

St. Martin of Tours Church

March 1, 2026

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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass - 8:15 am

Rosary - 7:30 am

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 pm

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.smtschoo.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.



February 28– March 7

Sat	5:30 pm	Frank Fitzpatrick †
Sun	7:30 am	Flora Villacarlos Borromeo †
		Patricia Linda Widiker †
	9:30 am	Blanche Traynor † & Paige Bowen
	11:30 am	Josue Munguia
	5:30 pm	Charles Steele †
Mon	8:15 am	Thomas Roley †
Tues	8:15 am	Catherine O'Hara †
Wed	8:15 am	Ilyeen Galvan
Thurs	8:15 am	Jazmin Orozco
Fri	8:15 am	Lucy Leeper
Sat	8:15 am	Celeste Jalbert

Mass Intentions—suggested offering \$20

To request a Mass Intention, please contact: alaina@saintmartinoftours.com



Sacrament of Anointing Of The Sick

Sat, March 7 - after 5:30 pm Mass
Sun, March 8 - after all the Masses

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"This is my beloved Son... listen to him." – Mt 17:5

On the mountain, the disciples catch a glimpse of Christ's glory. Yet they are called not to remain there, but to follow Him back into daily life—listening and responding with trust.

Stewardship flows from that same encounter. When we listen to Christ, we are moved to offer our time, talents, and treasure as a response to His love.

This week, take the challenge to listen to Christ—and let your generosity reflect what you have received.



Children and non-consensual images

Non-consensual intimate imagery (NCII) abuse can affect anyone, regardless of age or gender. In many cases, it can seem like the victim is part of the distribution of his or her own image. Even though a child may provide an intimate picture, children are not capable of understanding the implications or coping with perceived pressure to do so. No matter how an offender obtains intimate material, the victim's fear of images being shared can leave him or her feeling powerless and ashamed. NCII abuse can be used to further manipulate or blackmail a victim into more abusive scenarios. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "The Take It Down Act" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

Guided by the Saints on the Journey to Easter
Fr. Paul

St. Irenaeus — Glory Revealed

At the Transfiguration, the disciples see Jesus in glory. For a moment, the veil is lifted, and they glimpse who He truly is. His face shines, His clothes become dazzling white, and the Father's voice is heard: "This is my beloved Son... listen to Him." It is a moment of clarity—of light—of certainty.

St. Irenaeus wrote:

"The glory of God is man fully alive."

God's glory is not distant. It is revealed when our lives are transformed—when we begin to live in communion with Him. The disciples needed that moment. They would soon face the Cross. But first, they were given a glimpse of the end—not darkness, but glory.

Lent is like that. It is not only about sacrifice—it is about becoming more alive. God is not trying to take something from us. He is leading us to become who we truly are.

That is why the Father says: "Listen to Him." When we listen to Christ—in Scripture, in prayer, in silence—our lives begin to change, quietly but deeply.

This week: Take a few minutes each day to listen.

Read the Gospel, sit in silence, and ask: "Lord, what are You showing me?"



St. Martin of Tours School Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 8
8:15 am to 11:30 am

Adults: \$20 - Children/Seniors: \$10



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SUNDAY SCHOOL
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Meets at 9:30 am in Room 1

www.smt.church/Sunday-School



Lent Penance Service
Monday, March 9 at 7 pm
Four priests available for confession.

Make the most of Lent!
Lent Resources:
www.smt.church/news/lent

Seeing with New Eyes
The Transfiguration – March 1
Fr. Paul

As we continue our Lenten journey, the Church suddenly lifts our eyes. In the middle of prayer, fasting, and quiet effort, we are brought to a mountaintop.

There, the disciples see Jesus transfigured — radiant with glory, speaking with Moses and Elijah, revealed in a way they had never seen before.

This moment is not meant to distract them from the cross. It is meant to prepare them for it.

Jesus allows His closest disciples to glimpse His glory so that, when they later see Him suffering, they will not lose heart. They will remember who He truly is — even when His face is marred by pain.

