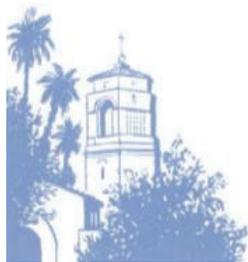


FIRST SUNDAY OF

Advent

NOVEMBER 27, 2022



St. Martin of Tours Church

website: SMT.church
310-476-7403



“You also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”

MATTHEW 24:44

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

Rectory Office | 310-476-7403

9:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

Parish Staff

Fr. Paul Fitzpatrick, Pastor (x. 301)
Dcn. Luis Gerardo Peña, in Residence (x. 314)
Chad Perkins, Business Manager (x.300)
Christine Scheibal, Accounting (x. 312)
Gaby Lopez, Office Assistant, (x 302)



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Kindergarten - Grade 8

School Office | 310-472-7419

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 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 re-
quest 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
November 26– December 3

Sat	5:30 pm	Joan Bowen, †
Sun	7:30 am	James Bathker, †
	9:30 am	Paul Kutz, †
	11:30am	Aldona Venckus, †
	5:30 pm	Gina Levy, †
Mon	8:15 am	Blanca Holmes, †
Tues	8:15 am	Barbara Greenleaf, †
Wed	8:15 am	M.C. Matthews, †
Thurs	8:15 am	SMT Parishioners
Fri	8:15 am	Owen Trayhor, †
Sat	8:15 am	Mildred Miller, †

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, or email angela@saintmartinoftours.com. The stipend for Mass intentions is \$20.

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

For any questions, please email Rachel Grella-Harding, Altar Server Coordinator at SMTAltarServer@SaintMartinofTours.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Martin of Tours Council 14660
Next Meeting: January 2023



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.

Come on Time for Advent!



This Advent, let us resume a tradition of being on time for Mass! In fact, come early to take time in quiet prayer before Mass, to prepare our hearts by participating in the Penitential Rite and hearing God's Word with attentive hearts so as to prepare for a more worthy and fruitful reception of the Eucharist!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS

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

- 1. First Communion Preparation -**
Thursdays at 3:30 pm - see calendar for details
- 2. Confirmation Program for grades 6 and above –** *Sundays at 4pm—see calendar for details*
- 3. Adult Confirmation/Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults –** *Tuesdays at 7pm*

Update from Fr. Paul

This week I had another four radiation treatments (27 to go) and another chemotherapy treatment (5 to go). I am away most of the day on Tuesdays and am back to the rectory by 11 am the other days.

I am most appreciative of the Paulist priests, the Jesuit priests and our retired archdiocesan priests for celebrating Mass for our community. Our advent penance service will take place Monday, December 5 at 7 PM. Thank you to Deacon Luis for organizing our penance service and recruiting priests to celebrate the sacrament of penance.

As we begin the season of advent today, we recall Christ's threefold coming: a past event in simplicity in the darkness of night, a future event in glory when all will be revealed, and Christ's presence with us now. May this advent season instill in us a greater awareness of Emmanuel, God with us.

Please know of my prayers for you and thank you for your prayers!



In this Season of Advent, we continue to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth.

Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting St. Martin of Tours, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season.

Signing up is easy! Visit:

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/CA1145>.

Already using Faith Direct? Log in to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account to make a one-time gift today!

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIVING

FROM THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

We are called to reflect the light of God's love through the ways in which we live our lives. Imagine the impact if each of us took this call to heart, every day, at home, work, or school, in our parish, in the world. "All nations shall stream toward it," toward the love that only comes from God. Yet, we must admit that much of the time we fail to be beacons of God's light. We fall asleep, complacent, preferring to go the easy route, which often leads to darkness rather than the radiance of Christ's light. As we begin the season of Advent, Saint Paul admonishes us to throw off the works of darkness, to awaken to the call of light and love. In today's Gospel, Jesus too tells us to stay awake, to be prepared to greet the Lord of light as people of the light.

Advent Penance Service



Please join us Monday, December 5 at 7 pm for our penance service. Deacon Luis will preside and have

four priests here for the Sacrament of Penance.

There is no better way to celebrate the new church year and to prepare for the Nativity of our Lord than to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance!



ST. MARTIN OF TOURS
ONLINE ROSARY
SATURDAY'S 4:00 PM
ZOOM: 897-190-7451

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NOVEMBER 27

Dangerous TikTok trend: "sleepy chicken"

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently issued a notice advising people against participating in a dangerous TikTok trend: cooking chicken in NyQuil, a nighttime cold medicine. According to videos on the popular social media site, people are cooking "sleepy chicken" as a challenge, but the FDA warning indicates it may be more than a harmless joke. Cooking with cough medicine can lead to a person ingesting dangerously high amounts of codeine that can cause serious health complications and even death.



