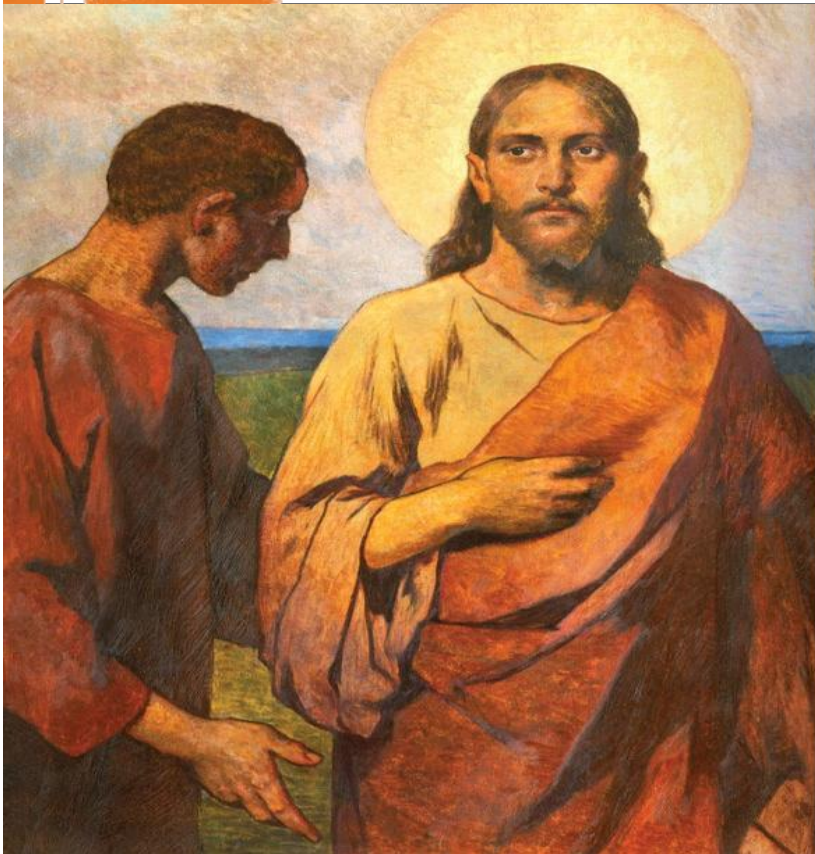




St. Martin of Tours Church

July 6, 2025

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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whatever town you enter
and they welcome you,
eat what is set before you,
cure the sick in it and say
to them, ‘The kingdom of
God is at hand for you.’”
- Lk 10:8-9

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass - 8:15 am

Sunday Mass

7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am & 5:30 pm
Vigil Mass (Saturday) - 5:30 pm

Livestream Mass - Sunday at 9:30 am
www.youtube.com/c/saintmartinoftoursLA

Adoration & Confession

Saturday following 8:15 am Mass
Confessions end with Benediction at 10:00 am

Infant Baptism

www.smt.church/baptism

Marriage Preparation

www.smt.church/marriage

Funerals

www.smt.church/funerals

SMT School

www.smtschool.net/admissions

Rectory Office | 310-476-7403

7:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

Fr. Paul Fitzpatrick, Pastor (x. 301)
Christine Scheibal, Accounting (x. 312)
Donna Alvarez, Office Manager (x. 300)
Alaina Alvarez, Office Assistant (x. 311)
Gerardo Sanchez, Facilities (x. 303)

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Welcome to St Martin of Tours

We encourage you to join us
by registering on our website:
www.smt.church/register.



July 5-12

Sat	5:30 pm	Ray Taylor †
Sun	7:30 am	Anne Jodziewicz †
	9:30 am	Edward Kroll † & William Hanlay †
	11:30 am	Sheila Lynn Shea †
	5:30 pm	Barbara Matheson †
Mon	8:15 am	Jonathan Andasol
Tues	8:15 am	Nola Jean Hyland †
Wed	8:15 am	Anne Cronin & Family
Thurs	8:15 am	Anne Cronin & Family
Fri	8:15 am	Anne Cronin & Family
Sat	8:15 am	Patrick Bowen †

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:
alaina@saintmartinoftours.com



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

For Stewardship Ideas, visit www.smt.church/donate

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." – Lk 10:2

Jesus sends out His disciples to prepare the way—calling them to travel light, trust fully, and proclaim peace. Good stewardship means answering that same call today: offering our time, our gifts, and our lives in service of the Gospel. The Church needs faithful laborers. How is Christ calling you to share in His mission this week—with your hands, your heart, and your giving?



