

St. Martin of Tours Church

July 20, 2025

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

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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 19-26

Sat	5:30 pm	Francis Fitzpatrick †
Sun	7:30 am	Anne Jodziewicz †
	9:30 am	Teresita Arrieta †
	11:30 am	Rosa Lee †
	5:30 pm	John R. Loya †
Mon	8:15 am	Sister Philomeen Grace †
Tues	8:15 am	Carmelita Ascalon †
Wed	8:15 am	Aidan Roley
Thurs	8:15 am	George Varkey †
Fri	8:15 am	Bentley Richardson
Sat	8:15 am	Josefina Rodriguez †

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

“Mary sat beside the Lord at his feet, listening to him speak.” – Luke 10:39

Stewardship begins with listening, like Mary. Before we serve, give, or act, we are called to sit with the Lord. Our generosity flows not from anxiety or obligation, but from a heart rooted in prayer.

This week, let your support of the parish be grounded in that same spirit: not just doing for the Lord, but being with Him—so that all we give is given with love.

Called to Renew: Parish Center Renovation

For updates, please visit www.smt.church/news/ctr

Thank you for supporting our campaign!



6/30/2025 Update

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



Safe Environment Tips

Everyone that works and interacts with children should have clear boundaries in place. This can include rules like: staying in public view and avoiding isolated one-on-one situations with children and ensuring that two or more adults are always paired together to work with children, as well as other guidelines on appropriate physical contact. For the Archdiocese of Los Angeles's guidelines on how to interact with minors at our parishes, schools and ministries please visit <https://lacatholics.org/policies-and-procedures/>, and for more tips read the VIRTUS® article “When Boundaries Abound, Our Lives Can Flourish” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

A Summer of Renewal and Community

As the summer unfolds, we enter a season of growth and renewal. We're excited to share a few updates with you.

Welcoming New Faces

As we continue to grow, let's extend a warm welcome to new faces joining us at Mass. A simple greeting can make a big difference in helping them feel at home.

World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly – July 27

Next weekend, we will honor all grandparents and older members of our community, giving thanks for the faith, wisdom, and love they share across generations. Join us at Mass for a special blessing and prayers of gratitude.

Monthly Socials

Join us for our **socials** this summer and fall. These gatherings are a great way to connect with friends and strengthen our parish community.

Summer Repairs and Improvements

We are making several repairs and improvements this summer to keep our church and school facilities welcoming. From new carpeting to essential updates, these efforts ensure a better experience for all.

Faith Formation Begins in September

Whether preparing for First Communion or Confirmation, journeying through OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), or deepening your faith through other programs, there's something for everyone. Please visit www.smt.church/news/faithformation.

Strengthening Our Parish Community

Let's continue to strengthen our community through service, prayer, and outreach, living as a light to those in need, both within and beyond our parish.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

Fr. Paul



Sacrament of Anointing Of The Sick

Sat, August 2 - after 5:30 Mass
Sun, August 3 - after all Masses



eGiving through Faith Direct

A safe, secure way to support our parish!

You can help our parish share the blessings of the Season all year long by enrolling with eGiving through Faith Direct. It will simplify your stewardship and provide steady, consistent support for our parish.

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Thank you and may God bless your generosity.



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.

Now Accepting Applications for 2025/26

www.smtschool.net/admissions

St. Martin of Tours School

A Preparatory Academy for Grades K-8



St. Martin of Tours Preparatory is the premier Catholic school in Los Angeles offering an exceptional educational foundation for all students in grades K-8. Our graduates attend the finest preparatory schools in Los Angeles and are accepted into high school honors and advanced placement courses. We are the only school that has been recognized as a STEM Network Partner School in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

All faith traditions are welcome

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"There is need of only one thing."

A Reflection by Fr. Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus visits the home of Martha and Mary. One sister is busy with the tasks of hospitality. The other sits quietly at the Lord's feet, simply listening.

Both love Jesus. Both want to serve Him. But only one of them—the one who chooses to be still—is praised for choosing "the better part."

Jesus isn't criticizing Martha's efforts. He's inviting her—and us—to something deeper. Service is good, but if we're always rushing, anxious, or distracted, we may miss the very One we're trying to serve.

This Gospel isn't about choosing between prayer and action. It's a reminder that prayer must shape our action. That listening comes before doing. That we need to rest in Christ before we can carry His love into the world.

And that begins at home. In the everyday noise and routines, Jesus speaks. But we must slow down long enough to hear Him.

This week, let's create space—for silence, for stillness, for listening. And in that quiet, may we rediscover what truly matters: time spent with the Lord who loves us.

As St. Francis de Sales wisely said, "Set aside time each day to be quiet with the Lord. In that stillness, you will hear what truly matters."

