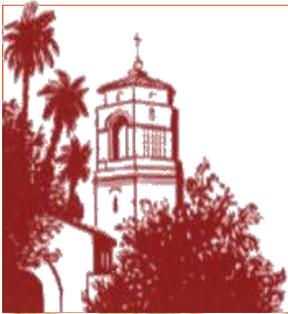


St. Martin of Tours Church

March 8, 2026

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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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We encourage you to join us by registering on our website: www.smt.church/register.



March 7—14

Sat	5:30 pm	Frank Fitzpatrick †
Sun	7:30 am	Flora Villacarlos Borromeo † Patricia Linda Widiker †
	9:30 am	Carolyn Brinkley† James Robinson†
	11:30 am	Nikki Leerer
	5:30 pm	Giovanna Theresa Schafer †
Mon	8:15 am	Wels Preston †
Tues	8:15 am	Derek Acker †
Wed	8:15 am	Jeannette Conwell †
Thurs	8:15 am	Ellianna Gomez
Fri	8:15 am	Bailey & Bentley Richardson
Sat	8:15 am	Rosary group past and present Anne Cronin & Family

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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STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

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“The water I shall give will become... a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” – John 4:14

Jesus offers living water that truly satisfies. The woman at the well comes seeking something ordinary, but leaves changed, becoming a witness to others.

Stewardship flows from that encounter. When we receive the gifts God gives us, we are called to share them so that His grace may reach others through us.

This week, take the challenge to let what you have received become a gift for others.



Safe adults have superpowers.

If you are a safe adult in a child’s life, you have the ability to provide a safe place for that child to disclose abuse, discomfort, or any other concerns. This gives safe adults the ability to work together to potentially stop abuse and change the course of a child’s life. When children know that adults are willing to listen to them and advocate for them, they are more willing to share their problems and concerns. To learn more about how to use your “safe adult superpower,” read the VIRTUS® article “Superpowers: Safe Adults Have Them” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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

St. Augustine — Thirsting for God

Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well and says: **“Give me a drink.”**

At first, it seems like a simple request. But Jesus is leading her—and us—deeper.

He begins to speak about a different kind of thirst: not just for water, but for meaning, for love, for peace—for God.

We all know that thirst. And often, we try to satisfy it in many ways—through activity, comfort, or distraction. But those things never fully satisfy.

Jesus says: **“Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst.”** Here, He is speaking about Himself.

St. Augustine knew this well. After years of searching for happiness in the wrong places, he finally encountered Christ and wrote: **“Our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”**

The woman comes to the well looking for water. She leaves having encountered God. And everything begins to change.

Lent is a time to become more aware of what we are really thirsting for—and to bring that thirst to Christ. Because He alone can satisfy the human heart.

This week: When you feel restless or unsettled, pause for a moment and pray: **“Lord, give me the living water.”**



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
AGES 3 - 6

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

Come to the Water
First Scrutiny – March 8
Fr. Paul

As Lent continues, the Church gently shifts our focus. We move from the mountaintop of the Transfiguration to a simple, human scene: Jesus, tired from His journey, sitting at a well, speaking with a woman who has come to draw water. And yet, in this ordinary moment, something extraordinary happens.

Jesus speaks to her of **living water** — a water that does not merely quench physical thirst, but reaches into the deepest longings of the human heart.

The woman came to the well looking for something to drink. She left having encountered Someone who knew her completely and loved her anyway. This is the heart of the First Scrutiny.

Lent is not only about what we give up. It is about discovering what we truly thirst for.

We may thirst for peace. For healing. For forgiveness. For a sense that our lives matter and are held in God’s hands.

Jesus does not shame our thirst. He meets it. And then He gently redirects it — toward Himself.

The water He offers is not temporary relief. It is the gift of new life, flowing from a relationship with Him.

As we continue our Lenten journey, the Church invites us to bring our thirst honestly before the Lord. Not with fear, but with trust.

Because the One who asks us for a drink is the same One who longs to give us His life in return.
— Fr. Paul



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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:

"Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." (Ex 17:6)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Rom 5:5)

Gospel:

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn 4:13-14)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

