

St. Martin of Tours Church

September 28, 2025

NO MASS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 DUE TO CARNIVAL

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.’”

- Lk 16:25

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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

No Mass on Saturday, October 4 due to Carnival

Livestream Mass - Sunday at 9:30 am

www.youtube.com/c/saintmartinoftoursLA

Adoration & Confession

No Mass or Confessions on October 4

Saturday following 8:15 am Mass

Confessions end with Benediction at 9:50 am

Infant Baptism

www.smt.church/baptism

Marriage Preparation

www.smt.church/marriage

Funerals

www.smt.church/funerals

SMT School

www.smtschoo.net/admissions

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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.



September 27– Oct. 4

Sat	5:30 pm	Ray Taylor †
Sun	7:30 am	Josefina Rodriguez †
	9:30 am	Mary Sawin † & Bill Hoppock†
	11:30 am	Margie Steele †
	5:30 pm	Charles Steele †
Mon	8:15 am	Floridalma Alvarez †
Tues	8:15 am	Candelaria Rodriquez †
Wed	8:15 am	Andrew Gomez
Thurs	8:15 am	Amabilia Rauda
Fri	8:15 am	Maria Meraza
Sat	No Mass on October 4 due to carnival	

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:



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

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"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad ..." Luke 16:25

Discipleship requires a clear choice of where our hearts belong. Stewardship is one way we live that choice: by putting God first in the use of our time, talents, and treasure.

This week, take up the challenge to give back first to God—making your stewardship a conscious act of love.

respect life
month



40
DAYS
FOR
LIFE

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Please see our website for Resources
www.SMT.church/news/respect

40 Days for Life—September 24 - November 2
www.smt.church/events/40-days-for-life



Forms of cyber bullying

With the widespread use of mobile devices, more and more children are susceptible to cyber bullying, which has far-reaching consequences. Cyber bullying can take many forms, including cruel messages or pictures via text or social media and pretending to be someone else on a social media site. Victims of cyber bullying often suffer from depression, isolation, and can even become suicidal. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Cyber-Bullying: Protecting Young People from Technology Dangers" at: lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

St. Martin Fun Fact 3: A Church of Our Own

By November 1947, less than a year after the parish was founded, the new St. Martin of Tours Church stood ready to welcome its people. From a living room ... to a gym ... to an orchard... to a six-sided church overlooking Sunset Boulevard—the journey had been fast, faith-filled, and full of generosity.

The spirit of the early parish was remarkable. Families rolled up their sleeves, offering time, talent, and treasure to make a church rise from nothing in less than twelve months. There was a sense of hospitality and joy—neighbors becoming a community, bound together by faith and a shared mission.

The choice of St. Martin of Tours as patron was no accident. Known for his act of charity in cutting his cloak to share with a beggar, St. Martin embodies compassion, humility, and generosity. Naming the parish after him was meant to encourage a spirit of charity in this new community—rooted in service, open hearts, and care for one another.

What began with 100 steel chairs in a borrowed gym had, in just a year, become a thriving parish family with a sacred home of its own—built on faith, shaped by charity, and entrusted to the intercession of St. Martin of Tours.

**REPAIRS &
IMPROVEMENTS**



2025 Goal \$120,000

Amount Raised \$46,330

Help Fund Our Work

Visit www.smt.church/news/repairs



**Sacrament of
Anointing Of The Sick**

Sat, Oct. 4 - no Mass - Carnival
Sun, Oct. 5 - after all Masses

For all who are ill, advanced in age, anticipating or recovering from surgery.



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St. Martin of Tours Council 14660

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

AGES 3 - 6

Meets at 9:30 am in Room 1

For more information & to register, please visit:

www.smt.church/Sunday-School.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 11th
10:30 AM on the Church Patio



If your pet is unruly, you may bring a photo or stay in your car to receive the blessing.



ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

To learn more and sign up, please email
Rachel Grella-Harding,
Altar Server Coordinator at

SMTAltarServer@SaintMartinofTours.com

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reflection by Fr. Paul

"There was a rich man... and lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus."

Today, Jesus tells one of His most sobering parables. A rich man lives in comfort—dressed in fine linen, feasting every day. And at his very gate lies a poor man named Lazarus, hungry and covered with sores.

The tragedy is not simply the difference between them—it is that the rich man never really saw Lazarus. He stepped over him, day after day, and did nothing. His sin was not cruelty, but indifference.

And when death came, the gulf he created through selfishness became permanent. Where there could have been mercy, there was only regret.

This parable is not meant to condemn wealth, but to awaken our hearts. We all have "Lazaruses" near us—those who hunger not only for food, but for dignity, for attention, for love. Sometimes they are strangers. Sometimes they are members of our own family or parish community.

To follow Christ is to notice. To stop. To respond. To let compassion interrupt our comfort.

