

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

FY 2024 -2025

ANNUAL REPORT



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The time has flown so swiftly that I have already completed my first year and now embark enthusiastically upon my second as your Pastor. It is true that shepherding a parish, balancing the meticulous administration of the church's temporal goods with the profound spiritual well-being of the flock is a daunting mission. Yet, I am filled with unwavering courage and quiet confidence to face this task, for I know I am never alone on this challenging journey: God, and your constant, faithful presence, are always with me.

When I first arrived, I observed the quiet reality that few parishioners were offering their time in the vital liturgical ministries and parish organizations. This observation prompted a direct and heartfelt call to action, our Ministry Fair, inviting everyone to offer themselves in the service of the Church. The response has been nothing short of miraculous: within this past year, I have been deeply moved by the emergence of new servants, both young and seasoned, who have enthusiastically stepped forward to enrich our worship and community life. This transformation confirms what I already know: that St. Martin of Tours parish and school are fundamentally generous and deeply love their faith.

All of us have been richly blessed with God's manifold graces, and it is a testament to our spirit that being blessed, we immediately choose to be a blessing to others. This living spirit shines brightly in our phenomenal outreach programs and sacrificial gifts to the church. You are the living embodiment of our patron, Saint Martin of Tours, who clothed the poor with his own cloak. I am eternally grateful for this generosity. Thank you for being a good steward of God's abundant gifts.

I pray for you daily: that you may always remain a living example of Christ's presence in our community, becoming His visible hands and feet in serving the people of God and his church. May our parish and school be a place where people can experience the love and grace of Jesus Christ as we work together to build a community that reflects the Kingdom of God here on earth.

May the Joy of the Gospel and the unshakeable presence of Christ forever reside in our hearts.

God bless you all. Fr Celso



WORSHIP

Registered Families: 668 Families

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary:

• 1st Friday of the Month Adoration 1 hour: 52 hours

• Praying the rosary: 5 days a week for 1 hour: 260 hours

• Scripture Study every Tuesday for 2 hours: 104 hours

• Family Masses: 7

• School Masses: August – June weekly School Mass on Wednesdays: 40

Sick Calls: 85

Masses at the Church: 480

Masses are celebrated regularly at A-Grace, Merryll Garden, White Blossom and Skyline Senior facilities and Nursing Homes.

VOLUNTEERS & MINISTERS

We are grateful and blessed to all the parishioners who have helped serve in these ministries during the last year.

Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Altar Servers	Men's Club	Collection Counting	Leadership Councils
33	42	24	32	30	31	14





FAITH FORMATION

Over the past few years, we've focused on helping parishioners deepen their spirituality and prayer life. Our Catechetical Director, Ed Ibarra, leads and supports faith formation at every level.

Faith Formation elementary students: 73

Faith Formation high school students: 4

Total Faith Formation students: 77

This past year we had 2 Speaker Nights; topics covered the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Confirmation and presented 1 Movie night: *Rescued by Ruby*

SACRAMENTS





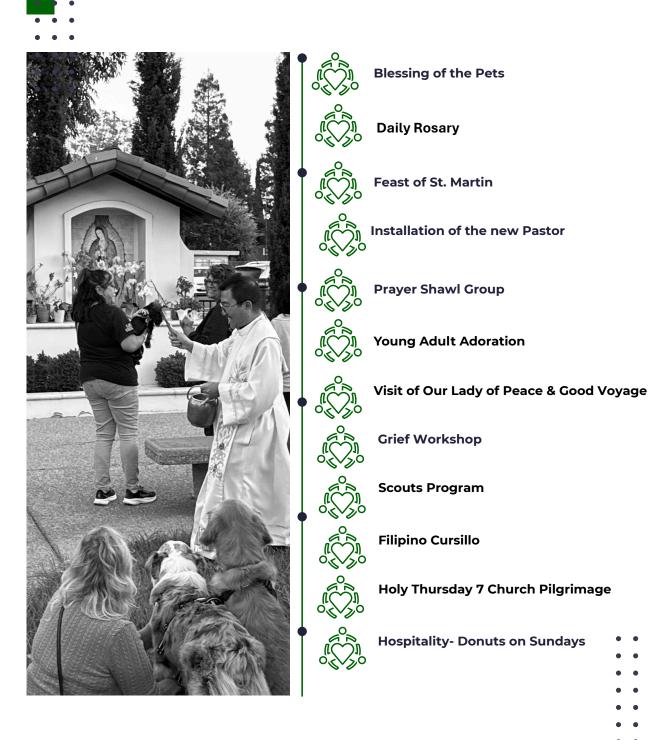




Baptisms First Eucharist Confirmations Weddings Funerals

PARISH EVENTS

In line with the Pastoral Plan we have worked to improve our parish hospitality with community events and fun activities.



