



ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CHURCH

September 20, 2026

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*“Are you envious
because I am
generous?”*

– Matthew 20:15

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

SACRAMENTS & FAITH FORMATION



Infant Baptism
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7:00 am – 2:00 pm
Monday – Friday

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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 19-26

Sat	5:30 pm	Eleanor Hoblock †
Sun	7:30 am	Dr. Harold Pelzer †
	9:30 am	Tito Valiente & Lawrence Pineda
	11:30 am	Joaquim De Castro †
	5:30 pm	Lou Vitell
Mon	8:15 am	Javier Alvarado
Tues	8:15 am	Robert Beswick
Wed	8:15 am	Wilfred Rauda
Thurs	8:15 am	Claire Cusack Cronin
Fri	8:15 am	Tamsen Cronin
Sat	8:15 am	Ryan Cronin & Maggie Moran

Mass Intentions—suggested offering \$20

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



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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STEWARDSHIP

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“Are you envious because I am generous?” – Mt 20:15

The landowner's generosity reminds us that God gives far more than we could ever earn or deserve. Stewardship begins by recognizing that everything we have is a gift from Him. Our generosity is simply a grateful response to His.

This week, take the challenge to let God's generosity inspire your own.



Sextortion and teens

Sextortion happens when a predator threatens to share sexual images of another person to manipulate or harm that person. The American Academy of Pediatrics has classified sextortion as a form of image-based sexual abuse. Children and teens are particularly vulnerable, especially teens who have shared or been pressured into sharing explicit images. Predators will sometimes befriend or build a romantic relationship with a victim online, share and request explicit images, and then use those images to demand money or other favors. More information is available at <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/tips-tools/ask-the-pediatrician/Pages/what-do-teens-need-to-know-about-online-predators-and-sextortion-scammers.aspx>.



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

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



CLASSES MEET

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
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ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH

LOS ANGELES



ENCOUNTER



LEARN



GROW



SERVE

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

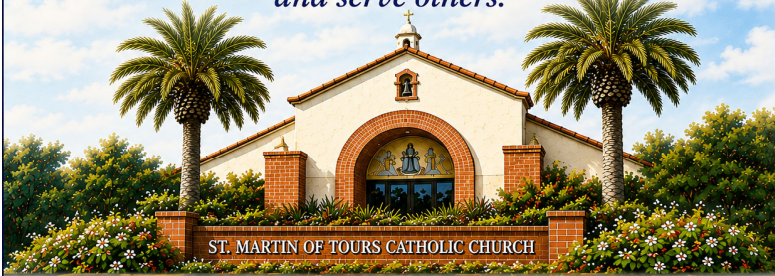
*May your time with us draw you closer
to Christ and remind you of God's
abiding presence in your life.*



All are Welcome

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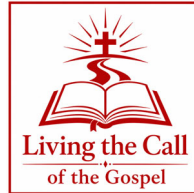
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Enroll Now



Sunday, September 27, 2026

Following the 11:30 am Sunday Family Mass



The Call to Gratitude
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 20:1-16

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the workers in the vineyard.

Some labor all day, while others arrive with only an hour left. Yet when evening comes, the landowner surprises everyone with his generosity.

At first, the story can seem unfair. But Jesus is revealing something beautiful about God: His generosity is greater than our calculations.

The workers who had been there all day were satisfied with what they had been promised—until they saw what someone else received. And we can fall into the same trap. Comparison can make us forget how much we have already received.

Everything begins with grace. Life is a gift. Faith is a gift. The people we love, the opportunities we have received, and the blessings that surround us are all signs of God's goodness.

And as a parish family, we have much for which to be grateful: our faith, the Eucharist, our families, our school and ministries, and the many people who make St. Martin of Tours a community of prayer, welcome, and service.

Gratitude turns our eyes back toward the generosity of God.

This week, let us take a few moments each day to recognize what God has already given us—and simply say, "Thank You."

Fr. Paul

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To learn more and sign up, please email

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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

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CATHOLIC CHURCH

80TH
ANNIVERSARY
APPEAL

FAITH • PEOPLE
A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

As we journey toward the 80th Anniversary of St. Martin of Tours Church in 2027, we give thanks for our rich heritage and continue the renewal of 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.

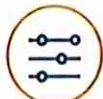
OUR RENEWAL IS UNDERWAY

The renewal of our church lighting is nearly complete.

New energy-efficient lighting, improved controls, and carefully designed illumination are revealing the beauty of our sacred space in ways that have not been possible for many years.



RELIABLE,
ENERGY-EFFICIENT
LIGHTING



SIMPLE,
FLEXIBLE
CONTROLS



ENHANCED
BEAUTY
THROUGHOUT
THE CHURCH



A MORE
PRAYERFUL
WORSHIP
ENVIRONMENT

The lighting renewal represents an investment of approximately **\$242,000** in our sacred home.

The work is moving forward - now is the time to give.

Your gift to the 80th Anniversary Appeal helps us complete this important renewal and care for the church entrusted to us for generations to come.

80th Anniversary Prayer

Loving and gracious God,
with grateful hearts we thank You
for eighty years of faith
at St. Martin of Tours.

