



ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CHURCH

August 2, 2026
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18TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

*"They all
ate and were
satisfied."*

— Mt 14:20

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 9:30 am
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ADORATION & CONFESSION
Saturday following 8:15 am Mass
Confessions end with
Benediction at 9:50 am

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August 1-8

Sat	5:30 pm	Moises Alvarez †
Sun	7:30 am	The Ransom Family
	9:30 am	Randy Sunshine †
	11:30 am	Ana Ferrufino
	5:30 pm	Diane Stemp †
Mon	8:15 am	Edward Kroll & Karyn Schmitz †
Tues	8:15 am	Adolf "John" Rettmer †
Wed	8:15 am	Gary Wilson †
Thurs	8:15 am	Gerry McGrath
Fri	8:15 am	Wilfredo Rauda
Sat	8:15 am	Rosary Group past and present

Mass Intentions—suggested offering \$20

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



Sacrament of Anointing Of The Sick

Sat, Aug 1 - after 5:30 pm Mass
Sun, Aug 2 - after all the Masses

E-Weekly Bulletin & Newsletter

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"He took the five loaves and the two fish... looked up to heaven, and said the blessing." – Matthew 14:19

Before the miracle, Jesus gives thanks. Stewardship begins the same way, with grateful hearts that recognize everything we have is a gift from God. Giving back to God first is a concrete expression of that gratitude and trust. This week, let your gratitude become generosity by giving back to God first.



Who do children talk to about abuse?

Studies show that when children know that adults are willing to believe them, and advocate for them, children are more willing to come to adults with their problems. This is why other safe adults, like teachers and youth ministry volunteers, are essential to child protection. If a child discloses abuse, it is critical for a safe adult to provide a listening ear and help when needed, including reporting to the right people and authorities. For more information, visit lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

Parish Updates for Sunday, August 2

As we begin the month of August, we look ahead to many opportunities to grow in faith, friendship, and community. Here are a few highlights from parish life:

Mission Cooperative Appeal

This weekend we welcome Fr. Peter Short from the Diocese of Gallup for our annual Mission Cooperative Appeal. Please extend a warm St. Martin welcome as he shares the missionary work of his diocese.

Monthly Socials

Our monthly socials continue throughout the summer and fall, offering a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fellowship, meet new parishioners, and strengthen our parish community. Visit www.smt.church/events for upcoming dates and details.

Welcoming New Faces

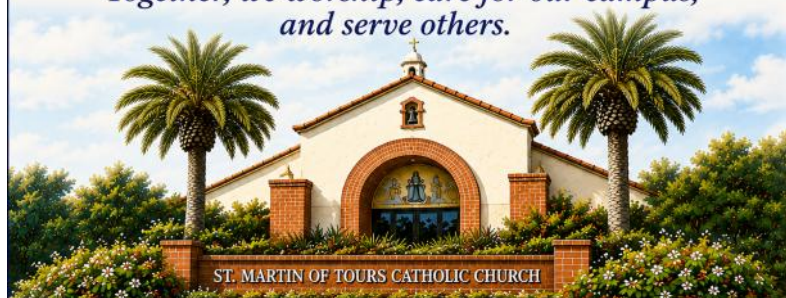
Each week we are grateful to welcome visitors and new parishioners to St. Martin. If you notice someone you haven't met before, please introduce yourself and offer a warm greeting. A simple act of hospitality can help someone feel at home and become part of our parish family.

Thank you for your support and prayers.—Fr. Paul



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9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
AGES 3 - 6

Resumes September 13

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Mission Cooperative Appeal August 1 –2, 2026

Fr. Peter Short will speak at all the Masses this weekend about the works and the needs of the Diocese of Gallup, Gallup, New Mexico.

The Diocese of Gallup covers over 55,000 square miles of Northeastern Arizona and Northwestern New Mexico which encompasses seven Native American reservations and pueblos serving 108,000 Catholics. This makes it one of our Nation's largest and poorest dioceses.

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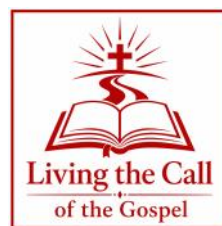
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ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CATHOLIC CHURCH



**The Call to
Trust in God's Abundance**
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 14:13-21

Mission Cooperative Appeal 2026

In today's Gospel, the disciples looked at five loaves and two fish and saw scarcity. Jesus saw an opportunity to reveal the abundance of God's love.

Taking what was offered, He blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the crowd. What seemed so little became more than enough. Everyone was fed, and twelve baskets of fragments remained.

How often we look at our own lives the way the disciples looked at that crowd. We focus on what we lack—time, strength, or resources—and wonder whether it could ever be enough.

Jesus invites us to place what we have into His hands. He receives our offering, blesses it, and multiplies it for the good of His people. The miracle begins not with abundance, but with trust.

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Peter Short for our Mission Cooperative Appeal. His visit reminds us that the Gospel continues to spread through the faith and generosity of God's people. Every gift offered in faith becomes part of Christ's work in the world.

This week, let us thank God for the many gifts He has entrusted to us and ask how He is inviting us to place them at the service of others. What seems small in our hands becomes a blessing for many when it is entrusted to the Lord.

