



Stewardship Report for June 22 & June 23, 2024

Weekly Goal: **\$8,000**

1st COLLECTION

Sat. 5:00 pm - \$ 673

Sat. 6:30 pm - \$ 623

Sun 8:00 am - \$ 806

Sun 10:00 am - \$ 935

Sun 12:00 pm - \$ 2,200

Sun 5:00 pm - \$ 1,486

Total collected: \$ 6,723

Amount over goal - **\$ 1,277**

2nd COLLECTION

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Thank you for your continued support!

LITURGICAL MUSIC WORKSHOP
IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Keynote speaker
Sr Sharon McMillan SND

- English & Spanish tracks
- Theory & Practice

August 2024
2nd 6:00pm-9:00 pm,
3rd 8:00am-1:00 pm

Phone Number
408 362 99 58

REGISTER NOW

Christ the King parish
5284 Monterey Hwy San Jose CA 95111

← Sister Sharon McMillan, SND will facilitate a Liturgical Music Workshop in the context of the Eucharistic Celebration. This 2-day workshop will be the evening of August 2nd (6 to 9 PM) and the morning of 3rd (8 AM to 1 PM), at Christ the King Parish. There will be English and Spanish tracks, discussions about music selection, music theory and practice. For registration and more Information, please scan the QR code.

Happy Fourth of July

The parish office will be closed July 4th in observance of Independence Day!

Welcome!

St. Martin Parish
590 Central Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94086
408-736-3725
www.smsdsj.org
Office Hour:
8 am-4:30 pm



Pastor:
Fr. Roberto Gomez
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Parochial Vicar:
Fr. Peter Luc Phan
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SPECIAL EDITION ISSUE

13th
Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 23, 2024

He took the child by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha kum,*" which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" Mk 5:41

MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY - 5:00 PM

SATURDAY

5:00 PM - ENGLISH

6:30 PM - SPANISH

SUNDAY

8:00 AM - ENGLISH

10:00 AM - ENGLISH

12:00 PM - SPANISH

5:00 PM - VIETNAMESE

CONFESSION

SATURDAY - 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Every 1st Friday of the month

FAITH FORMATION

Contact: Nancy Cordova ext. 5

BAPTISM

Pick up a packet from the parish office or go to the parish website. Once a month.

Calendar available in the parish website

FIRST COMMUNION - 2 year program.

Enrollment starts for August 2024

Classes starts September 2024

CONFIRMATION - 2 year program

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adult

WEDDING & QUINCEANERA

Refrain:

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God. Come!

One day every tongue will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now. *Refrain*

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives.
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength
We gladly choose You now. *Refrain*

READING I

[Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24](#)

A Reading from the book of the Wisdom

God did not make death,
nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living;
For he fashioned all things that they might have being;
and the creatures of the world are wholesome,
and there is not a destructive drug among them
nor any domain of the netherworld on earth,
for justice is undying.
For God formed man to be imperishable;
the image of his own nature he made him.
But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world,
and they who belong to his company experience it.

The word of the Lord - *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

[Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13](#) R. R.

(2a) **I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear
and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld;
you preserved me from among those going down into the pit.

R. **I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger lasts but a moment;
a lifetime, his good will.

At nightfall, weeping enters in,
but with the dawn, rejoicing.

R. **I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me;
O LORD, be my helper.

You changed my mourning into dancing;
O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.