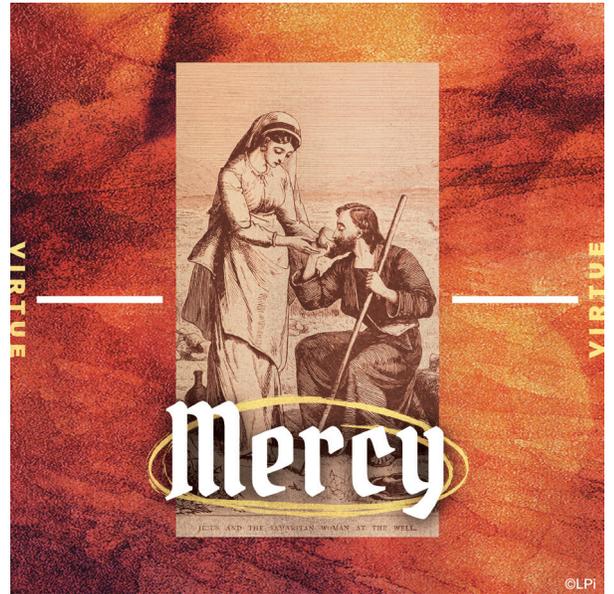
Jesus did not convert the Samaritan woman with miracles. He converted her with presence. He was not afraid of her sins or her failures. He listened to her. He sat with her. Let us learn from this: when we are present to others, we can show them the face of God.

Observances for the week of March 8, 2026

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins

Monday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent



Virtues, Explained!

True virtuous mercy is a choice governed by reason, not merely a feeling. God's mercy to us knows no bounds, but that mercy does not compel Him to grant us everything our appetitive passions desire. Rather, His perfect mercy is directed toward supplying our needs.

Blessing of Living Water

Lord, where there has been dryness in my life, bless me with Your living water!
Where I fear to dream of new hope and growth, bless me with Your living water!
Where I'm thirsty for new and abundant life, bless me with Your living water!
Drench the parched earth with Your promise, bless me with Your living water!
Amen.

Readings for the week of March 8, 2026

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

Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday:

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/
Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday:

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, “Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way.” That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: **“One sows and another reaps” (John 4:37)**. He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

— *Father John Muir*



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Before the Incarnation, God looked down from Heaven and said, “You are thirsty. Here is something to drink.” After the Incarnation, God sits down beside us and says, “I’m thirsty. Give me something to drink.”

When God asks for Water

One of my earliest memories is of my mother weeping.

The last few months of her pregnancy with my little brother were tremendously painful for her, and more than once the pain brought her to tears. I have a hazy image of her in my mind, belly swollen with a 12-pound baby lying transverse in the womb, sitting on the edge of her bed, dabbing at her face with toilet paper.

I had brought her the toilet paper. I would do that when I saw her crying, to wipe away her tears. I have a hazy memory of that, too — of the way my heart was wrenched by the sight of her suffering, of my desperation to do something to help, and of my immense satisfaction when she would take the toilet paper, smile and say, “Oh, thank you, sweetheart!” as if I had just airlifted her out of a war zone.

What a powerful gift to give to a child still learning the meaning of compassion and selflessness — the gift of being able to feel that she has, even in some small way, “rescued” a person she worships. Her smile of gratitude lives, immortal, in my mind, along with the swell of satisfaction it produced in the deepest corner of my heart. This was when I learned that it feels good to help people, and this memory is a perpetually replenished well of living water for me. I draw from it daily, three decades later.

This is a gift that Christ gives, over and over again, in the Gospels. He allows us to encounter him tired, afraid, sad and hungry. Omnipotent power subjected to the utter vulnerability of human form.

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— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

If we are all meant to be united in Christ, why is there so much division in the Church?

Answer:

Each Sunday, we profess that we believe in “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.” The Church is indeed one because her source is the Trinity, and she is founded by Christ. The Church also exists in the fallen world and is made up of fallen people. Sometimes, there are tensions over what we believe as Catholics. Who is Jesus really? Are we affected by original sin? How do our traditional sexual ethics play out amidst medical and technological developments? Doctrinal disagreements are rarely just about ideas ... they occur within a context.

Tensions are influenced by various social and political factors of the time period. For example, Martin Luther’s attempts at reform gained followers, in part, as a reaction against poor moral practices within the Catholic Church. When the schism between the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Catholic Church occurred in 1028, tensions between the two culturally different regions had been brewing for centuries.

Division still occurs within the bounds of the Church today. Oftentimes, this is about pastoral or practical matters. These Questions can vary. Should we incorporate Latin back into the liturgy? What is the best way to reach the youth in our parish? These may not be articles of faith, but people have strong opinions about what ought to be done. We can remember the prayer of Christ — “*that all might be one*” — and do what we can to grow in understanding and respectful dialogue.

Prayer

Lord, give me your water to drink.

Mission for the Week

I will give a cup of water to my family and friends today.

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus told the Samaritan woman that when people drink his water they will never be thirsty again. When you are very hot, you would like this kind of water. The water that Jesus gives us to drink is his word which will last forever. It will help us get to heaven. Jesus said that he was the Messiah sent to explain everything. When you want to know the way, Jesus helps you. When you do not understand, Jesus explains it to you.

Now color the picture!



Circle the picture that is the **different**.
Then color in all the pictures.

