

St. Martin of Tours Church

May 3, 2026

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” - Jn 14:2

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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

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Funerals

www.smt.church/funerals

SMT School

www.smtschoo.net/admissions

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May 2—9

Sat	5:30 pm	Jackie Velasquez
Sun	7:30 am	Ella Langley
	9:30 am	School Mass
	11:30 am	Jerz Smielecki
	5:30 pm	Ryder Beer & Grace Hiney †
Mon	8:15 am	Jeffrey de la Rosa
Tues	8:15 am	Elizabeth Gomez
Wed	8:15 am	Naomi Scotte
Thurs	8:15 am	Alaina Alvarez
Fri	8:15 am	Trisha Hacmon
Sat	8:15 am	Noah C.

Mass Intentions—suggested offering \$20

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



Sacrament of Anointing Of The Sick

Sat, May 2 - after 5:30 pm Mass
Sun, May 3 - after all the Masses

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"I am the way and the truth and the life." – John 14:6

Jesus calls us to trust in Him and follow His way. Stewardship is part of that journey—ordering our lives around Christ and placing Him first in all things.

When we offer our time, talents, and treasure to God, we walk in His way and help build up His Church.

This week, take the challenge to follow Christ more closely—by giving back to God first, with faith and trust.



First Communion Mass
Saturday, May 2
10:30 am

Please pray for our First Communicants and their families

as they make their Second Communion today!

Living the Sacraments
An Easter Journey with Fr. Paul

Fifth Sunday of Easter – Marriage
"Love That Leads Us Home."

"Do not let your hearts be troubled... I am the way."

In the Upper Room, Jesus speaks of trust, fidelity, and enduring love. This is the heart of Marriage.

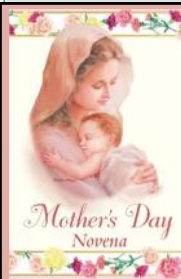
The matrimonial covenant is a lifelong partnership, ordered toward the good of the spouses and the gift of life.

God takes something deeply human—love between a man and a woman—and raises it to something more.

In the sacrament of Marriage, that love becomes a sign of Christ's love for His Church: faithful, sacrificial, and life-giving.

This is how God works—not apart from our lives, but within them—transforming human love into a path that leads to Him.

Here, in the Eucharist, we encounter the love of Christ that sustains every faithful love.



MOTHERS DAY NOVENA

Please include your Mother – or others who have been like a Mom to you - in our Novena of Masses. Envelopes are at the doors of the church or visit our website: www.smt.church/news.



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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%



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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!

Pledges to Date - \$54,125
Amount Collected - \$40,427
(as of April 21, 2026)

**Living the Resurrection:
Trusting the Way**
Fr. Paul

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.”

Jesus speaks these words at the Last Supper— a moment filled with confusion, uncertainty, and fear.

The disciples sense that something is changing. But they do not understand what it means. And they are not sure what comes next.

And so Jesus speaks into that uncertainty:
“Have faith in God; have faith also in me.”

He does not explain everything. Instead, He reveals more of Himself.

“I am the way and the truth and the life.”
Not a path to follow from a distance— but a person to remain with.

And in that moment, two voices emerge.

St. Thomas asks what we often feel:
“Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

And St. Philip expresses a deeper longing: *“Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.”*

They are not wrong. They are searching. And Jesus responds not with explanations— but with Himself:
“Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”

To live the Resurrection means learning to trust in this way— not when everything is clear, but when it is not.

The Christian life is not about having all the answers. It is about staying close to Him— and allowing Him to lead.

The Resurrection is not only that Christ is alive. It is that His life now draws us forward— into trust, into relationship, into the life of the Father.

And even when the path is unclear, we are not without direction. We have Him.

Reflection Question: Where is Christ asking me to trust Him—especially where I do not yet understand?



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The word of God continued to spread,
and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased
greatly. (Acts 6:7)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.* (1 Pt 2:7)

Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

How often do we contemplate the
mercy of God, but fear it will run out?
How often do we consider following the
path of Christ and worry that it is too
steep? But God has not overpromised.
Dare to believe Him. Dare to follow Him.

Observances for the week of May 3, 2026

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter
Tuesday: *Cinco de Mayo*
Thursday: National Day of Prayer
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter;
Mother's Day



Virtues, Explained!

