

# St. Martin of Tours Church

October 12, 2025

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

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." - Lk 17:17-19

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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**

**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 9:50 am***

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

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

#### **SMT School**

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



### October 11—18

Sat	5:30 pm	Jazmin Orozco
Sun	7:30 am	Gabriel Veliz
	9:30 am	Edward Kroll † & Karyn Schmitz †
	11:30 am	For peace in Palestine
	5:30 pm	Ronnie Riedman †
Mon	8:15 am	Rick Naatz †
Tues	8:15 am	Donna Alvarez & Richard Habic†
Wed	8:15 am	Lee Tollivar † & Jennie Allard †
Thurs	8:15 am	Mariana Andasol & John Houston †
Fri	8:15 am	Rick Naatz †
Sat	8:15 am	Rosary Group

### Mass Intentions—suggested offering \$20

*Requesting a Mass Intention for loved ones, living or deceased, is a cherished Catholic tradition. To request a Mass Intention, contact: [alaina@saintmartinoftours.com](mailto:alaina@saintmartinoftours.com)*

### ALL SOULS NOVENA

November 2 - November 10

Please include your loved ones in our novena of Masses by completing and returning an All Souls Envelope or go online at: [giving.parishsoft.com/giving/FD-1145/](http://giving.parishsoft.com/giving/FD-1145/).



### STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

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

*"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" – Luke 17:18*

Gratitude is at the heart of stewardship. Like the one leper who returned, we are called to give thanks by offering back to God what we have received. Consistent giving to our parish is a simple but powerful way to show that all is gift—and all belongs to Him.

**This week, let your giving be an act of thanksgiving.**



### Sacrament of Anointing Of The Sick

Sat, Nov. 1 - after 5:30 pm Mass  
Sun, Nov. 2 - after all Masses

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



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### From the Pastor's Desk

*"Lord, Teach Us to Pray"*

Part 1 - What is Prayer?

Dear Friends,

The disciples once asked Jesus: "Lord, teach us to pray" (Lk 11:1). That's a question we can all carry in our hearts. Prayer is not simply about saying the right words; it's about relationship. At its core, prayer is opening our hearts to God — who already loves us and knows us.

Think of prayer as friendship. A good friend doesn't require perfect speeches — just your presence. God desires the same from us: time together, honesty, and love.

St. Teresa of Ávila once wrote: "Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God, frequently conversing in secret with Him who, we know, loves us." Her words remind us that prayer is not complicated — it is the simple, faithful friendship of the soul with its Lord.

This week, try five minutes each day in silence. Begin with a simple prayer: "Lord, here I am." Let that be enough.

In Christ,  
Fr. Paul

respect life  
month



**Please see our website for Resources**  
**[www.SMT.church/news/respect](http://www.SMT.church/news/respect)**

**Signup for Respect Life Prayer & Action**

**[www.respectlife.org/prayer-and-action](http://www.respectlife.org/prayer-and-action)**

**BABY GOODS DRIVE**  
**Weekends of October 12 and 19**

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Meets at 9:30 am in Room 1

For more information & to register, please visit:

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



### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY October 19, 2025

Help support the missionary activity of the church. Envelopes are available in the church. Thank you!



Voting is not just a civic duty, but a moral responsibility rooted in our Catholic faith. Responsible citizenship is a virtue, and our vote helps shape a society that upholds justice, dignity, and the welfare of all.

For resources from the USCCB and CA Conference, visit <https://www.smt.church/news/faithful-citizenship>



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### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reflection by Fr. Paul

***"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"***

In today's Gospel, ten lepers cry out to Jesus for mercy—and all ten are healed. Yet only one, a Samaritan, returns to give thanks. Jesus asks, *"Where are the other nine?"*

The lesson is clear: gratitude is at the heart of faith. Healing is not complete until it becomes thanksgiving. The nine received a gift, but the one who returned discovered the Giver.

So it is with us. How often do we cry out to God in time of need, but forget to return in thanksgiving? Gratitude transforms the heart. It makes us aware of God's blessings, and it moves us to respond with generosity.