Saint Martin of Tours School Scholarship Fund

We are excited to announce the launch of the St. Martin of Tours Scholarship Fund, a vital initiative to ensure that all eligible students, regardless of financial situation, can receive a Catholic education at St. Martin of Tours School. Please visit **smt.church/news/scholarship** to learn more or to donate today.



Learning from Survivors of Abuse

Statistically, one in four children will experience some form of abuse – sexual, physical, emotional or neglect – during their childhood. Sadly, most child abuse goes either unnoticed or unreported, due to fear, a lack of knowledge in what constitutes abuse, or a reluctance to get involved. Safe adults have a responsibility to learn from survivors about abusive situations that went unresolved or unreported, to protect children from harm. For more information, and for abuse prevention training information please visit **<https://lacatholics.org/education-and-training/>**.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD

IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

If you had \$100 to give away, to whom would you give it? Perhaps you would choose someone you love. How about someone on the street at a corner stoplight? You could really make someone's day if you gave it to them as a tip after a modestly priced meal. There are so many possibilities. No matter to whom you give the \$100, you are certainly being generous. No one can debate that.

Let's say you have narrowed it down to two different people. You know both of these people, and you suspect each person would be equally grateful. Does it make a difference who you give the money to in the end? What if I told you that one of the individuals just got a big raise at work, and the other person is at risk of having their water turned off because they have been late paying their bill. Does it make a difference now?

Discernment should always be an important part of any good steward's way of life. If we give simply for the sake of giving, that may not always be the best use of our gifts. In order to gain the most fruit from the seeds we plant, we must plant wisely. All we have been given has value, and we need be good caretakers of it all. If you ever do find yourself with \$100 to spare, be sure to carefully consider all the options and make the wiser choice. In the meantime, pray for wisdom and reflect on how to best use all you have been given for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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AGES 3 - 6

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Reflection by Fr. Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples – not the Twelve, but others. Ordinary followers, just like us. He sends them two by two, with almost nothing in hand — but with everything they need: a purpose. To prepare the way. To bring peace. To heal. To proclaim: "The Kingdom of God is at hand."

What's striking is this: Jesus doesn't wait for perfect conditions. He sends them as they are — no money bag, no sandals, no safety net. Just trust. Trust in Him. Trust in the message. Trust that God will act through them, even in their weakness.

That same call echoes in our lives. Each of us is sent, not to do everything, but to do something, right where we are. A kind word. A silent prayer. A gesture of peace. A quiet but courageous witness to our faith. Wherever you go this week. Christ sends you ahead of Him.

The disciples return rejoicing—not because of what they accomplished, but because they were part of something greater: God's work in the world.

That's the heart of discipleship: not control, but trust. Not success, but surrender. Not self-glory, but the deep and quiet joy of knowing we belong to Him.

So this week, may we go where the Lord sends us—with courage, peace, and the unshakable assurance that our names are written in heaven.



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SMT Summer WINE & CHEESE FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 20TH

AFTER THE 5:30 PM MASS!

Summer

REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS

WITH YOUR HELP, WE ARE GETTING IT DONE:

- Replace Carpeting in the Church
- Drinking Fountain for Church
- Seal and Paint Parking and Play Areas
- Fire Hardening of Buildings
- New Water Heater for Parish Center & Rectory
- Security Camera Upgrades to Campus
- Summer Landscaping—Drainage Repairs
- Other Repairs & Improvements as needed

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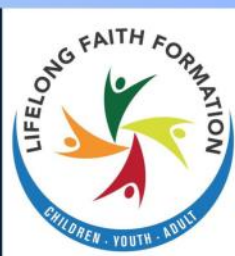
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Saint Martin of Tours Los Angeles



Faith Formation for Children & Adults



Our Sacramental Programs begin this September.

Register Now!! Enrollment Forms and Schedules
are available at:

www.smt.church/news/FaithFormation

First Communion Preparation

Meets Sundays as
part of the
9:30 am Mass.

Confirmation Program for Grades 6 +

Meets Sunday afternoons
and concludes with
the 5:30 pm Mass.