Fr. Paul

Welcome
TO
**ST. MARTIN
OF TOURS**
PARISH
*We are so glad
you are here.*

*May your time with us draw you closer
to Christ and remind you of God's
abiding presence in your life.*



All are Welcome



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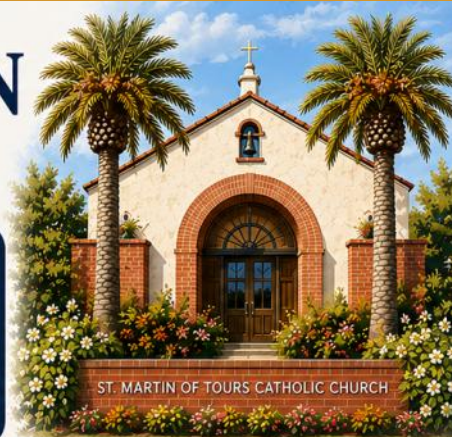
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The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single-sex schools.

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[Note that this School Student Non-Discrimination Policy does not provide nor imply that the archdiocese waives any legal exceptions or exemptions that may apply to it as a religious nonprofit organization.]

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD:
All you who are thirsty,
come to the water! (Is 55:1)

Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8:38-39)

Gospel:

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven,
he said the blessing, broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them to the crowds. (Mt 14:19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, he didn't create only what was needed — there were leftovers that could be saved and shared again. God is lavish in bestowing His grace upon us. He always gives enough to share.

Observances for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. John Vianney, Priest
Wednesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Saturday: St. Dominic, Priest
Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Respect, wrote the theologian Fr. Romano Guardini, is the “everyday form of reverence.” It is an admiration of the sacredness of a thing, and so respect for those made in God's image flows naturally from our primary respect for God Himself.

Blessing of God's Provision

Dear God,
Thank You for the ways You have always provided in the past, and be with us in these days as well. Bless our community — every family, every home, every person entrusted to our parish's care. Provide for our needs — bodily, emotional, financial, mental, and spiritual — in Your holy and sacred name.
Amen.

Readings for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday:

Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/
Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday:

Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/
Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday:

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21,
29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/
2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday:

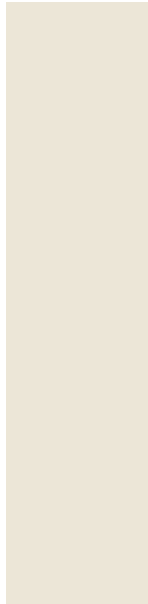
Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab,
39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/
Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his song, “Lose Yourself,” the artist Eminem raps, “**the mood all changed.**”

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today’s Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, “**When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself.**” Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John’s death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple’s life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.

— Father John Muir



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Miracles We Don't See

"Why aren't there miracles anymore?"

I've heard people say this more than once. Usually, it is someone who is a believer in Christ but not a Catholic, because Catholics understand that miracles happen at every Mass, to say nothing of the other miracles the Church recognizes. But even some Catholics often find themselves wondering why it's been so long since God gave us a good show. A good sundance in the sky. A good, flashy reason to believe.

I don't know what it looked like when the loaves and the fishes were multiplied. I believe it happened, and I have envisioned it often, but I just can't picture it. Did everyone blink and there was a giant pile of food? Did they just keep finding more? Was it all the same kind of bread, or did Jesus mix it up?

I think the Gospel is deliberately vague on this to test the patience of pathologically nosy people like myself. It's not important what it looked like. If those details mattered, they would be spelled out in Scripture.

How often we find ourselves unsatisfied with the answers God has for us.

I wonder if that's what Christ was thinking when he savored those last few minutes of solitude on the boat, where he had gone to be alone after hearing the crushing news of his cousin's execution. Was he imagining the crowds gathering on shore? Was he contemplating their enormous expectations for God — for him! — and anticipating their disappointment when every wish could not be granted?

Maybe. But that's not what the Scripture says.

"His heart was moved with pity," we are told. I think of him looking at them all, so weary and uncertain and hungry. Pity — this is what he felt. Not resentment, exhaustion or frustration. Pity. And his precious heart was moved.

What a miracle. No details, no explanation. No dancing sun. But what a miracle.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

If God is eternal and infinite, how can He have a mother? Why don't we call Mary just the mother of Jesus?

Answer:

The title of "Mary, Mother of God" can be confusing. We aren't implying that Mary existed from eternity or that she is divine herself. We aren't promoting some kind of Marian superpowers. The Church has fought for this title throughout the centuries for one simple reason: Christ's identity is at stake.

As the Church grew in the early centuries, theologians wrestled with what it meant for Jesus to be both God and man. Many distortions of his identity began to emerge. One of these was propagated by a man named Nestorius. Nestorius and his followers denied that Jesus' human nature and his divine nature were inseparable. Following that logic, Mary could have only conceived Jesus' *human* nature. But people don't give birth to a "nature." They give birth to a whole person. For Jesus, his whole person is both human and divine. In 431 A.D. the Council of Ephesus denounced Nestorius. The bishops affirmed that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine and proclaimed Mary *Theotokos*. Translating the Greek to English, that means "God-bearer." Note that this isn't "God-generator" or "God-creator." Mary bore Jesus, God and man, in her womb and gave him birth. She is mother to the whole person, the whole Jesus, and therefore Mother of God.

Prayer

Lord, thank you for giving me enough to share.

Mission for the Week

I will give five loaves of bread and two fish (or some other food) to the homeless shelter.

Sharing the Gospel

Today you filled your basket with five loaves of freshly baked bread and two fish you caught in the Sea of Galilee. You sat down in front of Jesus to hear him better. You shared your food with Jesus and the others nearby. You were amazed when the disciples had 12 basketfuls left over. The disciples gave you two basketfuls to take home with you. Your mother and grandmother were very proud that you shared.

Now color the picture!



Find the matching pair.