The very word *Eucharist* means "thanksgiving." Every Mass is our return to the Lord, our moment to fall at His feet and say, *"Thank you."* And that gratitude cannot stop at words—it is lived out in the way we give of ourselves: in our prayer, our service, and our support of the Church. Our parish depends on the generosity of its members—just as the Body of Christ depends on each member sharing their gifts.

This week, may we follow the example of the Samaritan leper: noticing what God has done, returning in thanks, and giving back with grateful hearts. For when gratitude becomes generosity, healing is made whole.

- Fr. Paul



### FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

#### **Class Time & Schedules — Registration Forms**

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

#### **First Communion**

Sundays as part of 9:30 am Mass  
[www.smt.church/ocic](http://www.smt.church/ocic)

#### **OCIA/Adult Confirmation**

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm  
[www.smt.church/ocia](http://www.smt.church/ocia)

#### **Jr. High Confirmation**

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# 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 schools in Los Angeles and most students 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.

## **Saint Martin to Tours School Nondiscrimination Policy**

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, national origin, and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single-sex schools.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

Join us!

# SMT Autumn

More than just

# Wine and Cheese

# Fellowship

**Sunday, October 19th  
after the 5:30PM Mass**

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan  
seven times  
at the word of Elisha, the man of God.  
His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child,  
and he was clean of his leprosy. (2 Kgs 5:14)

### Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)

### Second Reading:

If we have died with him  
we shall also live with him;  
if we persevere  
we shall also reign with him. (2 Tim 2:11-12)

### Gospel:

Then he said to him, "Stand up and go;  
your faith has saved you." (Lk 17:19)

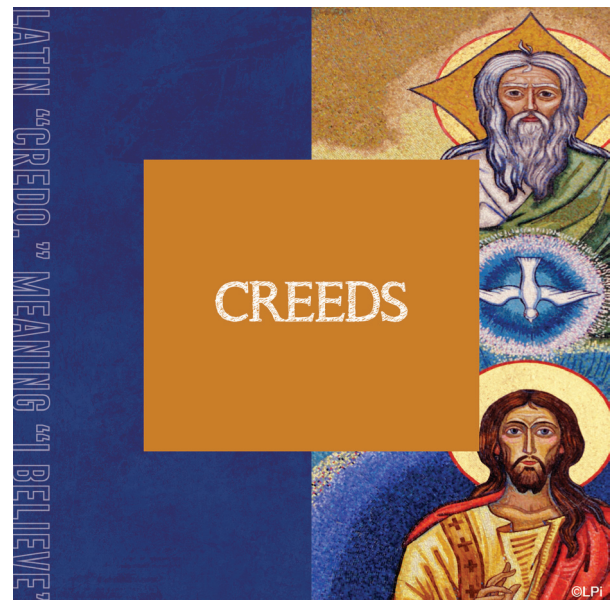
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

If we have faith, we call out to God and we beg him for healing. But when our faith is rewarded, what then? Do we take our miracle and run? No, we must return to the source of our healing to say, "You have changed me, Lord. Now help me change others."

## Observances for the week of October 12, 2025

<b>Sunday:</b>	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday:</b>	Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Luke, Evangelist
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday



## Devotions, *Explained!*

A creed (from the Latin "credo," meaning "I believe") is a summary of the most important articles of faith agreed upon by a group of people who hold them as truth. Tradition has given us not just the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, but many more.

## Prayer of Gratitude

Dear Lord,  
Every day is full of blessings from Your generous hands. Thank You for waking us this morning, filling our lungs with breath. Thank you for the ways You are healing our past, working in the present, and opening possibilities for the future.  
Amen.