Diligence is the opposite of negligence; the diligent man pursues his goal with the same faithfulness with which God has pursued us, wayward as we are, through the long course of salvation history. It is the virtue by which man can secure for himself true happiness.

Blessing of Peace

Dear Lord,
You have said, "Do not let your hearts
be troubled."
Bless me with Your peace.
Fill my heart with trust in You,
and hope in Your promises.
Be my rock in times of distress,
my light in times of darkness,
and my rest in the storm.
Amen.

Readings for the week of May 3, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/
Jn 14:1-12

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/
Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

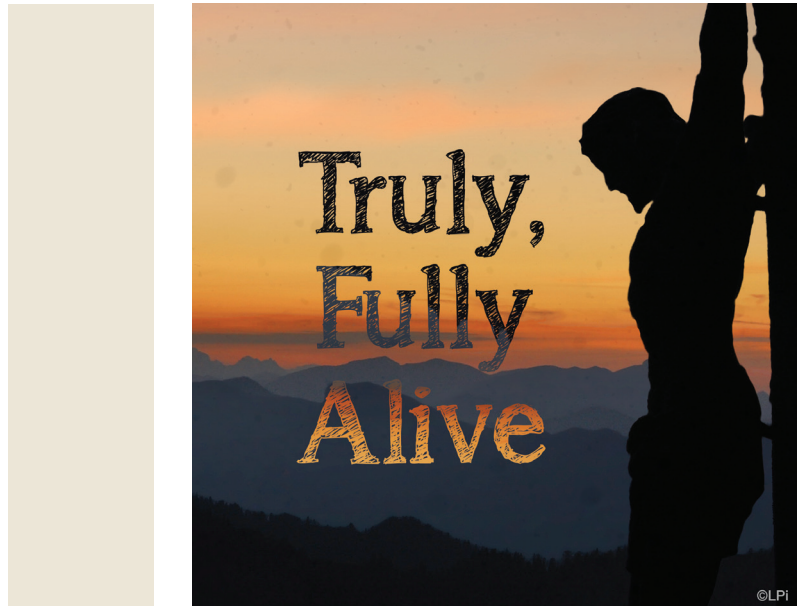
Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16
and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We generally approach life with the question, “What can this do for me?” We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I’ll eventually reap some benefit, or I won’t do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today’s Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn’t present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, **“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”** (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God’s own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: There are lots of different routes to Heaven. But there's only one Way.

The Way

A friend of mine who had family members belonging to several different religions once told me that there were as many different routes to Heaven as there were to the grocery store.

This was an analogy her family had used to remember that they all sought the same thing — God — even though they were going about the search in different ways.

I've thought a lot about her words in the years since she shared them with me. It's not an untrue analogy — there are a lot of different routes to the grocery store. An infinite number, in fact. There is actually no "right" way to get to the grocery store, because it all depends on where you're starting from and what other errands you have along the way.

And there are a lot of different routes to Heaven — likewise, an infinite number. It all depends on where you're starting from. It all depends on what you have to do along the way.

There it is: the part that matters. *The way.*

Whether we're talking about Heaven or the grocery store as our destination, all routes are not created equal. Some take too long. Some are impassable. Some are hard to navigate. Some are just plain made-up — the glitch of a GPS, the promise of a false prophet. And inevitably, if you take a less-than-ideal route, you will find yourself flagging down a pedestrian, asking, "I'm lost. Which way do I go?"

See, you can meander all you want. But in the end, you have to find The Way. And there's only one. Don't worry, though.

You'll know him when you see him.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

Answer:

The mission of the Church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The Church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who, by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.

Prayer

Thank you for promising to make a special place for me in heaven, Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Jesus is getting ready for you. Make sure you are getting ready for Jesus. Ask God to help you grow closer to him every day.

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

HEARTS
TRUST
PREPARE

PLACE
GOING
FATHER

BELIEVE
LIVING
MIRACLES

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Sharing the Gospel

Jesus is getting a place ready for you in heaven. One day you can spend time with Jesus there. You will never get sick. You will never be sad. You will never be left out. You will be loved because you are God's special child, and he wants to spend time with you every day.

Now color the picture!