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

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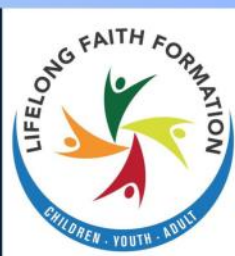
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Saint Martin of Tours Los Angeles



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:

They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?"
He replied, "There in the tent."
One of them said, "I will surely return to you about
this time next year,
and Sarah will then have a son." (Gn 18:10)

Psalm:

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

Second Reading:

It is Christ in you, the hope for glory.
It is he whom we proclaim. (Col 1:27-28)

Gospel:

The Lord said to her in reply,
"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried
about many things.
There is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the better part
and it will not be taken from her." (Lk 10:42)

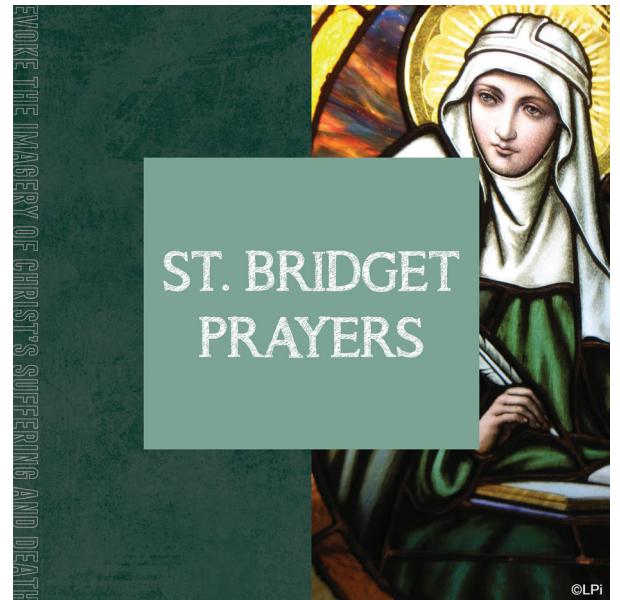
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In life, there are so many "Marthas" — people and situations that distract us from God. But if we imitate Mary and sit calmly at the feet of Jesus, his Word will guard our hearts from the anxiety of the world.

Observances for the week of July 20, 2025

- Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi,
Priest and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: St. Mary Magdalene
Wednesday: St. Bridget, Religious
Thursday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest
Friday: St. James, Apostle
Saturday: Sts. Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

The St. Bridget Prayers evoke the imagery of Christ's suffering and death, plead for the forgiveness of the supplicant's sins, for a happy death, for fear and love of the Lord, and for a renunciation of worldly desires.

Prayer for Focus

Lord, help me to remember what matters and who matters.
And then help me to prioritize
rightly and wisely, with Your
heaven as my guide.
Amen.

Readings for the week of July 20, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday:

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4,
5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday:

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26,
27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday:

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday:

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,
6/Mt 20:20-28

Saturday:

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday:

Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, “What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he... he is doing nothing! What a waste.” The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week’s Gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the **“one necessary thing.”** He praises her for she **“has chosen the better part” (Luke 10:42).** Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work — domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative — is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the “better part” of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— *Father John Muir*



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

Martha's Burdens

It's time to admit it: I've been unfair to Mary in the past. Been a little catty about her. *Oooh, Mary, she's so holy.* Well, do you like to eat, Mary? Who made your lunch? Yeah, that's right: it was Martha. Because you know what? It's the Marthas who get things done in the world while the Marys lounge around reading Aquinas and attending silent retreats and going to Eucharistic Adoration whenever they want.

And there you have it, folks: my bitterness on full display! I tend to identify with Martha, not with Mary, and I need to stop doing that.

Because I am not Martha instead of Mary. I am both. We are all both.

Mary was a woman; she was expected to do the serving, too. She shared that burden; she wasn't abandoning it, heaping her portion on Martha. And it's so wrong to assume that Mary didn't have the same cares and anxieties as Martha — perhaps she even had more!

Here's the difference: Mary, unlike Martha (and me, I guess) knew where to go with them.

We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. *I'm so busy. I'm so overwhelmed. There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my person, on my finances. Take a number, Jesus. Get in line.* But we're thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren't an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to his feet.

God knows about burdens, okay? Aside from being all-wise and all-knowing, he basically completed a doctorate in suffering, taking on a human form (itself kind of a burden, if you think about it) and for 33 years lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens this world has to offer.

Why did he do this? Well, part of the reason was so that we could finally understand that our burdens aren't a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to him.

Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

July 22 is the feast of Mary Magdalene. I've heard a lot of stories about her, but who was she really?

Answer:

Mary Magdalene has been the subject of speculation and scholarship over the last 2,000 years. Mary Magdalene makes her first named appearance in Luke 8:2. She is one of several women following Jesus. Luke specifically mentions that Mary had previously been delivered from demonic possession. Whatever her life looked like before she met Jesus, it wasn't good! Because of this association with being a repentant sinner, Mary Magdalene has been associated with other similar stories in the Gospel, such as the woman caught in adultery or the woman who bathes Jesus' feet with her tears.

Mary Magdalene shows up again by name at the end of the Gospels, when she stands with the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross. Mary is also present in the garden of the resurrection. She is one of the women who goes to bring spices to Jesus' tomb, where they find the stone rolled away. Mary stays in the garden weeping, believing his body has been stolen. Jesus approaches her and calls her by name, and she becomes the first witness to the resurrection! While many of the details of Mary Magdalene's life have been lost to time, she is an example of powerful conversion, deep faith, and intimate love for Christ.

Circle the things Martha worried about.

Prayer

Lord, I want to stop working to listen to my visitors.

Mission for the Week

I will sit on the front doorstep and talk with Jesus every morning.

Sharing the Gospel

When company came, Martha hurried to get the house ready. She made sure the food was cooked. She set the table with cups, dishes, and silverware. She put clean sheets on the beds. She emptied the trash. Mary didn't worry about all that. She stopped everything to listen to her visitor. If your house is neat all the time, you can relax and talk with your guests. Then you can cook dinner together.

**Now color
the picture!**

