



# St. Martin of Tours Church

August 3, 2025

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

“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”  
- Lk 12:20-21

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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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**Debbie Margulis, Principal (x. 205)**  
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**Carol Mahaffey, Main Office (x. 200)**

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the rectory. If you want to make sure that 100% of  
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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)**.



## August 2– 9

Sat	5:30 pm	Sam Strangis †
Sun	7:30 am	Anne Jodziewicz †
		George Harris †
	9:30 am	Karyn Schmitz †
	11:30 am	Bill Howland †
	5:30 pm	Gen. Raul T. Aquino †
Mon	8:15 am	Bentley Richardson
Tues	8:15 am	Stephen Valle †
Wed	8:15 am	Charles Steele †
Thurs	8:15 am	Georgie Livingston
Fri	8:15 am	Rosa Lee †
Sat	8:15 am	Rosary Group past & present

### 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)**

***“One’s life does not consist of possessions.” – Lk 12:15***

Jesus warns against storing up treasures only for ourselves. True stewardship means recognizing that all we have is a gift from God—meant to be shared, not hoarded.

This week, consider how your giving reflects what matters most. By supporting our parish generously and consistently, you invest in the kind of treasure that lasts: faith, community, and love.

### Called to Renew: Parish Center Renovation

*For updates, please visit [www.smt.church/news/ctr](http://www.smt.church/news/ctr)  
Thank you for supporting 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>



### Who do children talk to about abuse?

Studies show that when children know that adults are willing to believe them, and advocate for them, children are more willing to come to adults with their problems. This is why other safe adults, like teachers and youth ministry volunteers, are essential to child protection. If a child discloses abuse, it is critical for a safe adult to provide a listening ear and help when needed, including reporting to the right people and authorities. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Disclosures Part 1: Why are Disclosures Important?” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

### Parish Updates for Sunday, August 3

As we enter the month of August, we move forward with excitement and anticipation for what’s ahead.

#### Mission Cooperative Appeal

Welcome Bishop Amalraj to SMT. See below.

#### Summer Repairs and Improvements

August is pivotal: parking lot repairs and new church carpet. Help support these and other summer projects—see the back of the bulletin. Thank you for your support!

#### Monthly Socials

Don’t miss our upcoming monthly social! These gatherings are a wonderful chance to meet new parishioners, enjoy fellowship, and deepen our connection as a community. See [www.smt.church/events](http://www.smt.church/events) to learn more.

#### Welcoming New Faces

It’s a blessing to see new faces in our parish! Let’s continue to greet and welcome newcomers at Mass, making sure everyone feels at home in our faith family. A simple smile or a friendly greeting can make a big difference.

Thank you for your support and prayers.—Fr. Paul

### Mission Cooperative Appeal 2025

This weekend, Bishop A. Amalraj will speak at all the Masses about the works and the needs of the Diocese of Ootacamund (Ooty) in India.

The Diocese depends on outside contributions to support its efforts, including educating youth. To learn more, please visit [www.smt.church/news/mission](http://www.smt.church/news/mission).

Please support this important work with your prayers and financial support. Missionary Cooperative Plan envelopes are available in the church. Thank you for your response!



### 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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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

AGES 3 - 6

Meets at 9:30 am - Resumes in September

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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## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!"*

A Reflection by Fr. Paul

Today's readings offer a sobering perspective—but not a hopeless one.

Ecclesiastes, one of the most honest and poetic books in Scripture, opens with the famous refrain: *"Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!"* But not everything in life is meaningless. Rather, things become empty when we treat them as if they are ultimate—when we forget they are fleeting.

The Gospel gives us a living parable of that truth. A rich man builds bigger barns to store his surplus, convinced he has finally secured his future. But that very night, his life is demanded of him. He is not condemned for his wealth—but for his misplaced confidence. He lived as if this world were all there is.

Jesus reminds us: *"One's life does not consist of possessions."* What matters is not how much we have, but how well we live—and whether our hearts are rich in the things of God.

St. Augustine once wrote, *"You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in You."* Earthly things are not bad in themselves—but they cannot bear the weight of our deepest hopes. Only God can.