And in that, there is something deeply consoling for us. God does not lead us through Lent only by asking us to struggle or sacrifice. He also gives us moments of light — moments when faith feels clearer, prayer feels easier, hope feels stronger.

These moments are gifts. They are meant to sustain us, not replace the journey.

The Transfiguration reminds us that what we see now is not all there is. Behind the ordinary, the difficult, even the painful moments of life, God’s glory is quietly at work.

Lent is not only about turning away from sin. It is also about learning to see Christ more clearly — and through Him, to see our own lives with new eyes.

And when we do, we begin to realize: The path of faith is not a road into darkness, but a road that leads, steadily and surely, into light.



Visit www.smt.church/news/tim to learn more!

If you have received your **Together in Mission (TIM)** letter for 2026, we invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge and use the 2026 response card.

For those new to TIM, please make a pledge. Envelopes

Lent Gatherings

Fridays of Lent:

February 20th through March 27th

5:30 PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction

6:15 PM-Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM-Lenten Dinner in Parish Center

Adults \$15 Children & Seniors \$10



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Catholic Schools

A Lifeline for Catholic Classrooms

Seventy-nine Catholic schools stand as living witnesses to Christ's love - places where families find belonging, where teachers serve as missionary disciples, and where children discover their purpose in God's plan.

Your gifts to **Together in Mission** help ensure that the doors of our schools stay open to all who seek a Catholic education. In doing so, it sustains communities of hope and faith where the next generation of saints and scholars is being formed each day.

"Without the financial support of Together in Mission, we would not be able to provide the level of assistance we currently offer, ensuring our mission remains accessible."

—Evangeline Garay, Principal at Immaculate Conception STEM Academy



Parishes

Where the Gospel Lives and Nurtures Faith and Service

Keeping parish doors open means more than worship. It means offering refuge: feeding the hungry, welcoming the lonely, and supporting families in need. Twice a month, Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Jefferson Park, Los Angeles, opens its parish hall to more than 100 families. Along with groceries, families take home the reassuring support of their parish community. Such acts of love reflect that Christ is alive in His Church today.

"The hour for love means helping people and giving to others in need. It is a blessing to serve others through our mini-kitchen."

—Yvette, St. Theresa Mini-Kitchen Parish Volunteer,
Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will make of you a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing. (Gn 12:2)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel
with the strength that comes from God.
He saved us and called us to a holy life. (2 Tm 1:8-9)

Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother,
and led them up a high mountain by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun. (Mt 17:1-2)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

“Go forth,” God told Abram. We hear that message again in the Transformation: go forth. We cannot always remain where we are comfortable. We cannot always remain where things are simple. We must go forth.

Observances for the week of March 1, 2026

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Casimir
Saturday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins



Virtues, Explained!

Self-control flows from the cardinal virtue of temperance, and it's really all about boundaries. Through self-control, a gift of the Holy Spirit, we avoid surrendering too much of ourselves to our passions.

Blessing of Hope

In Your goodness Lord, bless us.
Help us to know Your abundance
and Your gifts.
Help us to hear Your voice and
know Your assurance.
Help us remember what You have
done,
and look forward to what You will
do.
Amen.

Readings for the week of March 1, 2026

Sunday:

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/
2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday:

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday:

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday:

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday:

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday:

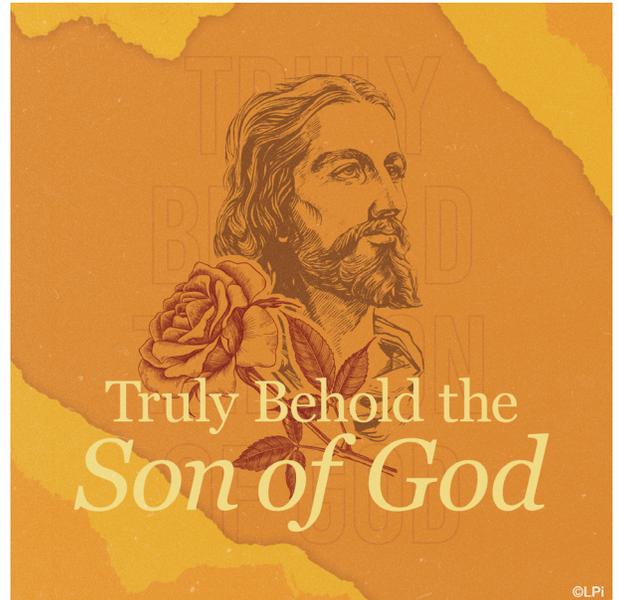
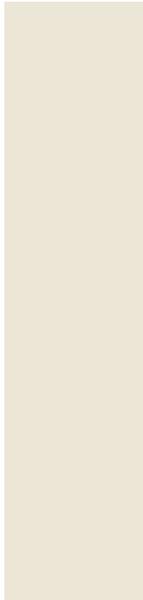
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday:

