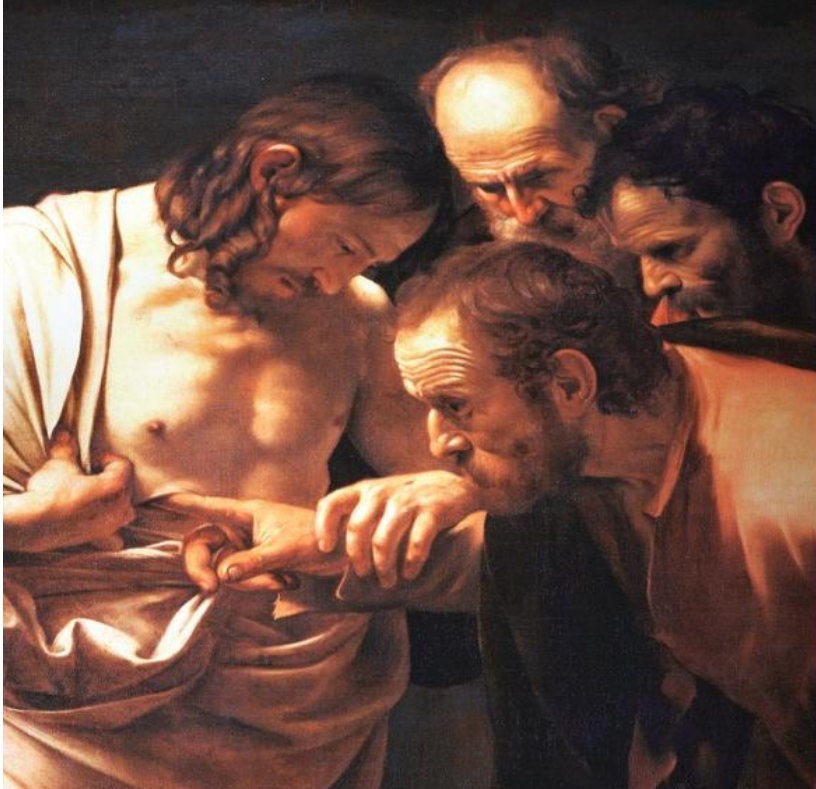


St. Martin of Tours Church

April 12, 2026

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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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- Jn 20:29

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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

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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.



April 11-18

Sat	5:30 pm	Karyn Schmitz & The Walker Family
Sun	7:30 am	Buchla Family
	9:30 am	Doud Family & Cronin Family
	11:30 am	BeswickFamily & Ilona Baldassano†
	5:30 pm	Marion Napier †
Mon	8:15 am	Maria Holmes
Tues	8:15 am	R. Cronin
Wed	8:15 am	Hank Mattimore †
Thurs	8:15 am	Dan & Joan Mattimore
Fri	8:15 am	Gordie & Mary Elwell †
Sat	8:15 am	Ana Ferrufino

Mass Intentions—suggested offering \$20

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



Sacrament of Anointing Of The Sick

Sat, April 11 - after 5:30 pm Mass
Sun, April 12 - after all the Masses

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STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

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“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” – Jn 20:21

The Risen Christ sends His disciples to share what they have received. Having received God’s mercy, we are called to reflect that same love in how we live and give.

Stewardship becomes a response of gratitude—offering our time, talents, and treasure for the life of the Church and the good of others.

This week, take the challenge to give generously as a sign of God’s mercy at work in you.



Special Liturgies

The Office of Victims Assistance Ministry is collaborating with the parishes where the five Gardens of Healing are located, to hold special liturgies throughout April in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Dedicated to those harmed by sexual abuse, in their family, church or community, the gardens offer a sacred space for all those impacted by abuse to seek comfort and solace. For details about the special liturgies, please visit lacatholics.org/healing-gardens.

**Living the Sacraments
An Easter Journey with Fr. Paul**

**Second Sunday of Easter – Baptism
“Born of Mercy”**

Jesus comes to the disciples and breathes on them: “Receive the Holy Spirit.” This is new creation.

Through Baptism, that same life is given to us—we pass from sin to grace, from death to life. We are not only forgiven; we are made new.

In Baptism, we are reborn as sons and daughters of God and become members of His Church (CCC 1213).

God uses something simple—water—but through it, He does something profound. He cleanses, renews, and gives new life.

This is how God works in the sacraments: through visible signs, He gives invisible grace.

Thomas struggles to believe, but when he encounters Christ, everything changes. That encounter is the beginning of faith.

Baptism is not just something that happened once. It is a life we are meant to live—returning again and again to the grace first given to us.

Here, in the Eucharist, that new life is nourished, renewed, and made present once more.

REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS



2026 Goal	\$120,000
Collected	\$19,000

Help Fund Our Work

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SUNDAY SCHOOL
AGES 3 - 6

Meets at 9:30 am in Room 1

www.smt.church/Sunday-School

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3/31/2026 Update

St. Martin of Tours Parish Goal	\$1,135,000
Families who pledged	135
Total Pledged	\$1,278,345
Cash Collected	\$1,003,378
% Collected	78.5%



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

If you have not done so, please make your pledge to TIM. Envelopes are available in the church, or follow the link above. Thank you for your generous response!

Parish Goal - \$50,000
Pledges as of April 8 - \$38,760

**Living the Resurrection:
What a Difference a Week Can Make**
Fr. Paul

We have celebrated Easter— but the Church gives us fifty days to live it. The Resurrection is not just something we remember. It is something we are meant to enter into.

And the Gospel shows us how that happens— not all at once, but over time.

On the first day of the week, the disciples are behind locked doors—afraid and uncertain. And Jesus comes to them.