OCIA/ Adult Confirmation/

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
*for those new to the faith, those
baptized in another faith
tradition, or Catholics who have
not completed their sacraments
of initiation.*

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. (Is 66:12)

Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)

Second Reading:

From now on, let no one make troubles for me;
for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. (Gal 6:17)

Gospel:

Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits
are subject to you,
but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." (Lk 10:20)

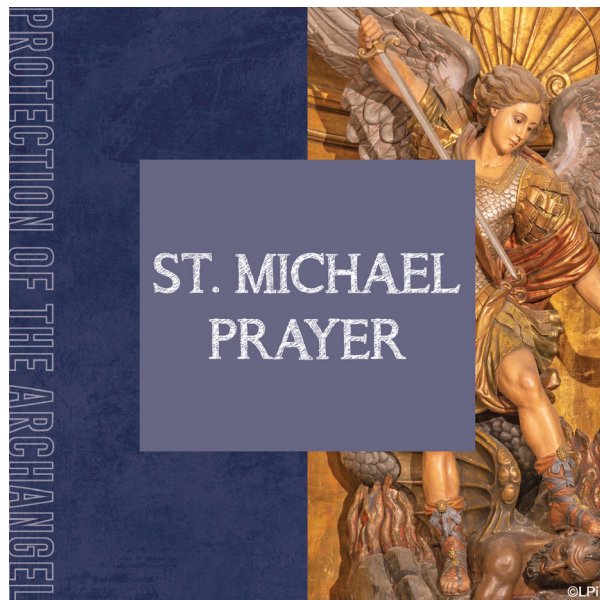
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

As he sends his disciples into the world
to proclaim his name, Jesus tells them to
be bold. He tells them to be flexible. To be
forgiving. To be faithful. As we enter this
week, let's remember these instructions. It's
good advice, in any century.

Observances for the week of July 6, 2025

Sunday:	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday:	St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Benedict, Abbot
Next Sunday:	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

The prayer to St. Michael, composed by Pope Leo XIII, invokes the protection of the archangel Michael in the ongoing spiritual battle for the souls of all mankind. It is commonly said at the end of the rosary and by some parishes after the conclusion of Mass.

Prayer for Evangelization

As You reach out to the world,
Lord, let us be Your hands!
As You answer those crying, send
us.
Let us be Your people, answer to
prayers prayed, comfort to the
afflicted.
May we be laborers in Your
harvest.
Amen.

Readings for the week of July 6, 2025

Sunday:

Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/
Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday:

Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday:

Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and
15/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday:

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/
Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday:

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/
Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday:

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,
39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday:

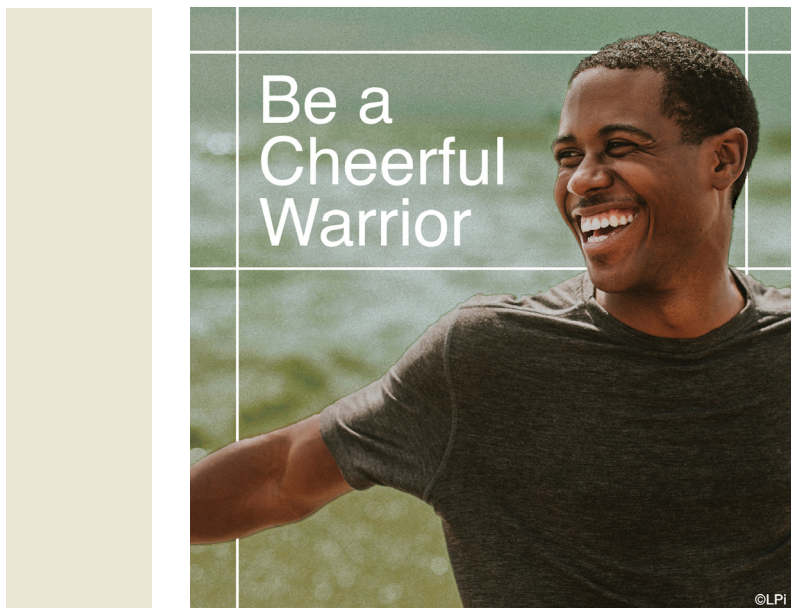
Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday:

Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36,
37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In the days after the awful 2020 killing of George Floyd, a Catholic friend remarked, “Racism is today’s great evil. We should put all our energy into fighting it.” I admired her intuition that the church must stand firmly against evil. Amen, I thought. At the same time, something felt wrong. As months went by, I saw her steadily slide into bitterness and anger. Soon, despondency. She spoke of giving up the fight. Don’t we too wonder how to fight evil without losing our joy or energy?