OUTREACH

In 2025, our Outreach ministries remained active, continuing to serve both our parish community and those in need beyond our parish boundaries. We are grateful for the many volunteers who give their time, compassion, and energy to make this work possible. If you feel called to get involved, we invite you to visit our website to explore the many opportunities to serve.

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE HIGHLIGHTS



FOOD PANTRY

- Serves 160 people monthly
- 30 volunteers contribute 1,080 hours yearly



COAT DRIVE

- 1,300 coats collected (new & gently used)
- Distributed to families, farmworkers, and homeless
- 20 volunteers, 80 hours



GRIEF SUPPORT

- 6 participants completed a 6-week series
- Weekly 2-3 hour sessions offering comfort



NURSING HOMES

- Monthly Mass at 4 care facilities
- Communion and pastoral visits at 5 others



FARMWORKERS IN WATSONVILE

- 500 farmworkers received toys, blankets, and balls
- 50 volunteers, 250 hours
- School donated 5 barrels of food and hygiene items



ADVENT COLLECTIONS

- 2 barrels of tolietries donated by school families
- Benefited Storytime Books, East San Jose



GIVING TREE

- Toys, blankets, and coats for 150 families
- 300 children received Christmas gifts







PARISH IMPROVEMENTS







Projects completed in FY 24 - 25:

- Flowers & Plants for church and office to welcome parishioners refreshed weekly
- Restriping project in the parking lot
- Church roof fixed
- Removal of dead tree outside the Bailey House
- We offer livestream daily and for Sunday Masses



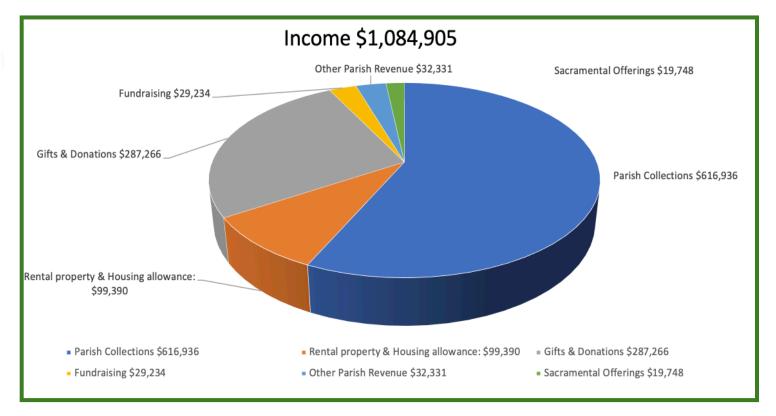


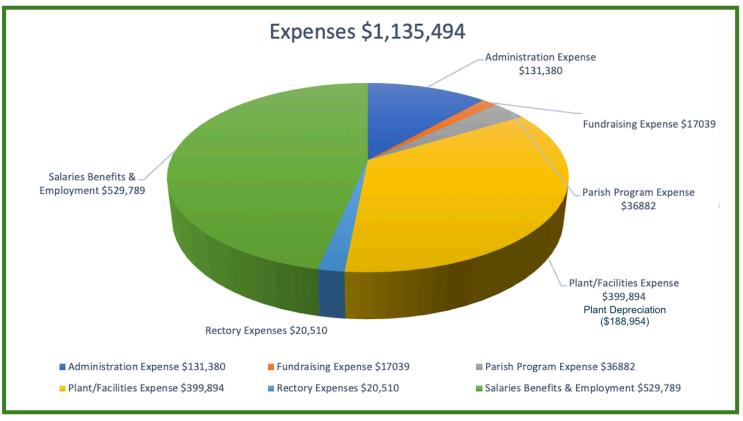


FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

St. Martin of Tours Church ended the fiscal year with an operating deficit of \$50,589. Income for the year was \$1,084,905 and expenses for the year were \$1,135,494.