We remember those who have gone before us,
whose prayer, sacrifice, and generosity
built this community of faith
and handed on to us the gift of the Gospel.

As Saint Martin recognized Christ
in those he encountered
and generously shared what he had received,
teach us to recognize Christ in one another
and to share the gifts
You have entrusted to us.

Renew us in faith,
strengthen us in hope,
and deepen our love
for You and for one another.

May Christ, the Light of the World,
continue to shine through our community.
Gather us around Your altar,
nourish us with Your Word and Sacraments,
and send us forth to live the Gospel.

Guided by Your Holy Spirit,
may we cherish the faith we have received
and hand it on with joy,
so that generations yet to come
may find here a home of faith
and encounter the love of Christ.

Saint Martin of Tours, pray for us.

BE PART OF OUR 80TH ANNIVERSARY

With gratitude for all Christ has given us through St. Martin of Tours, we invite you to participate in the 80th Anniversary Appeal.



Make your 80th Anniversary Gift

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*Every gift — large or small —
helps to complete the renewal of our sacred home.*



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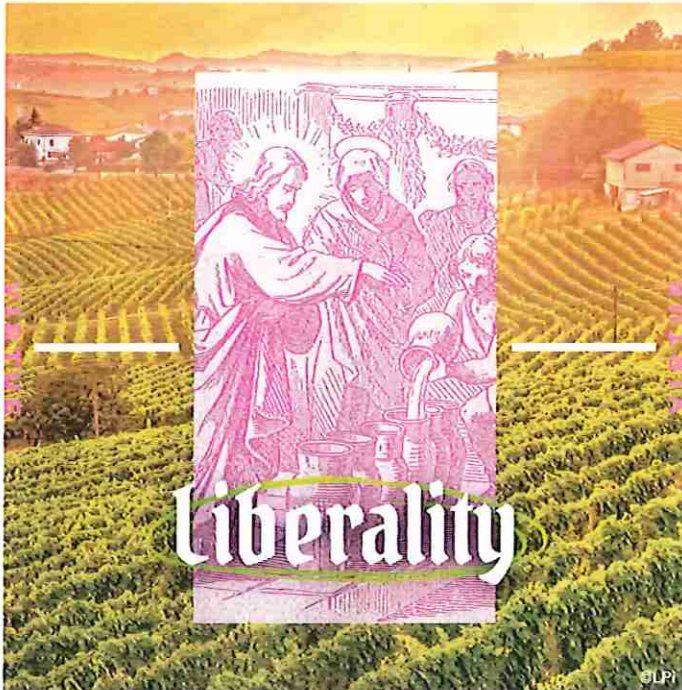


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YESTERDAY • TODAY • FOR GENERATIONS



Weekly Scripture



Virtues, Explained!

Jesus told the rich young man that in order to be saved, he must sell all he owned and give the proceeds to the poor. This is the virtue of liberality — giving of one's resources freely and in abundance.

However, the virtue of liberality should be practiced by each person according to his state in life. The rich young man could afford to lose everything — and indeed, was too attached to his wealth. We are all called to give selflessly of what we have, but "we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us," writes St. Paul (Romans 12:6).

Some of us have too much time and have grown idle. Some of us have too much talent and use it only to benefit ourselves. Some of us have too much wealth, and hoard it jealously. Whatever we have too much of will keep us from God. So let's practice liberality, and be generous.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call him while he is near. (Is 55:6)

Psalm

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

Second Reading

I am caught between the two.
I long to depart this life and be with Christ,
for that is far better. (Phil 1:23)

Gospel

"What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?
Are you envious because I am generous?"
(Mt 20:14-15)

