



ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CHURCH

September 13, 2026

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"I say to you,
forgive not seven
times but
seventy-seven
times."*

— Matthew 18:22

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
[youtube.com/c/
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ADORATION & CONFESSION
Saturday following 8:15 am Mass
Confessions end with
Benediction at 9:50 am

SACRAMENTS & FAITH FORMATION



Infant Baptism
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Marriage Preparation
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(Children & Adults)
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ALL ARE WELCOME



Welcome to St Martin of Tours

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



September 12-19

Sat	5:30 pm	Stephanie Loiza
Sun	7:30 am	Joan Fitzpatrick †
	9:30 am	Daniel & Allie James & Joan Fitzpatrick †
	11:30 am	Joachim De Castro †
	5:30 pm	Angelle Grace & Sailor Wacker
Mon	8:15 am	Orlando Santiago †
Tues	8:15 am	Rosary Group past and present
Wed	8:15 am	George Harris †
Thurs	8:15 am	Thomas Roley †
Fri	8:15 am	Mark Scheibal †
Sat	8:15 am	Anne Cronin & Family

Mass Intentions—suggested offering \$20

To request a Mass Intention, please contact:



Sacrament of Anointing Of The Sick

Sat, Oct 3 - after 5:30 pm Mass
Sun, Oct 4 - after all the Masses

E-Weekly Bulletin & Newsletter

To get the full 8-page version of our bulletin with scripture & faith reflections please visit our website and complete the online submission pop-up. Sign up now!



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Gratitude Changes the Heart

Before the servant is asked to show mercy, he first receives mercy himself. Christian stewardship follows the same pattern: God gives first, and we respond. When we recognize how richly we have been blessed, gratitude opens our hearts to generosity.

This week, take the challenge to let gratitude for God's gifts shape your giving.



What is labor trafficking?

Labor trafficking exists in many areas of life and occurs when people are not paid a just wage for their work or when their working conditions are abusive or unsafe.

Children are also at risk for labor trafficking, both here and around the world. Some labor trafficking even leads to sex trafficking, especially for young girls and boys.

For more information about labor trafficking, read the VIRTUS® article "Human Trafficking 102 — How can human trafficking exist here?" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

Preparing children to receive
Jesus in the Eucharist
for the first time.



**BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 13**
Meets Sundays during
the 9:30 am Mass



WHO
Children in Grade 1
or older



OUR GOAL
To help children grow in faith
and prepare their hearts to
receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ Faith-filled lessons
- ✓ Faith community
- ✓ Family involvement
- ✓ Holy Mass experience

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are available online.
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ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH
LOS ANGELES

ENCOUNTER | LEARN | GROW | SERVE

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

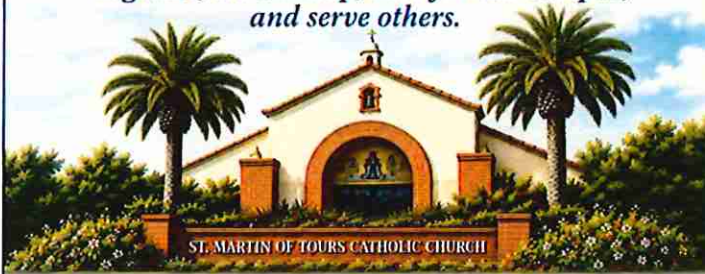
*May your time with us draw you closer
to Christ and remind you of God's
abiding presence in your life.*



All are Welcome

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*Together, we worship, care for our campus,
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- ✓ Mass Intentions
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9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

AGES 3 - 6

Resumes September 13

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The Call to Mercy 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 18:21-35

Peter asks Jesus a question that many of us have probably wondered ourselves: "How often must I forgive?" Surely there must be a limit.

Jesus answers with a parable about a servant who owes an enormous debt he could never repay. Rather than giving him more time, the king does something unexpected: **he forgives the debt completely.**

Jesus begins not with what we are expected to give, but with what we have already received.

All of us live by the mercy of God. We sin and fall short. We hurt others and need forgiveness. Yet God continues to meet us with patience, compassion, and mercy. **His mercy gives us the freedom to begin again.**

The tragedy of the parable is that the servant receives this extraordinary mercy but does not allow it to change the way he treats someone else.

That is where the Gospel touches our lives. **What we receive from God is meant to shape the way we treat one another.**

Forgiveness is not always easy, especially when wounds run deep. It does not mean pretending that nothing happened. But Christ does not want resentment to have the final word in our hearts.

Perhaps this week there is someone we need to treat with greater patience, understanding, or mercy. We may not be able to change everything at once, but we can ask Christ to change our hearts.

The mercy we give begins with the mercy we have received. — Fr. Paul

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY



To learn more and sign up, please email

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Sunday, September 27, 2026

Following the 11:30 am Sunday Family Mass



St. Vincent de Paul

**BUNDLE
SUNDAY**



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Sunday, September 20, 2026 • 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

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Honoring Our Past. Illuminating Our Future.

THE RENEWAL OF
OUR SACRED HOME

80TH
ANNIVERSARY
APPEAL

As we begin our journey toward the 80th Anniversary of St. Martin of Tours Church in 2027, we give thanks for our rich heritage while taking the first steps in renewing our sacred home for future generations.

For nearly eighty years, this church has been a place where countless lives have been touched by God's grace.

Here children have been baptized, couples married, families comforted, and generations of faithful nourished at the altar of the Lord.



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Bringing this renewal to life will require approximately **\$242,000.**

Through your gift to the 80th Anniversary Appeal, you share in caring for the sacred home where Christ continues to gather, nourish, and send forth His people.



JOIN US

Your restricted gift will help renew our sacred home so that future generations may continue to worship, pray, and encounter Christ in this holy place.