This week, let's ask: Am I placing too much weight on what is passing? Am I living each day with eternity in view? — Fr. Paul



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# Summer

## REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS



WITH YOUR HELP, WE ARE GETTING IT DONE:

- Replace Carpeting in the Church
- Install Church Drinking Fountain
- Seal and Paint Parking and Play Areas
- Fire Hardening of Buildings
- New Water Heaters for Parish Center & Rectory
- Upgrade Security Cameras
- Summer Landscaping—Drainage Repairs
- Other Repairs & Improvements as needed

Use **Pink Envelope**  
or give online—see below

**2025 Goal: \$120,000**

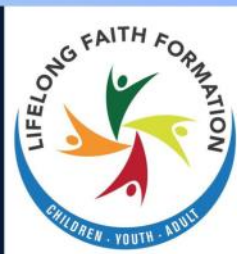
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## Faith Formation for Children & Adults



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:

For what profit comes to man from all the toil  
and anxiety of heart  
with which he has labored under the sun? (Eccl 2:22)

### Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 90)

### Second Reading:

If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

### Gospel:

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves  
but are not rich in what matters to God." (Lk 12:21)

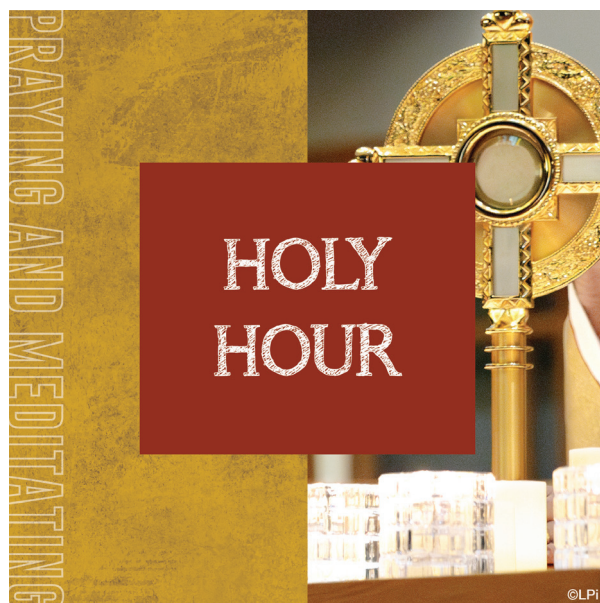
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus warns us that at any moment we can  
be called before God to face judgment. When  
we are, our life will be measured not in dollars  
or accomplishments, but in what matters to  
God. What do we have to show for our time  
spent on earth?

## Observances for the week of August 3, 2025

<b>Sunday:</b>	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday:</b>	St. John Vianney, Priest
<b>Tuesday:</b>	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
<b>Wednesday:</b>	The Transfiguration of the Lord
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Dominic, Priest
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Devotions, *Explained!*

A holy hour is the practice of  
spending one hour's time in  
the presence of the Blessed  
Sacrament, praying and  
meditating on the agony of  
Jesus Christ.

## Prayer for Open Hands

Lord, I do not know what any day  
holds,  
I cannot take for granted any of  
the gifts You have given.  
Help me to use them, then, as You  
would have me.  
Help me to live according to Your  
invitations.  
Amen.

## Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

### Sunday:

Ecc1 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

### Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/  
Mt 14:13-21

### Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/  
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

### Wednesday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/  
2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

### Thursday:

Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/  
Mt 16:13-23

### Friday:

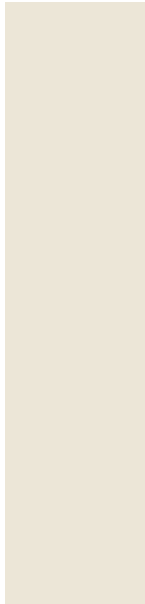
Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16  
and 21/Mt 16:24-28

### Saturday:

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47  
and 51/Mt 17:14-20

### Next Sunday:

Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/  
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48  
or 12:35-40



## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, **“Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions” (Luke 12:15).** Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— *Father John Muir*



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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

### The Barn

It's 9:08 on a Saturday morning, and I am too darn busy for confession.

I've probably written before about how hard I find it to get to confession — I say 'probably' because I really can't remember. I whine about it so frequently that it's hard to tell if I've made it the subject of a written piece or if it is simply an oft-recited refrain from the Litany of Colleen's Perpetual Complaints.