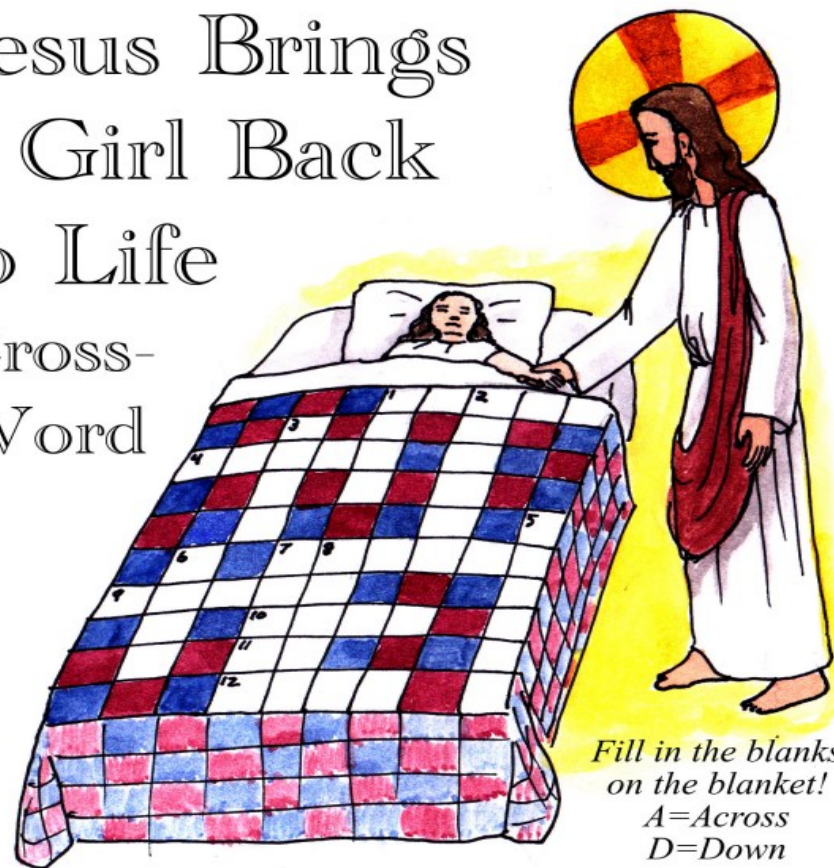
R. **I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

The Kids' Bulletin

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30th, 2024

Jesus Brings a Girl Back to Life Cross- Word



*Fill in the blanks
on the blanket!
A=Across
D=Down*

A man called 7A came and begged 7D to heal his daughter who was very 10A. So Jesus went, but on the way some people came from Jairus' house and said that the girl was 6D. But Jesus went anyway, and said that the 3D wasn't dead, but only 5D. He only took three of His apostles when he went in to see the girl: 9A, 1A, and 1D. He 12A everyone else out of the room, except the girl's father and 2D. Then Jesus took the girl's hand and said, "8D." She got up and started walking around! God let this happen to show 11A what He can do when we have 4A in Him.

MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of June 24 to June 30 2024

June 24 - Francisco Leon Martinez † - 15th yr. Death Anniv.

June 25 - Fr. Peter - Intentions

June 26 - Leo Contreras † - Heavenly Birthday

June 27 - Peter, Paul & Jose †

June 28 - Claude Miyasato †

June 29 -

5:00 pm - Gregory Wynn †
Rose & Gus Olivet †
Fr. Roberto - Intentions

6:30 pm -

June 30 -

8:00 am - Jose Nguyen Ky†
Mary Xin Hoang †
Dominic Dung Tran †
Dominic Hai Tran †
Joseph Vu Tran †
Monica Uram - Healing

10:00 am - For the Parishioners

12:00 pm - Manuel Solis †
Karla Margarita Lozabo Páramo †
Susana Maria Páramo Hernandez †
Ramon y Adriana Mendes Perez - Birthday
For seminarians, reverends and young people that Jesus calls



Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life; Hear our prayers and thanksgiving for all whom we remember this day; fulfill in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



The church always prays for 'individuals' or 'families' who are in need, whether for the repose of their souls or other challenges in life. Your prayerful intentions will be petitioned during daily and weekend masses by submitting names to the parish office **two weeks** prior with a \$10.00 donation to the Church for each name, each day.

READING II

[2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15](#)

A Reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

As you excel in every respect, in faith, discourse, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love we have for you, may you excel in this gracious act also.

