



# St. Martin of Tours Church

July 13, 2025

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## 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

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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](http://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](http://www.smt.church/baptism)

#### Marriage Preparation

[www.smt.church/marriage](http://www.smt.church/marriage)

#### Funerals

[www.smt.church/funerals](http://www.smt.church/funerals)

#### SMT School

[www.smtschool.net/admissions](http://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](http://www.smt.church/register)**.



**July 12-19**

Sat	5:30 pm	Eleanor and Carlos Bermeo †
Sun	7:30 am	Lino Alvarez
	9:30 am	Karyn Schmitz †
	11:30 am	Oberdan Pignataro †
	5:30 pm	Harout, Siroon, Voskin Bedikian†
Mon	8:15 am	Mrs. Anthony Valle †
Tues	8:15 am	Rosary Group Past and Present
Wed	8:15 am	Steve Valle †
Thurs	8:15 am	George Harris †
Fri	8:15 am	Mrs. Anthony Valle †
		Thomas Roley †
Sat	8:15 am	Amabilia Rauda

### 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](mailto:alaina@saintmartinoftours.com)**



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

**For Stewardship Ideas, visit [www.smt.church/donate](http://www.smt.church/donate)**

### “Go and do likewise.” – Luke 10:37

The Good Samaritan didn't look away—he saw, stopped, and gave. As stewards of our parish, we're called to do the same: to notice the needs around us and respond with love. Your faithful support—through prayer, service, and consistent giving—helps our parish be a place of healing, welcome, and mercy. Let us not pass by, but give from the heart.



**Envelopes at the church doors.**



## 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/>.

## Friends of God to Inspire Us

The simplest definition of a saint is this: **a friend of God**. And as we get to know the saints, we begin to see more clearly who God is and how He works in the world. This week, we have four friends to inspire us:

**Monday, July 14 – St. Kateri Tekakwitha**, the “Lily of the Mohawks,” is the first Native American saint. Scarred by illness and misunderstood by many, she lived a life of deep prayer, quiet courage, and radiant holiness. Her story reminds us that faith can flourish even in hardship.

**Tuesday, July 15 – St. Bonaventure**, a brilliant Franciscan and Doctor of the Church, teaches that true knowledge of God begins in love. He invites us to seek not just understanding, but transformation through prayer and humility.

**Wednesday, July 16 – Our Lady of Mount Carmel**, comes to us clothed in grace and silence. Her feast reminds us that Mary leads us gently to her Son, calling us to live in His presence with trust and devotion. The scapular is a sign of that invitation—a life lived close to Christ.

Each of these holy lives points us to Christ—and invites us to draw closer to Him.

Join us for daily Mass this week as we honor these friends of God and walk the path of faith they've shown us.

-Fr. Paul

**Called to Renew: Parish Center Renovation**  
*For updates, please visit [www.smt.church/news/ctr](http://www.smt.church/news/ctr)*

*Thanks to all who have supported our campaign!*



6/30/2025 Update

St. Martin of Tours Parish Goal	<b>\$1,135,000</b>
Families who pledged	<b>135</b>
Total Pledged	<b>\$1,305,538</b>
Cash Collected	<b>\$889,613</b>
% Collected	<b>68.1%</b>





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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Meets at 9:30 am in the Parish Center.

For more information & to register, please visit:

[www.smt.church/Sunday-School](http://www.smt.church/Sunday-School).

## Now Accepting Applications for 2025/26

[www.smtschool.net/admissions](http://www.smtschool.net/admissions)

## St. Martin of Tours School

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## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*A Reflection by Fr. Paul*

Today, Jesus tells one of the most familiar parables in the Gospel—the story of the Good Samaritan.

It begins with a question: “*Who is my neighbor?*” But Jesus turns the question around. In the end, it’s not about figuring out who deserves our love—it’s about becoming the kind of person who loves.

The Samaritan doesn’t just feel compassion. He acts. He draws near to the wounded man. He interrupts his own plans. He takes on the burden of another.

Jesus says to us: “*Go and do likewise.*” Not just in theory. Not just when it’s convenient. But in the real, messy moments of everyday life.

That means slowing down. Listening more carefully. Being patient. Offering kindness instead of criticism. Reaching out instead of pulling away.

We don’t need to travel far to find someone in need. Often, the person God is asking us to care for is already beside us—at our table, in our home, in our family.

As St. Teresa of Calcutta once said: “*I see Jesus in every human being... I serve because I love Jesus.*”

This week, may we carry that vision with us—and respond with love, especially where it’s hardest, and closest.

Fr. Paul



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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

Use Pink Envelope!!



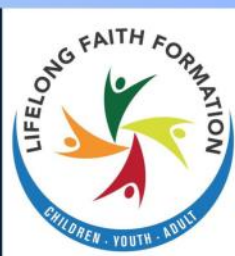
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## Faith Formation for Children & Adults



Our Sacramental Programs begin this September.