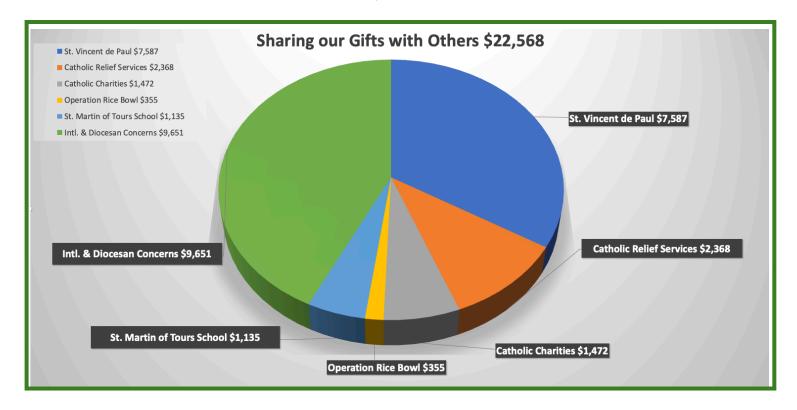




Parish Endowment

Saint Martin of Tours Endowment at the Catholic Community Foundation \$50,234

Your Monetary Gifts to Others



Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal: \$149,256 Total Pledge \$163,176

Percent of Goal 109.33% Number of Pledges: 318 families

OUR MISSION

At St. Martin of Tours Parish, we are a community of disciples formed by the Word, who gather in Worship and bear Witness to Christ by ministering to all people.

COMMUNICATIONS

Our parish website is regularly updated to keep parishioners and visitors informed about Mass times, ministries, and upcoming events. You can also read the weekly eBulletin, access Zoom and Facebook Live streams, and explore parish activities. Be sure to check the site often for the latest updates. To receive the eBulletin directly, you may subscribe through the website or email Candy at parishoffice@stmartin.org to be added to the list. Website address: www.stmartin.org

ONLINE GIVING

https://giving.myparishsoft.io//app/giving/stmartinoftours

ParishSoft Giving is our online giving portal. After creating an account, you can set up recurring or one-time gifts for Sunday and Holy Day offerings, Bishop's collections, and other funds listed in the drop-down menu. You can update your giving preferences anytime by logging into your account. Contributions can be made by credit card or directly from your bank account.

DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE PASTORAL PLAN

St. Martin of Tours is actively participating in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan and working to implement its strategic priorities. Learn more at: https://www.dsj.org/about-us/pastoral-planning/

VISION FOR THE FUTURE & GOALS

Our overarching vision for the coming years is to transform our parish into a truly vibrant missionary community where our faith overflows from the sanctuary into every aspect of our daily lives. A deeper focus on strengthening the very foundation of our faith: the domestic church. We are called to empower every family, both within our school and parish communities, recognizing that the most profound formation begins at home. Our commitment is to ensure that parents are spiritually nourished not merely informed, so they can become the primary architect of their children's faith. To facilitate this transformation, we will host dynamic retreats, welcome inspiring speakers and opportunities to gather that offers moments of grace that augment the spiritual totality of the person.

Leveraging the strong foundation provided by St Martin of Tours Catholic School, we will focus intensively on fostering a spirit of service among our young people by forming a dynamic Youth Group, eager to embrace Christ in ministry roles as altar servers, lectors, greeters, and ushers. Simultaneously, we will dedicate resources to building a robust Young Adult ministry, empowering this vital generation to engage deeply in the parish mission and use their unique gifts for innovation and leadership. These commitments to the family, the youth and young adults will ensure that our parish remains a place where the joy of the Gospel is actively lived and shared with the wider community. By our concerted effort, this will bring us to a welcoming faith-filled community embracing everyone in our worship.

My deepest intention is a parish-wide spiritual renewal patterned to the Diocesan Pastoral Plan that draws every heart into a dramatically closer relationship with God. From this wellspring of divine love, parishioners will naturally bear the magnificent fruits of their Godgiven gifts leading to vibrant and active involvement in every ministry of our Church.

As your Pastor, I extend my hand to each of you, my beloved parishioners, inviting you to join me in embracing this shared dream and aspiration for our future. I believe with every fiber of my being that through your unwavering commitment, we can accomplish great things, for we know that with God, everything is possible. This journey of renewal may present challenges, but the reward is over-whelming, a vibrant, Christ-centered community will be eternal. All that we achieve will be directed towards the greater glory of God.

Amen, Fr. Celso