For you know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. Not that others should have relief while you are burdened, but that as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their needs, so that their abundance may also supply your needs, that there may be equality.

As it is written:

*Whoever had much did not have more,
and whoever had little did not have less.*

The word of the Lord - Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

ALLELUIA

[Cf. 2 Tm 1:10](#)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

[Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43](#)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea. One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, "My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live." He went off with him, and a large crowd followed him and pressed upon him.

There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had. Yet she was not helped but only grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak.

GOSPEL continues...

She said, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured."
Immediately her flow of blood dried up.
She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction.

Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who has touched my clothes?"
But his disciples said to Jesus,
"You see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, 'Who touched me?'"
And he looked around to see who had done it.
The woman, realizing what had happened to her, approached in fear and trembling.
She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth.
He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you.
Go in peace and be cured of your affliction."



While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?"
Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith."
He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.
When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.
So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep."
And they ridiculed him.
Then he put them all out.
He took along the child's father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was.
He took the child by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum*," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!"
The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around.
At that they were utterly astounded.
He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat.
The Gospel of the Lord - Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Altar Flower Dedication

In Loving Memory of:
Thomas Kausek †
to mark his heavenly
birthday

From his ever loving wife
Rose Kausek



DID YOU KNOW?

MASS ETIQUETTE APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR DURING MASS

- 1. FAST.** Do not eat any food for one hour before mass starts. Drinking water is allowed.
- 2. COME EARLY.** Allow for 10-15 minutes of meditation before Mass
- 3. DRESS PROPERLY.** Show decency in God's house
- 4. USE HOLY WATER.** Bless yourself in the sign of the cross, as a sign of your baptism, as you enter and leave the church
- 5. DO NOT EAT, CHEW, OR DRINK.** The church is a place of prayer and reflection
- 6. NO PHONES.** Silence or turn off your mobile phones
- 7. GENUFLECT.** Kneel towards the tabernacle before sitting
- 8. BE SILENT.** Avoid talking and take loud children to an appropriate place
- 9. LET OTHERS SIT.** Allow others to sit in your pew
- 10. PARTICIPATE.** Sing, respond, listen, and pray
- 11. BE CONSIDERATE.** Respect personal spaces
- 12. STAY UNTIL MASS ENDS.** Leave after the priest leaves

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Quý vị đã không ngừng nỗ lực, vượt qua những khó khăn, thử thách để mang lại những điều tốt đẹp nhất cho giáo xứ. Những buổi họp, những kế hoạch, những chương trình hoạt động đều mang dấu ấn của sự tận tụy và lòng nhiệt huyết.

Chúng ta cũng không thể quên những kỷ niệm đáng nhớ trong các dịp lễ lớn, những buổi học giáo lý, sinh hoạt Thiếu Nhi, những chương trình từ thiện, và các hoạt động xã hội. Mỗi sự kiện, mỗi hoạt động đều là minh chứng cho sự đoàn kết, đồng lòng của tất cả mọi người trong giáo xứ. Chúng ta đã cùng nhau làm nên những điều kỳ diệu, tạo nên những khoảnh khắc thiêng liêng và đáng nhớ. Nhìn lại chặng đường đã qua, chúng ta càng thêm tự hào và biết ơn những đóng góp to lớn của các Cha xứ và toàn thể các hội đoàn công giáo tiến hành. Chính nhờ sự dẫn dắt và cống hiến của các vị mà giáo xứ của chúng ta đã đạt được nhiều thành tựu đáng kể, trở thành một cộng đoàn gắn kết, yêu thương và tràn đầy sức sống.

Kính thưa quý vị, dù nhiệm kỳ mục vụ của con đã kết thúc trong giáo xứ St Martin nhưng những gì mà các Cha xứ và quý vị đã đóng góp sẽ luôn còn mãi trong lòng của con và con tin chắc rằng cũng sẽ ở lại trong lòng của mỗi người chúng ta. Con xin hứa sẽ tiếp tục giữ vững tinh thần đoàn kết, yêu thương và tiếp tục phát huy những giá trị tốt đẹp mà các vị đã dày công xây dựng trên bước đường phục vụ mới của con.

