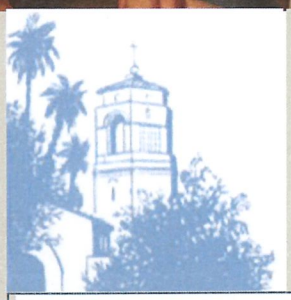
FOURTH SUNDAY OF Lent

MARCH 19, 2023

I was blind and now I see.

John 9:25



St. Martin of Tours Church

website: www.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 nine 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 **www.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)
Christine Scheibal, Accounting (x. 312)
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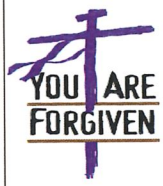
Weekly Mass Intentions
March 18– March 24

Sat	5:30 pm	Evelyn Tolliver, †
Sun	7:30 am	Patrick Bowen,†
	9:30 am	Dr. James Salz, †
	11:30 am	SMT Parishioners
	5:30 pm	Mark Fischer,†
		Kristin Bjorklund, †
Mon	8:15 am	Marie Slaton,†
Tues	8:15 am	Bishop David O'Connell,†
Wed	8:15 am	Pedro Buhion, †
Thurs	8:15 am	Francis John,†
Fri	8:15 am	Gabriel Lopez, Spec Int
Sat	8:15 am	Evelyn Tolliver,†

Mass Intentions—suggested offering $20

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, ***angela@saintmartinoftours.com.*** *(Please not that offerings are not accounted as donations)*

Lent Penance Service



Join us **Monday, March 20 at 7 pm** for our penance service. Deacon Luis will preside and have 4 priests here for Confession.

There's no better way to prepare for Holy Week and Easter than to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading —As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the Lord rushed upon David

Psalm — My shepherd is the Lord; I shall not want

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see!

Readings for the Week

Mon:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Tue:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wed:	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thu:	Ex 32:7-14; ; Jn 5:31-47
Fri:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sun:	Ez 37:12-14;Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Faith Formation for Children & Adults

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

Enrolling Now for the '23-'24 Year

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

NEWS FROM FR. PAUL

The Season of Lent

"Repent, and believe in the Gospel." This is our mission this Lent. I invite you to visit our website to take advantage of the resources we have pulled together to make the most of the season: www.smt.church/lent.

Please join us this Friday - and each Fridays in March - for Eucharistic Adoration and Stations of the Cross, followed by our Lenten Dinner at 7 pm.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

March 19

Catholic Relief Services is a manifestation of love for our brothers and sisters around the globe by the Catholic community of the United States. CRS is an official agency of the Catholic Church in the United States and is governed by a board of bishops and lay people. We provide aid on the basis of need, not creed. We protect, defend and advance human life around the world by directly meeting basic needs and advocating solutions to injustice.

As a part of the Universal Church, Catholic institutions are our partners of preference in our work. To reach all those who need our help, we also participate in humanitarian initiatives undertaken by a wide range of groups, such as governments, other faith communities and secular institutions

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OUR FASCINATING FAITH

We The Three Lenten Disciplines: Fasting

The season of Lent is characterized by fasting and abstinence. I remember that when I was a child, my parents instilled in me the practice of give up eating sweets and abstaining from candy during Lent so I could share the bitterness of the suffering that Jesus endured for my sins. Eventually in our parish, the priest encouraged us to put aside the money saved from not buying candies in order to send it to poor children. Fasting and abstinence were not only ways to accompany Jesus in his suffering on the cross, but also means of encouraging and consoling him in his suffering children of today's world. The pastor taught me that fasting is not simply refraining from sweets and candy; fasting teaches me how to deny myself so that it is not I who live but Christ who lives in me. To fast means to deny myself certain things in order to give life to others, and thus, with my small sacrifice, to make the world a little better.

SEEING THE LIGHT

Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday as we hear of Jesus healing a blind man in the Gospel of John. Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world, a light that overcomes darkness and enables a new capacity to see. The man, blind from birth, was able to begin his path to sight by first acknowledging his blindness. We are reminded of God's ongoing invitation to us to journey from blindness to sight. We begin by acknowledging our own capacity for "blind spots," and so open ourselves to uncomfortable truths and to God's healing. We are invited to see beyond appearances, as the reading from Samuel indicates, and to look into the heart of things. We are invited to "live as children of light" as the letter to the Ephesians teaches. Like the man healed from blindness, we may gradually learn to see fully and to follow Jesus.

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Did YOU Know?

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Healing gardens for victim-survivors offer a way forward

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles unveiled its first "Garden of Healing" for victim-survivors of sexual abuse, at the St. Camillus Center for Pastoral Care, near East LA. Its goal is to bring peace and comfort to those who have been victims of abuse. Inspiration for the garden came from a victim-survivor who has worked with Archdiocese's Victims Assistance Ministry for many years.

To learn more, visit **angelusnews.com/local/la-catholics/la-garden-of-healing-for-abuse**.

Prayer in Time of Sadness and Grief

O God of compassion,
your people are in pain.
Send your Holy Spirit among us
to dispel the fear that accompanies grief.
We cry out to you in our confusion;
comfort us in our affliction.
Help us to travel this road of grief and sadness
with our eyes fixed on the salvation
promised us through the death and resurrection
of your Son, who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

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

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 (909-964-6941) or 2015smartinez@gmail.com

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

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SMT Mission Mondays

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in the church.

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