Every time we gather for the Eucharist, Christ meets us in our poverty and feeds us with His very life. Having been nourished, we are sent out to see and to serve the Lazaruses at our own gates.

This week, may we ask the Lord for eyes that notice, hearts that care, and the courage to cross the gulf of indifference with love.

- Fr. Paul



FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Class Time & Schedules — Registration Forms

www.smt.church/news/FaithFormation

First Communion

Sundays as part of 9:30 am Mass
www.smt.church/ocic

OCIA/Adult Confirmation

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
www.smt.church/ocia

Jr. High Confirmation

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ST. MARTIN OF TOURS SCHOOL PRESENTS

Oktoberfest

**OCTOBER 4th
11 AM - 6 PM**



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile,
and their wanton revelry shall be done away with. (Am 6:7)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness,
devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. (1 Tm 6:11)

Gospel:

Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses
and the prophets,
neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from
the dead.' (Lk 16:31)

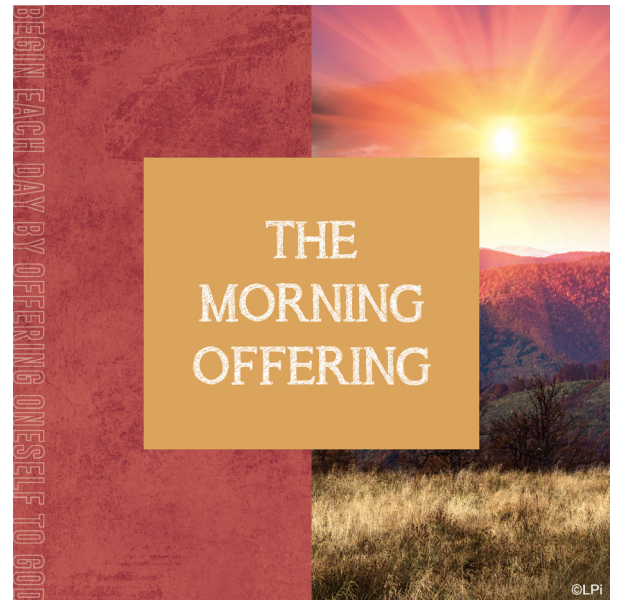
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The rich man had a chance, every day
of his life, to choose righteousness. But
righteousness wasn't convenient for him. He
discovered too late that the only time we
have to follow God is now. Here. This moment.
Will we take our chance?

Observances for the week of September 28, 2025

Sunday:	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
Monday:	Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Tuesday:	St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	The Holy Guardian Angels
Saturday:	St. Francis of Assisi
Next Sunday:	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday



Devotions, *Explained!*

There are many variations of
the Morning Offering, but all
share the same purpose: to
begin each day by offering
oneself to God, along with
all the experiences, struggles
and blessings that the day will
bring.

Prayer for the Sick

For those in pain and in sorrow,
God be their comfort.
For caretakers and medical
staff, God give them grace.
Surround those afflicted with
Your love, care, and mercy, You
who are our healing and hope.
Amen.

Readings for the week of September 28, 2025

Sunday:

Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/
1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Monday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday:

Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday:

Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday:

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday:

Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/
Lk 10:13-16

Saturday:

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/
Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday:

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I am embarrassed to admit that I frequently find myself dining and socializing with people who have millions and sometimes billions of dollars. I've eaten more caviar, lobster and wagyu steak than most people on the planet. I justify it by saying it's part of my job. But I have seven pairs of nice jeans and expensive shoes.

So it is rather uncomfortable to hear Our Lord say: **“My child, remember that you received what was good in your lifetime, while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented” (Luke 16:25).** Fellow rich people (and if you're American, you're rich), do we not vehemently though quietly object to this parable's karma-esque reward system? Why bless the rich man just to curse him later? And curse Lazarus just to bless him later? So Americans go to hell, while Burundians and Afghans go to heaven? What is going on?

One clue is that the condemned rich man doesn't complain of injustice. Rather, he simply begs to help his brothers to repent. Of what? We don't know exactly. Perhaps another clue is that the rich man now seems more like the downtrodden Lazarus. He knows what it is to be hungry and thirsty, to be wounded in the gutter; that he deserved that, not fancy meals and clothes. Maybe the rich man finally understands how to receive true blessings, but it is too late for him. But not for me. Not for us.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: The parable of the rich man and Lazarus highlights a reality that we often wish to ignore: at some point, we will run out of chances, and it's not because God tires of giving them to us.

Snow Days and Second Chances

Yesterday morning, my kids were playing outside in the snow, and I decided to take advantage of the quiet house to make a few important phone calls.

Fool. I forgot Murphy's Law of Parenting, which dictates that as soon as you dial a phone number, a bomb of irritation and neediness explodes within the heart of your loudest child. Sure enough, as soon as the person on the other end of the line picked up, my son was at the back door, whimpering loudly. Horror of horrors, he had snow in his boot.