Cuối cùng, trong thời gian phục vụ không ít thì nhiều với con người yếu đuối của con chắc chắn không tránh khỏi những thiếu sót làm buồn lòng đến quý vị. Xin vì tình yêu thương mà tha thứ bỏ qua cho con.

Sau hết, con xin kính chúc quý Cha, quý thầy cô và toàn thể quý vị trong hội đồng mục vụ, các hội đoàn, và nhất là Anh Trung trưởng ban thường vụ, và quý Anh Chị đã chăm sóc nấu cơm cho con trong suốt thời gian con phục vụ tại đây, luôn dồi dào sức khỏe, tràn đầy hồng ân Thiên Chúa, và tiếp tục nhận được nhiều thành công trong những công việc và sứ vụ sắp tới. Chúng ta sẽ luôn nhớ mãi những đóng góp và tình yêu thương của.

Hôm nay, mừng kỷ niệm 20 năm chúng ta được gặp lại những gương mặt và Ân nhân của cho cộng đồng Fatima chúng ta, hôm nay chúng ta tạ ơn Chúa và Mẹ Maria những người Tân tòng lá bằng chứng hùng hồn của Đức tin; chúc mừng chị Teresa Hà Thị Ai Thanh chịu các Bí tích khai tâm trở thành người công giáo. Hôm nay chúng ta cũng được mời gọi củng cố đức tin của mình, đặt trọn niềm tin vào Chúa Giêsu, Đấng Cứu Độ chúng ta. Hãy nhớ rằng, dù gặp phải bao nhiêu cơn bão trong cuộc đời, Chúa Giêsu luôn ở bên và Ngài sẽ ban cho chúng ta sự bình an và sức mạnh vượt qua tất cả. Hãy sống trong tình yêu và ân sủng của Ngài, để mỗi ngày chúng ta trở nên một tạo vật mới trong Đức Kitô. Xin chân thành cảm ơn và chúc mọi người luôn bình an trong tình yêu Thiên Chúa!

Lạy Chúa, xin ban cho chúng con đức tin vững mạnh để chúng con luôn tin tưởng vào tình yêu và sự quan phòng của Chúa trong mọi hoàn cảnh. Xin giúp chúng con nhận ra sự hiện diện của Chúa trong cuộc sống hàng ngày và sống xứng đáng là những tạo vật mới trong Đức Kitô.

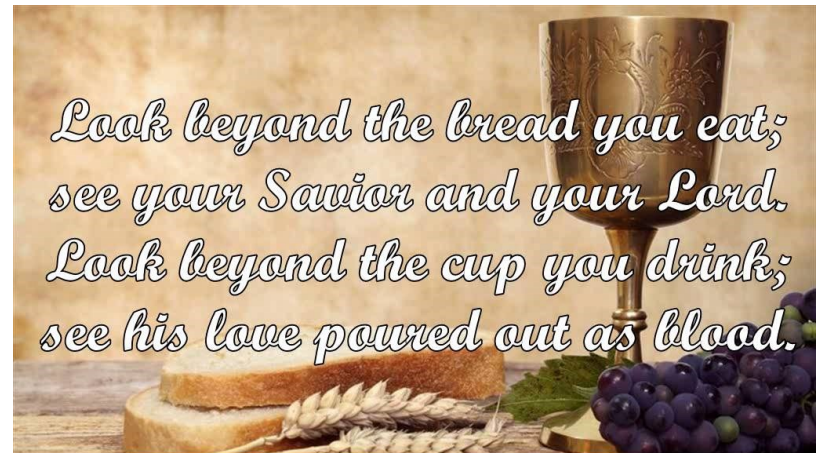
Lm Phêrô Phan Thế Lực

OFFERTORY - TAKE AND RECEIVE (Francisco, S.J.)