Jesus’ words this week help. He says, **“Rejoice not that you have power over demons, but that your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:20)**. Notice the asymmetry in where he wants our focus: on the latter, not the former. Should we confidently embrace our God-given power to overcome evil? Absolutely. But even more so, we should emphasize the positive element of our relationship to God. It is tempting but dangerous to define ourselves by what we oppose. It is better to define ourselves by—to rejoice in—what we celebrate: in Jesus, God has written our names in heaven. This sustains our battles.

This week, our marching orders are: fight evil. But more deeply, rejoice that God knows and loves us personally, individually. We allow this joyful knowledge to undergird our fight against the darkness of our day. Then we enjoy long-term stability to be cheerful warriors, who never forget the reason for the contests we are called to fight and win: love.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Too often, life falls short of my expectations — an opportunity didn't work out, a day didn't go the way I planned — so I ball up my fists and stomp my feet. And God takes the Book of the Gospels and opens it to Luke, Chapter 10.

On Pilgrimage

Before I embarked on my trip to the National Eucharistic Congress last summer with a group from my archdiocese, we had an orientation meeting. At that meeting, the coordinator of the trip shared with us “The Five Rules of Pilgrimage.”

If you're not familiar with them (I wasn't), here they are:

1. Don't complain.
2. Don't complain. (It's so important, it's listed twice.)
3. When you see a bathroom, use it.
4. When someone offers you something, receive it.
5. When someone asks you for something, give it.

It's great advice for a pilgrimage, but more than that, I think it's great advice in general. So when I read today's Gospel and I hear Jesus say essentially the same thing to his disciples as they set out to evangelize (well, minus the bathroom tip, but those weren't as much of a thing in biblical Judea), I come to an important realization.

The whole Christian life is a pilgrimage.

Too often, life falls short of my expectations. An opportunity didn't work out. A day didn't go the way I planned (like, *at all*). A person didn't accept me. And I ball up my fists and stomp my feet like a full-grown Veruca Salt, and I yell: *I cannot work in these conditions!*

And then, I imagine God, on his celestial throne, sighs and opens the Book of the Gospels (surely he keeps it handy, don't you think?) to Luke, Chapter 10. And he whispers in my heart what he said to his disciples 2,000 years ago.

Don't complain. Be open and give of yourself, and in turn, receive what comes your way, whatever it is. If it's good, rejoice. If it's not good, move on. And in the end, remember where you're headed — the place you're trying to go.

Oh, and again: don't complain.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

As Catholics, we talk a lot about “redemptive suffering” and “carrying your cross.” What does that mean practically in daily life?

Answer:

When Jesus spoke these words, they would have sounded quite intense to his hearers. “*Pick up your cross daily and follow me.*” At the time, Jesus hadn't yet been crucified. A cross was a Roman torture instrument. “Pick up the thing that tortures you the most,” Jesus seemed to say. Unfortunately, most of us have no real shortage of these in our life. To take up the cross isn't to seek out new sufferings in our life. It's to accept the life we have.

Of course, unjust or unhealthy circumstances should be rectified when possible. But there are always circumstances that remain out of our immediate control. It could be pain management, the defiance of our teenage child, or an unhealthy work environment ... but you need the paycheck to pay the bills. In difficult circumstances, it can be easier to blame, complain, or daydream our way out of it. None of these are real solutions, since none of them accept the reality of the situation at hand. Those options only add to our suffering, since they damage relationships, fixate on the problem, or set up unrealistic expectations.

Instead, Jesus invites us to take up our cross — to look at the uncomfortable situation square in the eyes, take a deep breath, and do our best to be present to God's grace in the moment. To love those in our path. To take things one step at a time.

Find the safest way to get to the mountain.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to remember that you will give me what I need.

Mission for the Week

Make a card for one of your neighbors, and tell that person, "Jesus loves you!"

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus sent out 72 of his followers to spread the good news about God. They were not to bring anything with them - no food, no extra clothes or shoes, not even money to spend. They were to visit strangers and completely depend on God to give them what they needed. That took a lot of faith!

Now color
the picture! →