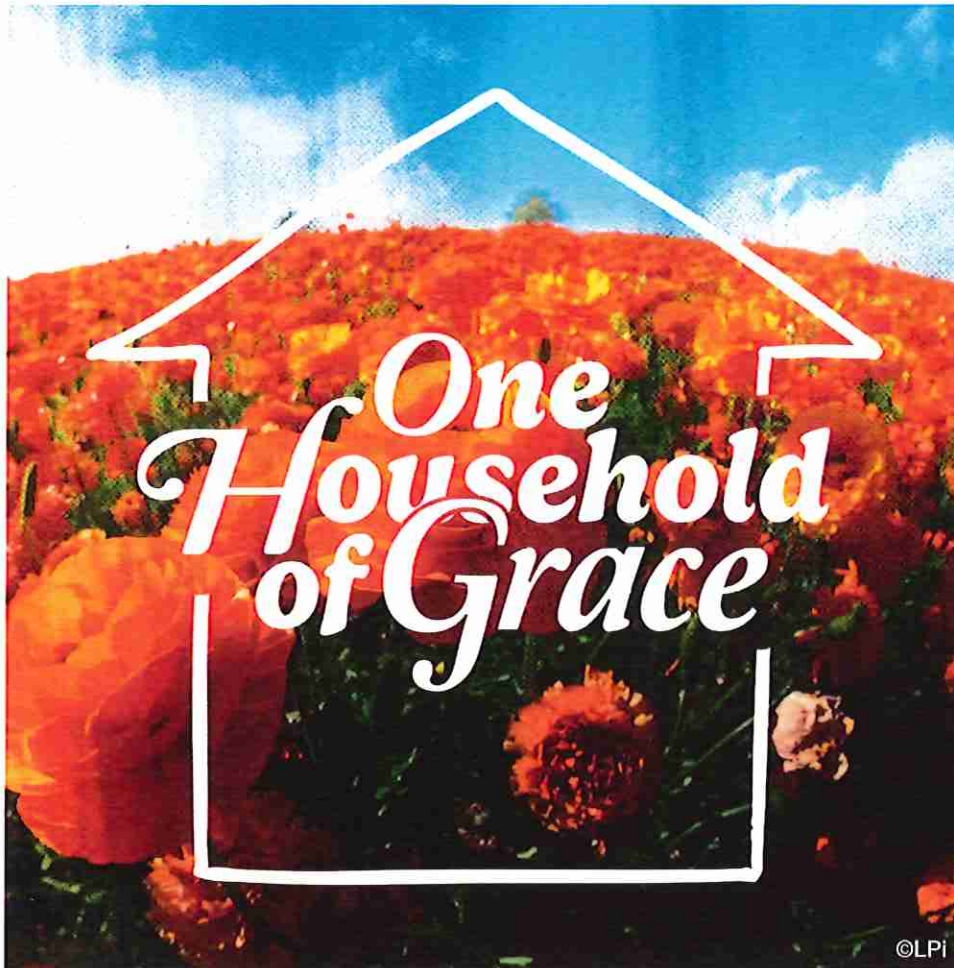
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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

The master rewards the latecomers with the same wage as those who labored all day, upsetting the construct of who deserves what — and why. May we never seek to be the judge of what others deserve. May we labor in our vineyard with joy and gratitude.

Gospel Meditation



Encourage
Deeper
Understanding
of Scripture

Matthew
20:1-16

Every December, the priests of my diocese gather for a Christmas dinner with our bishop. Nearly 200 of us in one room: newly ordained and long retired, pastors of large parishes and quiet confessors, men full of energy and others moving more slowly. Some carry visible success; others bear hidden wounds. It is a tapestry of vocations and lives. When the bishop thanks us, I am always moved. For a moment, none of our differences matter. What matters is that we belong to one another.

I usually leave that evening with a deep sense of peace, but also with a sober realization. Nothing drains joy from the vineyard of the Lord faster than comparison. The quiet habit of measuring, ranking, and resenting can creep in even among those who sincerely serve God.

That is what Jesus exposes in today's parable of the workers in the vineyard. The early laborers are not

upset because they were treated unjustly; they are angry because others were treated generously. Their resentment blinds them to the gift already in their hands. When the landowner asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" he names the real wound.

This tension echoes throughout salvation history: the elder brother resenting the prodigal, the faithful servant scorning the latecomer. Jesus does not deny the labor of those who have borne the heat of the day, but he refuses to let God's mercy become a zero-sum game.

In the end, the vineyard's reward is not about fairness but belonging. The joy offered is communion with a generous Father, who delights in gathering early and late, strong and weak, into one household of grace.

— Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the landowner who pays all of the workers of his vineyard a just daily wage, reminding them that "the last will be first and the first will be last."

The Why

Sometimes, the Gospel takes everything you think you know about Jesus, throws it in a box, shakes it violently, dumps it on the floor, looks you in the eye and says: "Clean it up."

And there you are, picking up the pieces, wondering how, after 2,000 years, someone can still keep you guessing.

Today is one of those Gospels. We know Jesus as a champion of the poor. We envision him as a social justice warrior. And now he's advocating for time theft in the workplace? Make it make sense.

Well, at its heart, today's Gospel is a story about who gets what. A story about comparison, which we are told is the thief of joy — but without comparison, nothing would ever get done. In this world, wages are set, court cases are settled, international borders are drawn, all by comparing one entity to another and evaluating that comparison to make a judgment.

What this Gospel doesn't tell us is the "why." The workers who labored longest in the vineyard feel

cheated because those who showed up later earn the same wage. This would be egregious — unless we consider that the only criteria used in the comparison is the length of the work day's duration. Quality and efficiency of work is never even mentioned. For all we know, those all-day workers could have been standing around fanning themselves, and should feel lucky to get what they did.

"Why" is a question we ask a lot in this life. Why did my dad die? Why did I get cancer? Why did my husband lose his job? As we pick up the pieces of today's Gospel, we should ask ourselves this: when we know what we know about Who decides who gets what, do we have to know the "why?"

—Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

Your Father says, "Will you work eight hours in my garden for one hundred dollars?" You answer, "Yes." You work hard for seven hours. Then your Father says to two other people, "Will you work one hour in my garden for one hundred dollars?" You shout angrily, "Father, you are not fair." He says, "You agreed to work eight hours for one hundred dollars. That is fair."



**Now color
the picture!**

Prayer

When I am first or when I am last, thanks for giving me what I need, Father.

Mission for the Week

I will do chores and give the money that I earn to the poor.