Take and receive, O Lord, my liberty,
Take all my will, my mind, my memory.
All things I hold and all I own are Thine,
Thine was the gift, to Thee I all resign.

Do Thou direct and govern all and sway,
Do what Thou wilt, command, and I obey.
Only Thy grace, Thy love on me bestow,
These make me rich, all else will I forego.

COMMUNION 1 - LOOK BEYOND (Ducote)



Give us a sign that we might believe in you.
Moses brought us manna from the sky. *Refrain*

I am the bread which from the heavens came;
Those who eat this bread will never die. *Refrain*

The bread I give you will be my very flesh;
My blood will truly be your drink. *Refrain*

This man speaks harshly;
who can listen to his word?
We shall no longer follow him. *Refrain*

You, my disciples, will you also leave?
Lord, to whom can we go? *Refrain*



COMMUNION 2 - BLESS THE LORD (Walker)

Refrain:

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
Let all that is within me bless His Holy Name.

For You are my glory, my Savior and Shield,
Deliver me from my distress.

And raise me higher than heaven from earth,
In Your goodness, rescue my life. *Refrain.*

A father of tender compassionate love,
You take all my sins away.
And hurl them farther than east is from west,
Where You hold their mem'ry no more. *Refrain*

For You are my Shepherd Who keeps me from need,
Sustainer of all that I am.
And in Your merciful love, like an eagle in spring,
My youth You renew. *Refrain*



Chúa Nhật Thứ 13 Mùa Thường Niên (ngày 30 tháng 06 năm 2024) - Năm B

Thư ngỏ của Cha Quản Nhiệm ...

Quý Ông, Bà, Anh, Chị, Em Thân mến,

Chúng ta thường gặp phải những thử thách, khó khăn trong cuộc sống, giống như câu chuyện các tông đồ gặp phong ba bão táp như thuyền sắp đắm chìm trong biển cả hôm nay. Những lúc đó, chúng ta dễ cảm thấy hoang mang, lo sợ và nghi ngờ về sự hiện diện của Chúa. Nhưng bài học Phúc Âm hôm nay nhắc nhở chúng ta rằng Chúa Giêsu luôn ở cùng chúng ta, ngay cả trong những lúc khó khăn, đau khổ, tuyệt vọng nhất trong cuộc đời.

Chúa Giêsu hỏi các môn đệ: "Sao các con lại sợ? Các con chưa có đức tin sao?" Điều này cho thấy đức tin là nền tảng vững chắc giúp chúng ta vượt qua mọi thử thách. Khi chúng ta tin tưởng vào Chúa, chúng ta sẽ tìm thấy sự bình an và sức mạnh để đối diện với mọi cơn bão trong cuộc đời.

Kính thưa Cha Chánh Xứ, quý Cha, Ban điều hành, quý thầy cô, quý vị trong hội đồng mục vụ giáo xứ, các đoàn thể Công giáo tiến hành và toàn thể cộng đoàn dân Chúa thân mến,

Hôm nay, con xin được nói nên lòng biết ơn chân thành và sâu sắc đến Cha Xứ, quý Cha tiền nhiệm cùng toàn thể cộng đoàn dân Chúa những người đã cống hiến hết mình trong suốt thời gian con làm việc tại Giáo Xứ St Martin trong nhiệm kỳ vừa qua.

Kính thưa Cha xứ, quý Cha quý thầy cô, quý vị trong ban thường vụ, các đoàn thể và toàn thể cộng đoàn dân Chúa thân mến,

Trước hết, con xin gửi lời cảm tạ đến Cha xứ, quý Cha tiền nhiệm Trong suốt những năm tháng qua quý Cha đã không ngừng chăm sóc đời sống tinh thần của giáo dân, hướng dẫn chúng con đi đúng con đường đức tin và xây dựng một cộng đoàn đoàn kết, yêu thương. Những bài giảng của Quý Cha, những buổi tĩnh tâm, những giờ phút lắng đọng trong các thánh lễ đã giúp chúng con cảm nhận sâu sắc hơn tình yêu Thiên Chúa và sống đức tin một cách vững vàng hơn. Quý Cha đã dành nhiều thời gian, công sức và tâm huyết để lo lắng cho từng người trong giáo xứ, từ các em thiếu nhi, giới trẻ đến các bậc cao niên. Chính sự nhiệt thành và yêu thương của quý Cha đã làm nên một giáo xứ sống động và đầy sức sống.