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Weekly Scripture



Virtues, Explained!

The modern world we all must share seems, in some ways, to be shrinking.

For good or ill, thanks to the internet, the widespread use of social media, and the omnipresence of smartphones, we are finding ourselves interacting frequently with people who live, act, and think differently than we do.

It may well be that the virtue of friendliness, known officially as affability, is more important than ever.

In fact, being attached as it is to the virtue of justice, friendliness is a debt we owe our fellow human beings, writes St. Thomas Aquinas (*Sum.*, II:II, 114, Art. 2). The fact is, we cannot evangelize without kindness. We can see this in the instructions Christ gives his disciples in the Gospel of Matthew: "As you enter a house, wish it peace. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; if not, let your peace return to you." (Matthew 10:13)

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins will be
forgiven. (Sir 28:2)

Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich
in compassion. (Ps 103)

Second Reading

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord. (Rom 14:8)

Gospel

Peter approached Jesus and asked him,
"Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive?

As many as seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but
seventy-seven times." (Mt 18:21-22)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

We have all been the wicked servant. We
have denied others the same forgiveness
and grace shown to us. This week, let us find
new ways to make the love and mercy of
God manifest in the lives of those we meet.

Worship & Observances

A Blessing for Grandparents

Dear God,
Bless the grandparents in our community.
Stir in them a sense of caring,
thoughtfulness, and kindness toward their
preceding generations. Like St. Anne and St.
Joachim, inspire them to live lives of brave
faith and virtue. Give them and their families
warm memories, happy times, and bright
hope.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of September 13, 2026

Sunday

Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/
Mt 18:21-35

Monday

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/
Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday

1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

Friday

1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
Mt 20:1-16a

September - Month of



Our Lady of Sorrows

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Observances for the Week of September 13, 2026

Sunday

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; *Grandparent's Day*

Monday

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday

Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Thursday

St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of
the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin
and Doctor of the Church

Saturday

St. Janarius, Bishop and Martyr

Next Sunday

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples the parable of the wicked servant who failed to forgive the debts of others, despite receiving mercy for his own debt.

Mercy You Can Feel

"You qualify for forgiveness," I heard the woman on the other end of the phone tell me, and I surprised myself by starting to weep.

I had called the hospital system's financial services department to set up a payment plan on a balance I owed after having some unexpected scans and tests. I was hoping to minimize the dent our family's savings took — transform one devastating wallop into a series of more easily absorbed blows, so to speak.

Imagine my surprise when I realized the hospital was pulling its punch. If you have ever had a financial debt forgiven, you know the relief that came over me in that moment.

It wasn't until a little later that the guilt set in. I know so many people who have medical debt. Why was I able to get out of paying, and they were not?

But the cold, hard truth is that I didn't "get out" of anything. My insurance, for which I pay, had given the hospital enough money to cover the true cost of the procedures.

That balance would merely have increased the hospital's profit.

Make no mistake: capitalism does not forgive.

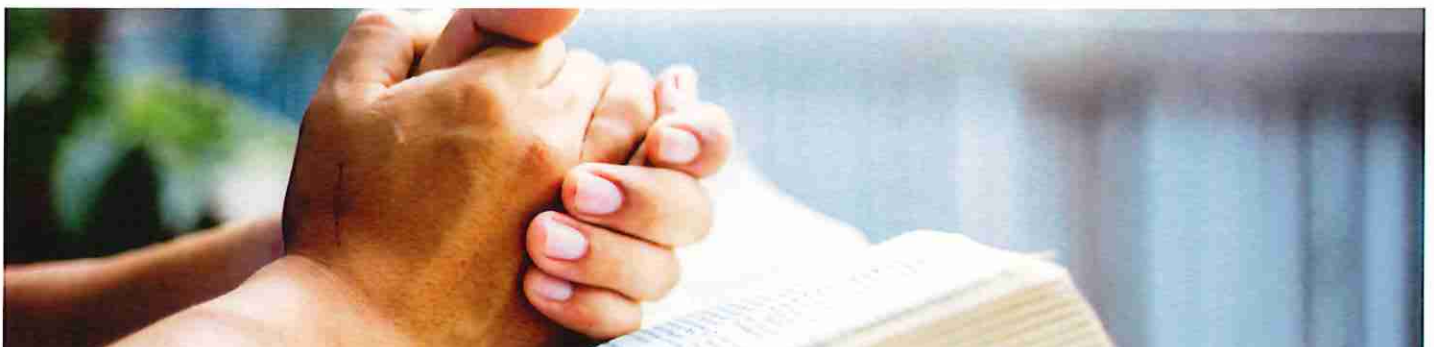
If you describe the Sacrament of Reconciliation to someone unfamiliar with theology, chances are they'll think God is a chump. "You get to go in, say you're sorry, and leave — and everything's just fine?" someone once asked me in disbelief.

Well, yeah. That's forgiveness.

Real mercy cannot be budgeted. It must be given recklessly, extravagantly, against all reason. It must cost the giver. It must scandalize any accountant worth his salt. And no one "qualifies."

If I can't wrap my head around the idea, it might mean I'm stuck in a for-profit paradigm of justice. It might just mean that I need to engage more in real mercy. Mercy I can feel.

—Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus says to forgive each other seventy times seven or 490 times. That's forgiving once each day for more than a year. Put 490 jelly beans in a gallon "Forgiveness Jug." Each time you forgive someone, eat a jelly bean. When you realize that God has forgiven you, it is easier to forgive others from your heart. God fills you with his love, which is even better than jelly beans. Then you can forgive without holding a grudge.



**Now color
the picture!**

Prayer

Lord, help me forgive other people completely and quickly.

Mission for the Week

I will forgive those who hurt me because God has forgiven me.