He does not wait for them to come out. He comes into their fear and speaks peace. *“Peace be with you.”*

He stands in their midst—not to condemn, but to restore—and entrusts them with the power to forgive: *“Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them.”*

This is where the Resurrection begins: not with strength, but with mercy.

But the Gospel does not end there. Thomas is not there that first night. He struggles. He doubts. He holds back.

And a week later, he is there. And Jesus comes again. Not to correct him, but to invite him closer. *“Put your finger here... see my hands.”*

This is how Thomas experiences mercy— not as an idea, but as an encounter.

What a difference that encounter made. The one who doubted now believes. The one who hesitated now proclaims: *“My Lord and my God.”*

The Resurrection unfolds this way— patiently... faithfully... over time.

To live the Resurrection means allowing Christ to meet us again and again—until faith takes root.

And often, it is simply by staying with Him that everything begins to change.

Reflection Question:

What a difference might the Lord make in my life—if I stay with Him this week?



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart,
praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.
(Acts 2:46-47)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is
everlasting. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia

Second Reading:

Although you have not seen him you love him;
even though you do not see him now yet believe in him,
you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,
as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your
souls. (1 Pt 1:8-9)

Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you
have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
(Jn 20:29)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

How does Christ prove himself to Thomas?
Not by his face or his words, but by his
wounds. So, when we look for God to show
Himself in relief or in triumph, we must
remember the wounds of Christ. This is where
we find our salvation.

Observances for the week of April 12, 2026

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
Monday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
Wednesday: *Tax Day*
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter



Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of fortitude actually requires, first and foremost, the feeling of fear. In order to grow in fortitude, one must face a thing which frightens him, doing so specifically *in pursuit of the good*.

Divine Mercy Blessing

Dear Jesus,
May your mercy flow over us,
filling our gaps and healing our
wounds.
Open our hearts more deeply
with knowledge of your love for us,
understanding of the depth of your
passion,
and trust in your never-ending mercy.
Amen.

Readings for the week of April 12, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/
1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday:

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/
Jn 3:31-36

Friday:

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8,
9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

“Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.’” (John 20:27)

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I'd want to sarcastically murmur, “Well, good for you.” I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: “I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?” My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.

So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

Divine Mercy Challenge: This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: There is a reason Christ showed his wounds as he said the words, “Peace be with you.” It was not just a means of identifying himself — it was a catechism lesson. *Here*, he was saying. *Here is the peace you will not find anywhere else.*

Within Thy Wounds

The prayer I love best in the world is the Anima Christi. This private, devotional litany of supplication, begins with the phrase “*anima Christi, sanctifica me*” (“soul of Christ, sanctify me”) and continues on to appeal individually to each aspect of Our Lord’s crucified flesh: “*Body of Christ, save me; blood of Christ, inebriate me; water from Christ’s side, wash me; passion of Christ, strengthen me; Oh good Jesus, hear me.*”

Then comes my favorite part: “*within thy wounds hide me.*”

The Anima Christi is a prayer traditionally said after receiving Holy Communion. The ancient Celts spoke of *liminal places*, where the veil separating this world from the next is particularly thin, and I believe the moments immediately following the reception of Holy Communion, when the Host is dissolving on my tongue, create a liminal place. When I am in that place, I am as intimately connected to God as I can be while my heart is still beating.

And when I am there, holding God within me, what are the words that I speak? It’s overwhelming to think about. What could possibly be right to say?

There is no right or wrong answer, I suppose. But the best words I can think of are these: “Within thy wounds, Lord, hide me.”

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— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Where did the Feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the Feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”

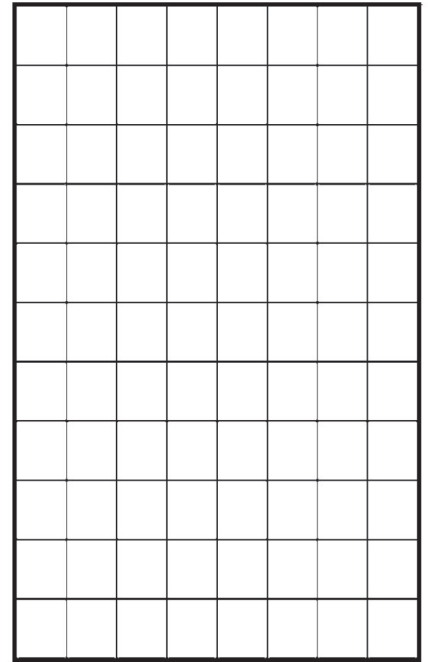
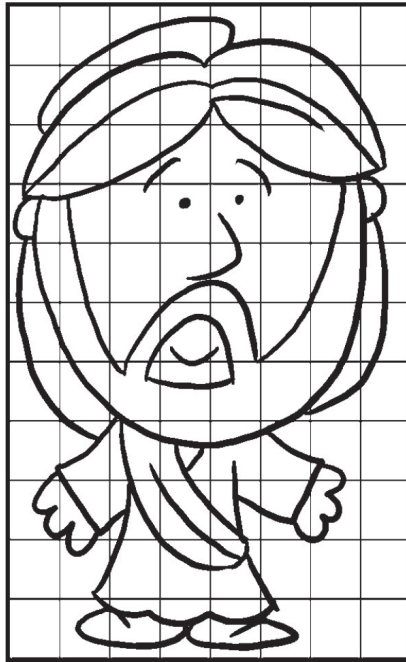
Prayer

Jesus, I can hardly wait to see you in heaven.

Mission for the Week

Tell a friend why Jesus is special to you.

Copy the picture square by square.



Sharing the Gospel

The disciples must have been very surprised when they saw Jesus alive again. They got to see him, listen to him, and touch him. We don't get to see him like the disciples did after Easter. But Jesus calls us blessed when we believe in him. One day we'll see him again in heaven.

Now color the picture!