Chúng ta không thể quên những năm tháng khởi đầu quý Cha đã đồng hành cùng chúng ta vượt qua biết bao khó khăn, thử thách. Những lúc giáo xứ gặp khó khăn, quý Cha luôn là người đứng ra lãnh đạo, tìm kiếm giải pháp và đưa ra những quyết định sáng suốt. Tấm gương tận tụy và kiên định của các Cha là nguồn động viên lớn lao cho tất cả chúng con. Xin cảm ơn quý vị trong ban thường vụ, quý thầy cô, quý Huynh Trưởng, quý vị trong ban thường vụ, quý hội đoàn, và toàn thể quý cộng đoàn dân Chúa. Trong suốt 20 năm qua, quý vị đã làm việc không mệt mỏi, với lòng nhiệt huyết và tinh thần phục vụ cao cả. Những công việc mà quý vị đã làm không chỉ dừng lại ở việc tổ chức các hoạt động tôn giáo mà còn là việc hỗ trợ lẫn nhau trong cộng đồng, xây dựng một môi trường lành mạnh.

SENDING FORTH HYMN - AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL (Materna)

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain.
America! America! God shed His grace on thee.
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress,
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
'Til all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee.
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!



members from the Spanish, English and Vietnamese communities. And of course, the beautiful earthly choirs who are in competition with all the choir of angels in heavens at the Sunday masses. You are very dedicated, faithful, devoted, humble, and charitable, and with all the good qualities.

I want to thank, Nancy, and all faith formation volunteers that I have opportunities to work with in the past 5 years.

Most of all to all of you who are my companions in Christ and workers in the field of God. I thank God that your faith has shown me thru all these years, especially we have grown through the pandemic, how we continue to work together here to worship God throughout the years, your presence, your faith, and your generosity have shown me the love of God and filled me with hope and you have given me great encouragement to minister as your priest.

On Sunday, June 9 you truly showed us Fr. Roberto and me gratitude and appreciations for our ministry here as priests. A farewell celebration truly showed your love as a community rooted in the Trinity.

Dear friends in Christ, even though my pastoral term has ended at St Martin's parish, your love always remains in my heart. I will continue to maintain the spirit of your love and all the good values that you have taught me.

Finally, during the time of serving here, more or less with my weakness, I certainly could not avoid shortcomings that made you sad. Please forgive me out of love.

Today, we are invited to strengthen our faith, placing all our trust in Jesus, our Savior. Remember, no matter how many storms we encounter in life, Jesus is always by our side and He will give us peace and strength to overcome it all. Let's live in His love and grace, so that every day we become a new creation in Christ.

Sincerely from the bottom of my heart, I thank you and wish everyone peace in God's love! Fr. Peter Luc Phan



A Caring Prayer For Our Priest's Farewell



Loving God,

Today, as our beloved priests, Fr. Roberto / Fr. Peter prepares to embark on a new chapter in their life's journey, we come before You with grateful hearts and deep emotions. We thank You for the abundant blessings that our priests, Fr. Roberto / Fr. Peter has bestowed upon us, guiding and nurturing our faith. We ask for Your presence to fill their heart with peace and joy as they embrace this new calling.

Lord, we pray for strength for Fr. Roberto / Fr. Peter in their transition. Grant them courage and wisdom as they venture into new ministry opportunities, that they may continue to touch the lives of many and bring others closer to You.