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Join us for our Concert!

Join us on December 3rd! Starting at 7pm, there will be Cheese and Wine, followed by the concert! Concert will take inside of our Church!

There is a suggested donation of \$30 per Adult, and \$10 per Student.

Visit [HHTPS://TINYURL.COM/2PRTTHKW](https://tinyurl.com/2PRTTHKW) for tickets and more information See you there! Tickets can be purchase at the door - CASH ONLY.

Deck the Tree with Lots of Toys



Brighten Christmas morning for a needy child. Take a gift tag from the Parish tree and return it with a new UNWRAPPED gift for a child ages 1-15 years.

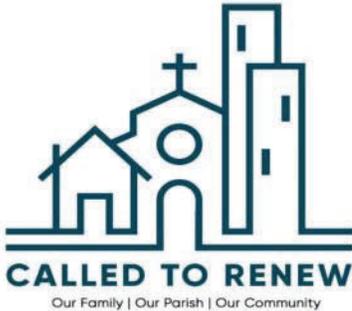
We prefer toys and games that do not require batteries since once the batteries are used the recipients cannot afford to replace them. Target Gift Cards are especially appreciated by the older children.

We request all gifts by December 12 to distribute before Christmas. We will be donating the toys to our sister-



St. Martin of Tours Church

CALLED TO RENEW



Strengthening Our Parishes

“Lord, if your people need me, I will not refuse the work. Your will be done.” –St. Martin of Tours

Our parishes are beacons of hope. They bring light to our neighborhoods and provide opportunities for people from all walks of life to worship God, explore human questions of ultimate meaning, and grow together in community.

Our parishes are our spiritual homes. In these sacred spaces, we join to celebrate the Eucharist, share in the sacramental life of the Church, and experience meaningful fellowship — allowing us to grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another.

While our faith communities are much more than physical structures, the quality of these buildings speaks volumes about how we prioritize serving and welcoming families and the greater community. Many parishes have had to defer proper maintenance and upkeep to prioritize more urgent needs. Given the importance of these spiritual homes, we must unite to invest in necessary improvements.

The largest share of Called to Renew funds, \$375 million, will be allocated for parish needs. A general investment fund will be created to help parishes in distressed communities address critical needs beyond their financial resources.

Why You Should Help

Our parish community of St. Martin of Tours, has always stood out for our generosity. When we are called upon, we rally to help. The *Called to Renew* campaign is providing greatly needed help to parishes throughout the Archdiocese that are not as fortunate as ours. With our help, parishes will be able to save their churches from further deterioration and protect them so that future generations will have the opportunity to encounter God and serve him. This campaign reminds us that we are not alone on a spiritual island, that our beautiful faith is shared by millions, who pray, attend Mass, and commune with God. Together we are a Catholic family, and like a family, we support each other regardless of the distance between us and the languages we may speak. We know that the blessings we share will inspire others and bring light to their life and put love to their hearts. As we approach the Feast of St. Martin, let’s reflect on the blessings we have and how we can work to help that our Catholic brothers and Sisters in need.

How You can Help

Fr. Paul and the Campaign Committee for the *Called to Renew* campaign have been working tirelessly over the last few months to meet with many of you and invite you to join the campaign by making a **Five-Year** pledge. However, St. Martin of Tours is far too large for Fr. Paul and the committee to meet with everyone. That is why we are inviting everyone to consider making a **Sacrificial** pledge over **Five Years**. Making a pledge over five years will allow us to make a transformative impact in communities in need and do more than with a single one-time donation. You can make the pledge payable monthly, quarterly, or semi-annually and can pay through check, credit/debit card, bank transfer or through your retirement account. The pledge is not a contract and can be canceled or amended at anytime. You can pick up your packet at the rectory or give us a call, or email, so that we could get one to you. Thank you for your support.

All the funds collected from *Called to Renew* will be used for the elements stated in the packets. None of the funds will go to lawsuits. It is illegal to use *Called to Renew* funds for anything other than what they were earmarked for. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles will lose its non-profit status if they are used for anything else.

Our Goal

\$1,135,000

Amount Pledged

\$843,250

Number of Gifts

40

Average Gift

\$21,081

Percent of Goal Raised

74%