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday:

Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2,
5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a,
40-42



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, **“his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light” (Matthew 17:2)**. That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the “artifact” you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

— *Father John Muir*



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: It's not our job to bring the world to the Truth. It's our job to bring the Truth into the world. What a tragedy it would be, if Truth only lived on the mountaintop.

Three Tents

You guys, I was *such* a good Catholic at the National Eucharistic Congress.

Mass every day? Check. Rosary every day? Check (and check — we said a lot of rosaries). Deep thoughts and deep conversations about God with total strangers? Check. Hours in adoration reflecting on the state of my soul? Check.

When I went to Indianapolis in the summer of 2024 to cover the NEC for our archdiocesan newspaper, I knew it would be a fun and spiritually rich experience. But I didn't expect that it would make me think differently about my whole life (and afterlife). And when people ask me why — “What happened in Indianapolis that changed you?” — I can only tell them this: I spent time with God.

Of course, I do all these things in my regular life at home, too. I try to be a good Catholic here. But good grief, it's a lot harder. In Indianapolis, I didn't have a calendar full of appointments and to-do lists that filled me with dread. I didn't have the world crowding around me, grasping at my attention and my will.

Indianapolis was the mountain, and if I could have, I would have built three tents.

So I understand Peter's feelings at the Transfiguration. He's thrilled — he sees it all clearly now. Here is the fullness of Truth, revealed in all its glory, and he's ready to start bringing groups of tourists up to see it. He's ready to bring people to Christ. But in the blood-soaked, fear-filled days to come, Peter will realize that it's not his job to bring the world to the Truth. His job is to bring the Truth into the world.

What a tragedy it would be, if Truth only lived on the mountaintop.

So build three tents, strong and durable shelters for the Truth to dwell. But build them in your heart. And then, the Transfiguration won't be just an event, something that happened at a certain time and a certain place. It'll be a reality that lives within us all. And we will bear it with us wherever we go.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the Christian attitude towards violent conflicts?

Answer:

In the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches us “Blessed are the peacemakers” and to “love your enemies.” All human beings are made in God's image and likeness. We are one human family — brothers and sisters despite what divides us. Christians have the obligation to prioritize peaceful means to resolve conflicts. War wreaks a toll on a nation. Civilians bear a disproportionate burden of this cost during the war itself and as the nation rebuilds. However, those in authority have the obligation to protect the innocent.

During the gradual fall of the Roman Empire, theologians began to theorize that war could be just if it was a defensive measure of last resort. The “Just War Theory” was later expanded by St. Thomas Aquinas, who also included moral obligations during the war itself, including the protection of civilians. Those in public authority have the obligation to carefully examine their motives, agendas, and rationale for violent force. Should a cause be just, those who fight and defend under such circumstances must be valued and honored. They deserve our support both during and after the war.

Prayer

Lord, help me when I am afraid.

Mission for the Week

When I am afraid, I will remember that God is always with me.

Help Jesus find his father!



Sharing the Gospel

Peter, James, and John had walked up the mountain with Jesus. When they got to the top, Jesus looked different. Rays of bright light came from his face. His robes became white. Then a voice from a cloud said, "This is my Son whom I love. In him I am well pleased. Listen to him." The three apostles were scared and fell on the ground and covered their heads with their arms. Then Jesus touched them and said, "Don't be afraid."

Now color the picture!