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

[www.smt.church/news/FaithFormation](http://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:

No, it is something very near to you,  
already in your mouths and in your hearts;  
you have only to carry it out." (Dt 30:14)

### Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

### Second Reading:

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation. (Col 1:15)

### Gospel:

*You shall love the Lord, your God,  
with all your heart,  
with all your being,  
with all your strength,  
and with all your mind,  
and your neighbor as yourself.* (Lk 10:25)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Everyone is our neighbor — those we love  
and those we can't stand, the people we  
agree with and the people whose opinions we  
hate. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we  
must not only see ourselves in every person  
we meet — we must see him, too.

## Observances for the week of July 13, 2025

- Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin  
**Tuesday:** St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Wednesday:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
**Friday:** St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest  
**Next Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Devotions, *Explained!*

Spiritual direction is the practice  
of seeking counsel from someone  
who is learned in the faith for the  
purpose of discerning the will of  
God in one's life.

## Prayer for Charity

Give me the grace, Lord, to  
truly see those around me: the  
overlooked, the uncomfortable,  
the odd and disliked.  
Your kingdom is one of belonging,  
help us to be the types of  
neighbors who see and respond  
with Godly generosity.  
Amen.



## Readings for the week of July 13, 2025

### 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

### Monday:

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/  
Mt 10:34-11:1

### Tuesday:

Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/  
Mt 11:20-24

### Wednesday:

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/  
Mt 11:25-27

### Thursday:

Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

### Friday:

Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

### Saturday:

Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

### Next Sunday:

Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/  
Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, **"And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29)**. Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

— *Father John Muir*

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** As Christians we know that everyone is our neighbor. It's drilled into us from the first time we hear this reading. But do we approach the victims that we see? Or do we draw away from the suffering of others in fear and confusion, thinking: "That's not my problem"?

### Crossing the Street

It takes a cold, hard, godless heart to step over a wounded man on the street.

But in the parable of the Good Samaritan, the priest and the Levite didn't step over the half-dead traveler. I think we picture them doing so, in our collective imagining of this well-known story, but the words of the Gospel are quite clear. "When he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side," Jesus says of both.

So they saw him. They saw his need. It made them uncomfortable; it confused them — many scholars have said that Judaic law concerning the touching of dead bodies might have made them reluctant to approach — and so they decided the simplest way to file this situation in the Not My Problem category was to cross the street.

But that still leaves a half-dead guy on the road. And we all, 2,000 years later, still think of the priest and the Levite as cold and hard and godless — even if they didn't *want* to be, even if they didn't think of themselves that way — because the bottom line is, they didn't see the half-dead guy as their problem.

As Christians we know that everyone is our neighbor. It's drilled into us from the first time we hear this reading.

Well, I don't know about you, but I find myself crossing the street a lot more than I should.

There is so much pain and suffering in the world. We certainly can't begin to alleviate it all. But we have to start with the pain and the suffering that we see, that's right in front of us — even if it's something we really, really want to ignore. Even if we find it inconvenient or confusing or scary or weird.

The heroism of the Good Samaritan wasn't in his selfless actions, although those were certainly commendable. It was in his courage. "He approached the victim," Jesus said.

Can we approach the victims we see? Do we have that courage?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

When Jesus says, "*You cannot serve both God and mammon,*" what does he mean? What is mammon?

### Answer:

When you hear Scripture proclaimed each Sunday, remember it wasn't originally written in English. Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek — these ancient tongues were the original language of our Old and New Testaments. Most of the time, all of the words are translated into our native language. Sometimes, a word or two is left in the original language. Such is the case in this Scripture passage.

Mammon is an ancient Aramaic word referring to money, wealth, or profit. Earthly wealth isn't bad in itself, nor does it automatically exclude us from being a disciple of Jesus. But what dominates our life? To serve money — that is, to seek accumulation of wealth for its own sake and to structure our lives around it — is morally problematic. What good is our wealth if it isn't at the service of others? What good is our wealth if its pursuit leads us to selfishness, obsession, greed, envy, and comparison? There are many things that can be opposed to our service of God — power, prestige, popularity. Ultimately, something in our lives will be our master. But there is only one God worth serving.

## Prayer

Lord, let me know when it is wise to help.

## Mission for the Week

If I see someone hurt, I will stop playing to get help.

## Sharing the Gospel

The Good Samaritan found a beaten man along the road. He spent a lot of time and money to take care of him. In today's time, he would have called 911 and paid the ambulance and hospital. Many people are afraid to stop to help others.

If you see someone who needs help, call 911 and explain who needs help and where.

Trained police and paramedics will come to help. You can pray for the person.

**Now color the picture!**



Circle the picture that is different.  
Then color in all the pictures.