I gestured to the phone. He whimpered more loudly. I mouthed and mimed threats. He threw his boot at me. I gave him The Look. He started to scream.

Well, needless to say, the phone call didn't go well, and my son's snow day was cut short. He begged for a second chance, but I explained to him that life doesn't always give you second chances. The phone call was over. Ruined. I couldn't get it back.

But that's when I remembered that moms have a superpower: creating second chances where none had existed before. So I told him that if he could be quiet while I made the rest of my calls, he could go back outside.

My son is young right now. I give him lots of second chances because second chances help him learn. Second chances are the training wheels of life.

I dread the day when the training wheels come off, and I can't save him from his bad decisions. I think every parent does.

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus highlights a reality that we often wish to ignore: at some point, we will run out of chances, and it's not because God tires of giving them to us. It's because a truly endless supply of chances would strip us of our free will. It would deny us the right of being taken at our word — and God respects us too much to do that.

My son saved his snow day. It's a good reminder: take the second (and third and fourth) chance. Don't wait for the next one.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Can a divorced Catholic receive holy Communion?

Answer:

Unfortunately, too many people today — Catholics and non-Catholics alike — mistakenly believe that divorce separates one from the Communion of the Church and that divorced persons may not receive Communion. However, as the Church has communicated in a number of places, the issue at hand is not the reality of divorce, but is more often the reality of re-marriage outside of the Church (such as in the case of a Catholic who was previously married within the Church, divorced, and remarried without receiving an annulment).

Divorced persons are called to live chastely as single people and to observe the same call to avoid sin as anyone else who desires to receive the Eucharist. Beyond this, however, Pope Francis has reminded us that the healing power of the Eucharist can be especially significant for those who have “endured separation, divorce, or abandonment ... divorced people who have not remarried, and often bear witness to marital fidelity, ought to be encouraged to find in the Eucharist the nourishment they need to sustain them in their present state of life.” (*Amoris Laetitia*, no. 242) Moreover, he continues, “The local community and pastors should accompany these people with solicitude, particularly when children are involved or when they are in serious financial difficulty.” (*AL*, no 242)

As Pope Francis has also reminded us, the Eucharist is “not a prize for the perfect,” but “a powerful medicine and nourishment” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 47). Because we all stand in need of healing and wholeness, the Church invites all who seek to live their faith in integrity and devotion to come and receive the grace offered in the Eucharist.

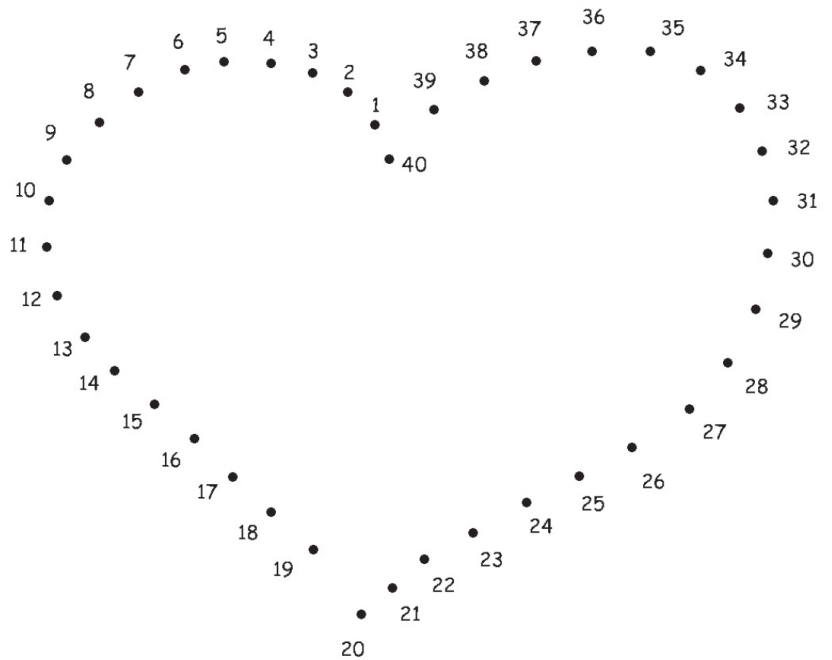
Prayer

Lord, help me share.

Mission for the Week

I will take boxed rice and a can of green peas to the hungry.

Connect the dots.



Sharing the Gospel

NoShare saw a poor man starving but did not share his food with him. Both men died. NoShare went to a place of punishment. He begged for water from the poor man who was in heaven, but got none. When ShareMuch saw a poor man, he took him to a homeless shelter. He bought food, drink, clothing, and blankets for everyone there. When ShareMuch died, God said, "When you shared with others, you shared with me. Welcome to heaven."

Now color
the picture!