## Readings for the week of October 12, 2025

### Sunday:

2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/  
2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

### Monday:

Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Lk 11:29-32

### Tuesday:

Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

### Wednesday:

Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46

### Thursday:

Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/  
Lk 11:47-54

### Friday:

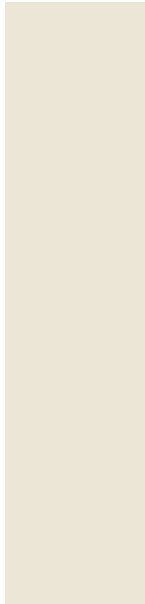
Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

### Saturday:

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/  
Lk 10:1-9

### Next Sunday:

Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see  
2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8



## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God's existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift — this tiny, miraculous life — but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver.

Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 when Jesus tells a healed leper, **“Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.”** This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of an even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man's gratitude led him to encounter the Giver.

Isn't that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God's abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us.

Where do we learn this? The Mass. The priest prays: “It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks.” Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the eucharist, we remember that Christ himself has given everything for us. And in this act of gratitude, we are healed.

— *Father John Muir*



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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** I have enough faith to know that God can heal me. But do I have enough faith to embrace the purpose for which He heals me?

### Your Faith Has Saved You

*Your faith has saved you.* These are the words I pray I will hear when my heart stops beating, when the last breath has left my lungs.

We hear Jesus say these words, or words like them, several times in the Gospels: to the woman bold enough to grasp for his cloak in a crowd, to the men who testify to their belief that he can restore their sight, to the leper kneeling before him in thanks.

These are some of my favorite passages in all of Scripture, because they illustrate so beautifully what salvific faith is — and what it is not.

It's so easy to think that I have done all the necessary work by simply *believing*. Yes, Christ is my Savior. Yes, the Church is his bride. Yes, this doctrine is true, that dogma is infallible, so on and so forth.

I believe!

Well, so what? Satan believes, too. It doesn't do him any good.

The lepers had faith — so they begged Jesus to heal them. They had faith — so they followed his instructions and went to the priests. Their faith was sufficient to motivate these actions, which led to their physical healing. But only one had faith strong enough to understand that physical healing doesn't mean anything without spiritual results. Only one had enough faith to go back to the source of his healing and say, "Thank you. Now what?"

I have enough faith to know that God can heal me. But do I have enough faith to embrace the purpose for which He heals me?

If Jesus tells you that your faith has saved you, he isn't talking about faith as merely an internally held belief. In each of these Gospel passages, he's talking about faith as a conviction that is making itself seen. Heard. Felt. He's talking about an arm that is reaching for the hem of a garment, a voice that says "I believe" or a knee that is bent in gratitude.

He's talking about faith that is so strong it becomes action. This is the faith I hope I can have.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

I have seen the title of Vicar General and Chancellor used in our Catholic newspaper. Who are they and what do they do?

#### Answer:

A bishop is in charge of a diocese and appoints people to help with its administration. Two of those positions are the Vicar General and the Chancellor. Both play a role in the life of a diocese, despite the many jokes priests may tell at their expense! A chancellor is the archivist of a diocese, charged with the task of keeping the records of the diocese. Often a bishop may add other responsibilities and the chancellor may end up being like the executive director of the diocesan office. The chancellor does not need to be a priest.

The vicar general is a priest appointed by the bishop who acts in the name of the bishop in administering the diocese. He has an advanced degree in canon law or theology. He also has executive authority within the diocese. This means that he is involved in the day-to-day pastoral and temporal administration of the diocese. Canon law does not allow a bishop to appoint a relative to the position, nor the priest in charge of the sacrament of penance. In both cases, the purpose of the law is to avoid conflicts of interest.

## Prayer

Lord, please remind me to say, "Thank you."

Find the two that match.

## Mission for the Week

I will remember to say "Please" and "Thank You" to God and his people.

## Sharing the Gospel

Jesus cured 10 men who had bleeding sores all over their skin. As they walked away, they noticed that they were cured. Their sores were gone and their skin was smooth. Nine of them ran to show their families and friends. They were happy. Only one man went back to thank Jesus for curing them. God loves you. Thank him for your family and friends. Thank him for healing you and giving you everything you need.

**Now color the picture!**