During the week, it's tough to get to confession because I have little kids who are attached to me like Velcro, and I don't need them listening in on (and eventually repeating to everyone) my sins. On the weekend it's a little easier, but our parish doesn't offer it before or after Sunday Mass, just on Saturdays. Saturday is when I get most of my work done, so getting absolution usually comes at the expense of productivity.

And that, friends, right here, is my barn. Productivity. That's the proverbial storehouse of my earthly harvest. For the rich man in the parable, it's a literal barn, filled to bursting with sellable crops. For you it might be money or your job title or what your life looks like to other people on social media. For me, it's Getting Things Done. That's my barn, the repository that holds the whole of my worldly preoccupations.

And it's so full I want to tear it down and build a new one. A bigger one. One that can hold more worry, more time for work, more focus on output and crossing things off a to-do list. Vanity of vanities, indeed.

If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

I have to burn the barn, friends. I don't want to, but I have to. I'm closing my laptop and going to church.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

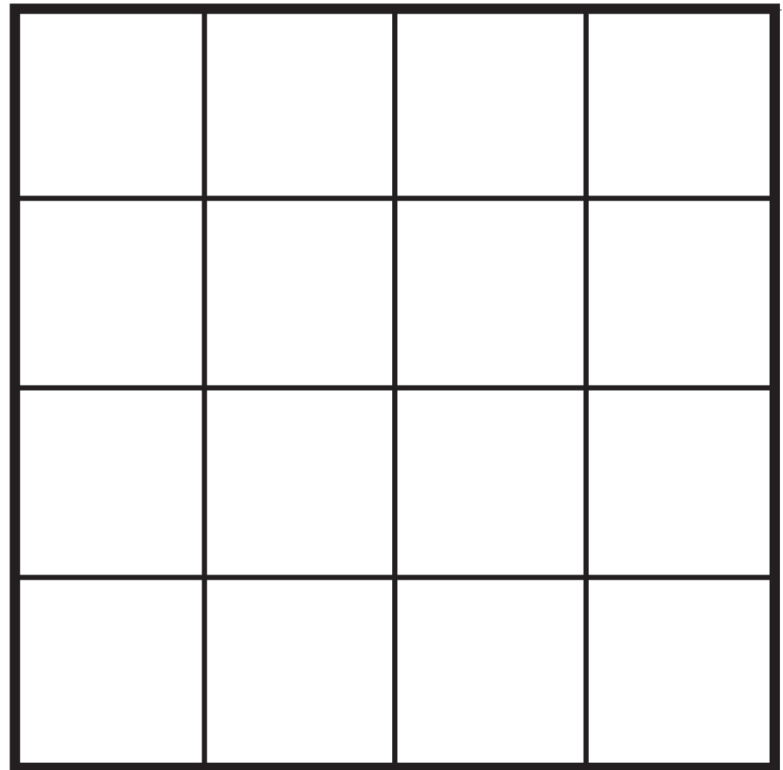
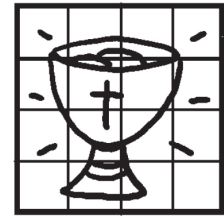
Does watching Mass on TV fulfill my Sunday obligation?

#### Answer:

In the age of instant communication, email, voice mail and teleconferencing, many people wonder if these media of communication can be used for sacraments. Many priests, I am sure, have had people ask about going to confession on the phone. While it may seem like a convenient way to do things, there are many reasons why we don't.

Watching the Mass on television can be a good thing, especially for those who are shut-in. But it really doesn't fulfill our obligation. The obligation to attend Mass is more than just simply listening to the Mass or following the prayers and the readings. Gathering together as a community of faith is important. Sacraments are community events where we encounter God and one another. When we gather together, we are most visibly the Church, the Body of Christ. Besides, television is a one-way medium. It allows us to watch without really being able to give a response. In faith, our response is as important as anything that we hear. We need to take an active part in the religious expression of our community.

Enlarge the picture square by square.



## Prayer

Dear God, help me to remember what is really important to you.

## Mission for the Week

When you get home, pack three toys and three books to give to children without any.

## Sharing the Gospel

When you put Jesus first in your life, you will have everything you need. Having a lot of stuff won't really make you or God happy. God doesn't want you to keep your blessings to yourself. God wants you to share what he has given you. Be "rich" in only the things that God cares about. The closer you grow with God, the happier you will be.

**Now color the picture!**

