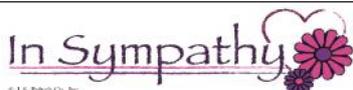
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FUNERALS THIS WEEK AT SMT

Tuesday, September 6 at 1:00 pm – Betsy Link
 Wednesday, September 7 at 10:30 am – Robert Leonard

Let us remember Betsy and Robert, and their families in our prayer.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

LIMITS

Today’s readings continue the theme of humility explored last Sunday. All three readings today encourage us to admit that we have limits, and God has none. The poignant poetry of Wisdom resonates with all of us who have ever struggled for peace in situations we cannot control: “For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns.” Saint Paul recognizes his own limitations, both physically (he is in prison) and spiritually: he cannot compel his friend to obey his wishes; he can only propose his request and respect Philemon’s free will. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God alone can complete the good we wish to do in the world. While we thank God for the gifts we receive—and the families we love—we acknowledge that they are temporary, and humbly cling to God.



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



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
 LABOR DAY MASS AT 8:15 AM**

We will have special readings and prayers for the Sanctification of Human Labor. Please join us for Mass!

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIVING

FROM THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

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.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom asks us “Who can know God’s counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends?” If we put this in contemporary language, we might say “You haven’t got a clue!” There are times when none of us knows what is going on. Life is beyond our understanding. We seek loved ones, mentors, friends, spiritual directors, and therapists to help us comprehend. This is a common theme through all of today’s scriptures. Wisdom reminds us, “scarce do we guess these things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty.” Psalm 90 pleads, “Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.” Saint Paul is speaking on behalf of Onesimus, and begging Philemon to welcome him. Luke’s Gospel is very challenging to hear. Today we see that not all the lessons we need to learn are pleasant or joyful, but they are timely.

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 SATURDAY’S 4:00 PM

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SEPTEMBER 3 - 4
TIPS FOR TALKING TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT SCHOOL SAFETY

Most children will participate in school safety drills when they head back to the classroom this year, from active shooter drills to weather emergencies. As a parent, you can help your child cope with any anxiety or distress they experience during these drills. Talk to your children about school safety and address any concerns they may have. Remind them that the school and their teachers are working to keep them safe.

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



September 4, 2022 | Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b | Phmn 9-10, 12-17 | Lk 14:25-33

Written by
 THE
 FAITHFUL
 DISCIPLE

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

Often, before writing these reflections, I take a minute to pray. I decided to add a minute of mindfulness using my new Apple Watch, which conveniently provides a meditation prompt. Today’s happened to be: “Bring to mind a close relationship that can be challenging, and think about what it can teach you.” Like those paper messages in fortune cookies, even this auto-generated prompt carried a grain of truth. Our thoughts may turn to our spouse, a prickly co-worker, or a moody teen. However, given today’s readings, it struck me that this description can also fit our relationship with Jesus. Yes, we know that Jesus loves us, shepherds us, forgives us ... but he also challenges us! He reminds us today that being a disciple requires that we go all in, prepared to place our relationship with Jesus above all else. Easier said than done. But we can start, one minute at a time, with our prayers, priorities, and actions. We can also follow the example of saints such as Paul, imprisoned for preaching the Gospel, and the saints among us who teach us by example.

STUDY Take time to read about the lives of a few saints. What habits did they create to lead holy lives? What vices did they give up for Christ’s sake to truly become his disciple?

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I bet we all know people we would consider saints, or at least well on their way: A compassionate friend, a priest or lay minister at our parish, a generous neighbor, that person who has not let suffering and loss shake their faith. Then there are the saints we Catholics celebrate each day: Francis, who threw off the cloak of privilege to live for Christ; Mother Teresa, who served others day in and day out even as she faced a spiritual drought; Paul, the one-time persecutor who built up the early Church and whose letters continue to inspire Christians. Each of them took Jesus’ words at face value and laid down their lives for him. Learning how to be a disciple of Christ from studying the lives of the saints can be an ongoing pursuit throughout our lives. But perhaps we can also learn from a “living saint,” if the opportunity presents itself, and ask, in so many words, “what’s your secret?” It may be praying first thing in the morning, or something practical that we had not considered, such as managing their time in such a way that allows them to volunteer regularly or to be a continuous presence in the life of someone who needs them. If other priorities have gotten in the way of our relationship with Jesus, perhaps we can challenge ourselves to develop new habits. Even an incremental change – such as spending less time or money on nonessentials or reading an inspirational book – can help us reignite our faith and free up our time to focus on someone or something other than ourselves.

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after the 11:30 AM School Mass

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