As we bid farewell to our dear shepherd, we ask for Your abundant grace and blessings to be poured upon them. May they always feel the love and appreciation we have for their faithful service.

In the days ahead, help us to remember the lessons taught, the words shared, and the care received from our priests. May their legacy of compassion and dedication inspire us to follow Your path more earnestly.

In Your loving name, we pray. Amen.

Dear St. Martin Community,

With a heart filled with mixed emotions, I write this farewell message to express my deep gratitude and affection as I prepare to embark on a new chapter in my journey. It is with a sense of both sadness and excitement that I bid farewell to the beloved community of St. Martin which has been my home for the past ten years.

When I first arrived at this church, I had no idea what an incredible journey lay ahead of me. I was immediately surrounded by a community that wrapped their arms around me, encouraged me, and prayed for me in that transitional period.

Your prayers have been a source of immense strength and support. The knowledge that I was lifted up in prayer by this community has sustained me through both the joys and challenges of my ministry. Your prayers have been a reminder that we are all interconnected, united in our faith, through Jesus Christ.

I have been blessed to work alongside such a talented and dedicated team of staff, Moria, Nancy, Wayne & Aimee. Fr. Peter for being my parochial vicar for 5 years., I appreciate your dedication and your faithful service. I am so grateful for the many lifelong bonds I have formed here. Your love and support have sustained me through both the good times and the difficult times.

The pandemic has tested our resilience and forced us to find new ways to connect with one another. But through it all, I have been amazed at the resilience and creativity of this church community. We have continued to worship together, serve one another, and minister to those in need, even in the face of incredible adversity.

Let us continue to support and pray for one another, even as our paths diverge. I have no doubt that this community will continue to grow in faith, love, and service, guided by the Holy Spirit. As I move forward, please know that you will remain in my prayers, and I humbly ask for your prayers as well, that God may grant me the strength and wisdom to shepherd the new flock entrusted to my care.

No matter the distance that separates us, God continues to unite us through the celebration of the Mass, for we all share and participate in the one Mass that is celebrated in Heaven for all eternity. I pray that you continue to grow in faith, so that Jesus Christ in the Eucharist will truly be the source and summit of your lives. May God bless you all and may you continue to grow in faith and love.

In Christ,
Fr. Roberto Gomez

Words of thanks

Dear friends in Christ,

We often encounter challenges and difficulties in life, like the story of the apostles from the Gospel of Mark [5:21-43](#) or [5:21-24, 35b-43](#) who encountered storms in a boat about to sink in the lake. In those times, we easily feel confused, afraid and doubtful about God's presence. But that Gospel lesson reminds us that Jesus is always with us, even in the most difficult, painful, and hopeless times in life. Jesus asked his disciples: "Why are you afraid? Do you not have faith yet?" This shows that faith is a solid foundation that helps us to overcome all challenges. When we trust in God, we will find peace and strength to face every storm in life.

Now allow me to express my sincere gratitude to each of you before leaving our dear community of St. Martin then going to Christ the King parish for a new assignment. Overall, my gratitude go to Fr. Roberto, Fr. Ed and then beloved Fr. Ben and the community of God's people of St. Martin.

I like to thank Father Roberto for his leadership in the last 10 years, especially five years with him as his collaborator and parochial vicar. We thank God that he has lead this community to grow in the way of God, in unity and in-service.

Together with the staff, a wonderful staff, he weathered us through difficult times, especially through the pandemic. Of course I want to thank Moria for her humble service, leadership and management of activities in the parish. Look at all the banners hanging in the church, I want to thank Wayne who worked so hard to put these up and all the works that he has helped us through the years. I want to thank the liturgy committee who meet every month to plan the celebrations so that we truly as a liturgical community who worship God wholeheartedly; thanks to Marcell who put everything together in writing for the Liturgy meeting and all the leaders who helped train and coordinate the readers and ministers and servers for the mass. I want to thank Ruth Ree and Mary Carlson remnants of the Altar society, the church environment continues on the next page...