

St. Martin of Tours Church

November 9, 2025

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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

To those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me.
- Jn 2:16-17

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

Adoration & Confession

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

Faith Formation—Children & Adults

www.smt.church/news/FaithFormation

Funerals

www.smt.church/funerals

SMT School

www.smtschool.net/admissions

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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.



November 8 - 15

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| Sat | 5:30 pm | Michael Klick † |
| Sun | 7:30 am | Angela Andasol |
| | 9:30 am | Jeff Leeper |
| | 11:30 am | Diana Moltar & Norman Moltar † |
| | 5:30 pm | Antoinette Shaker |
| Mon | 8:15 am | Austin Leeper |
| Tues | 8:15 am | Stephen Valle † |
| Wed | 8:15 am | Ray Taylor † |
| Thurs | 8:15 am | Bill Hoppock † |
| Fri | 8:15 am | George Harris † |
| Sat | 8:15 am | Rosary group past & present |

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



THANKGIVING DAY
MASS
NOVEMBER 27
8:15 AM
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E-Weekly Bulletin & Newsletter

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STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

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***"The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple."
 – 1 Corinthians 3:17***

Today we celebrate the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica—the mother church of all Christianity and a symbol of our unity in faith. Yet St. Paul reminds us that God's true dwelling is not made of stone, but of living hearts.

Stewardship means caring for both: the Church we can see and the Church we are. When we give our time, talent, and treasure to support our parish, we help build up the living temple of Christ's Body here and now. This week, take the challenge to care for the Church—its people and its place—with gratitude and love.



Sorting fact vs. fiction on abductions

During the holidays, many people travel to see family. It's important to be prepared for any dangers of traveling, including human trafficking — and to know the facts about abductions and trafficking. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), about 100 children per year are abducted by strangers across the nation. Although most abductions involve someone the victim knows and even trusts, "stranger danger" still exists. Always be careful in protecting our children and young people wherever they are. For more facts, read the VIRTUS® article "Know the Facts: Abductions and Human Trafficking" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

From the Pastor's Desk

"Lord, Teach Us to Pray"

Part 5 - The Mass

Dear Friends,

Every Mass is the Church's highest prayer. The Gloria, the Creed, the Eucharistic Prayer — all of these unite us to the eternal offering of the Son to the Father.

Sometimes, of course, we may feel distracted. Our minds wander. Yet even then, something greater is happening. The power of the Mass does not depend on how we feel. It is the whole Church — in heaven and on earth — praying as one Body in Christ.

St. John Vianney once said: *"If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy."* Why? Because in every Mass, Christ Himself prays in us and through us. Heaven and earth are joined. We are not spectators — we are participants in the greatest act of love the world has ever known.

This week, I invite you to bring a personal intention to Mass. As the gifts of bread and wine are placed on the altar, silently place your own prayer there as well. Let it be joined to Christ's perfect offering, lifted to the Father for the salvation of the world.

In Christ,
 Fr. Paul

National Collection

for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA
November 9, 2025

This collection (every three years) supports the Archdiocese for the Military Service's mission to provide pastoral care to Catholic military members, veterans, their families, and patients at VA Medical Centers. Funds raised support religious education, the formation of new chaplains, and other pastoral services. Please support this effort.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

AGES 3 - 6

Meets at 9:30 am in Room 1

For more information & to register, please visit:

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Committee for the Poor Collection For Charitable Giving

In the spirit of St. Martin, who gave half his cloak to a poor man, we are assembling 1,000 bags for homeless men & women on Sun, Dec 14 from 8:30 - 10:30 am in the Parish Center. Please join us!

To help underwrite this charitable work - and to assist local charities for the poor - the Committee will make a special appeal at all the Masses next weekend. To learn more, please visit: www.smt.church/news/outreach.

Please bring **gently used & new warm coats, jackets & hoodies** to the Parish Center on Sun, Dec 14 to assist our friends at St. Joseph Homeless Services.



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Contact Paul Ludwig at paulflud@aol.com.

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IMPROVEMENTS**



2025 Goal \$120,000
Amount Raised \$50,830
Help Fund Our Work

Visit www.smt.church/news/repairs

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Scripture Reflection by Fr. Paul

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica—the cathedral of the Pope, the *Mother and Head of all Churches of the City and the World*.

Dedicated in the year 324, it was the first Christian basilica built after centuries of persecution—a visible sign that the faith had taken root and the Church could now worship freely.

For over seventeen centuries, it has stood as a symbol of the Church's unity—reminding us that every parish, every altar, and every heart joined in faith is connected to that same foundation.

Ezekiel's vision of water flowing from the Temple reveals the Church as a source of life—grace that heals, renews, and makes fruitful everything it touches.

St. Paul tells us that this temple is no longer of stone but of people: *"You are God's building... you are the temple of God."*

And in the Gospel, Jesus points to Himself as the new and living Temple—the place where heaven and earth meet. Through His death and resurrection, God's dwelling is now within His people.

The Lateran Basilica may stand in Rome, but its meaning lives here: in our parish, our homes, and our hearts.

May we be what that sacred building proclaims—a living temple of God's glory and a fountain of grace for the world.

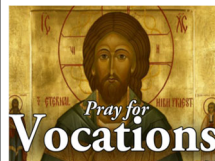
Fr. Paul



Sacrament of Anointing Of The Sick

Sat, December 6 - after 5:30 pm Mass
Sun, December 7 - after all Masses

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



Pray for Vocations!

For discernment resources
visit www.lavocations.org



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SMT'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday, November 23
6:30 PM

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Adults \$40
Children (-18) \$20

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Along both banks of the river,
fruit trees of every kind shall grow;
their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail. (Ez 47:12)

Psalm:

The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High! (Ps 46)

Second Reading:

Do you not know that you are the temple of God,
and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Cor 3:16)

Gospel:

Jesus answered and said to them,
"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"You are the temple of God," Paul tells us.
But in today's Gospel we see how easily even
temple areas become corrupted. Jesus, purge
the greed and selfishness from our hearts.
Make them fit dwellings for your Holy Spirit.

Observances for the week of November 9, 2025

- Sunday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica;
Monday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
Wednesday: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Saturday: St. Albert the Great,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition of nine early-morning votive Masses offered in anticipation of Christmas. Celebrations follow Mass, where delicacies like baked rice cakes and breakfast rolls are enjoyed.

Prayer of Missionary Zeal

Dear Lord,
Give us eyes to see the depth of
grace You provide to Your Church.
May that goodness ignite in us fire
to share the truth of Your mercy
with every soul we encounter.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 9, 2025

Sunday:

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Monday:

Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/
Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday:

Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday:

Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday:

Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135,
175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday:

Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/
Lk 17:26-37

Saturday:

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,
42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday:

Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/
2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says, **"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:13-22)**. His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

— *Father John Muir*



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: It matters why you do something, not just how you do it. Are we allowing our worship to transform us, or are we only concerned with transforming our worship?

Modern Money-Changers

The “liturgy wars” are something of a hot topic in contemporary Catholic circles.

Latin chant or guitar hymns? Communion on the tongue or in the hand? Chapel veils or bare heads? Surplice or alb? It’s giving me a headache just writing it all out.

I don’t mean to say that none of this matters. The worship of the Almighty God, especially in the context of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, is no trifling matter. It is good for people to be concerned about whether or not their worship is pleasing to God. I am happy that Catholics care enough about these things to have an opinion.

I’m not going to say where I fall on this spectrum of liturgical sensibility (the headache intensifies thinking of the emails I would get). And I won’t pretend it’s not something I feel passionate about, in my own way.

But too often I find myself sniffing dismissively at the “other camp,” the folks who are drawn to a different style or tradition. Too often I see them sniffing dismissively back to me. We are, both groups, obsessed with the form of a thing — so much so that we risk forgetting the function of it.

And when I stop to think about it, I wonder if Jesus shouldn’t crack the whip at us all, the modern money-changers of the temple, who have allowed worship to become a transaction (I offer *x* sacrifice, I am rewarded with *y* feeling of fulfillment and satisfaction).

I look at the Gospel today, and I can see the purpose of the money-changers. It could be argued that, in a way, they were facilitating the laws of Moses, making possible the temple sacrifices stipulated by God.

But it matters *why* you do something, not just *how* you do it.

What good is any act of worship, if at its conclusion we do not more closely resemble the One before whom we kneel?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Can Catholics be cremated?

Answer:

As the practice of cremation becomes more and more common, it’s important to know what the Church asks of families who have chosen this for a loved one who has died.

As the US Bishops observe on their website, “Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body.” However, if cremation takes place before the Funeral Mass, the cremated remains can be present at the Funeral Mass and the appendix to the Order of Christian Funerals provides adaptations for the texts and rituals that are part of the Funeral Mass and the Committal.

The primary concern is that the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to any human remains. The Order of Christian Funerals instructs, “This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires” (no. 417).

It is becoming more and more common for parishes or diocese-sponsored cemeteries to include columbaria to house cremated remains in a way that respects Church teaching, allowing family and friends the opportunity to honor the remains of the one they have lost with dignity, reverence, and care.

Prayer

Lord, I will fill your house with prayer, songs, and worship.

Mission for the Week

I will respect God's house with my voice, my clothing, and my actions.

Sharing the Gospel

Imagine that in your church on Sunday, there were people near the altar selling cows, pigs, and sheep. A man was selling doves on the right. Bankers were giving change on the left. Your pastor got very angry. He turned over their tables. He shouted, "Get these animals out of here. How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" They cleaned up and left. Your pastor knelt down and prayed, "Father, forgive them."

Now color the picture!



Circle the group in each row that has **more**.
Then color in all the pictures.

