

Parish Information



"The Church exists to evangelize."

POPE PAUL VI



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ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH

Congratulations to Our PAUL VI AWARD RECIPIENTS

Each year, the Diocese of San José recognizes dedicated parish volunteers with the Pope Paul VI Award, honoring their years of faithful service.

We joyfully congratulate this year's recipients and thank them for generously sharing their time and talents with our St. Martin of Tours community.

Christine Bautista
Matilda Bernard
Regina Gallo
Martha Hoffmann
Laura M'Guinness
Aimee Muth
Colette Muth
John Steffens
Nick Subida
Elaine Yastishock

PLEASE KEEP OUR 8TH GRADERS IN YOUR PRAYERS

As our 8th grade students leave for their Yosemite trip on Monday, we ask our parish community to keep them, their teachers, and chaperones in your prayers.

May God watch over them, keep them safe in their travels, and bless their time together. May they return home safely with wonderful memories and grateful hearts.

YOUTH OF OUR PARISH,
BE PART OF SOMETHING GREATER



Want a *front-row seat* at every Mass?
Want the *coolest* volunteer job at Church?
Want to put your *faith into action*?

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

SEPTEMBER 13 • 2:30 PM
ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CHURCH



Food Pantry will be held on Friday, September 18. Volunteers are always welcome!

Please wear closed-toe shoes, and note that anyone under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Set-up begins at 3:00PM outside the church. Clients wishing to shop should plan to arrive by 3:30PM.



MOVED WITH COMPASSION.

MATTHEW 18:27

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

The SEASON OF CREATION

CELEBRATE • PRAY • ACT

SEPTEMBER 1 TO OCTOBER 4

Beginning with the World Day of Prayer for the Care for Creation and concluding on the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Pope Francis instituted the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in 2015 as a practical step following the publication of his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*.

September 1 was chosen for the yearly observance, as it is the same date chosen by the Orthodox Church in 1989.

This season gives Catholics the opportunity to give thanks to God for the creation of the world and of humanity, and to recall and strengthen our responsibility to care for God's creation.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

GROW • SERVE • THRIVE

NAVIGATING SEASONS OF CHANGE WITH VIVIAN POWER

THIS INTERACTIVE SESSION LED BY VIVIAN POWER WILL INSPIRE YOU TO NAVIGATE TRANSITIONS WITH GRACE AND A RENEWED SENSE OF PURPOSE AND JOY



SEP 15 @ 6PM | BAILEY HOUSE

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Sunday, September 20

Join us for our **9:00 AM Mass** as we celebrate Catechetical Sunday and give thanks for all of our Catechists.

During the Mass, we will have a special commissioning and blessing for our Catechists as they begin another year of sharing the faith with our children and families.

Thank You to All of Our Catechists!

We are grateful for your faithful and generous service to our parish community!

Please note: There will be no CLOW at the 10:30 AM Mass on September 20.

Upcoming Events

September 13.....Altar Server Training , 2:30pm

September 13.....St. Paul VI Recognition Mass, 10:30am

September 18.....Food Pantry, 3:30pm

September 20.....Catechetical Sunday - Blessing of the Catechists, 10:30am

Mass Times and Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 5:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday–Tuesday Communion service at 8:00am
Wednesday–Friday at 8:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00pm or by appointment

Adoration

First Fridays of the Month: 8:30am
First Tuesdays of the Month: 7pm

Presider Schedule

Saturday, Sept 12	Saturday, Sept 19
5:00pm Fr. Celso	5:00pm Fr. Celso
Sunday, Sept 13	Sunday, Sept 20
9:00am Fr. Celso	9:00am Fr. Celso
10:30am Fr. Celso	10:30am Fr. Celso
5:00pm Fr. Matt	5:00pm Fr. Victor

Daily Mass and Sunday 10:30am Mass are livestreamed on Facebook & Zoom

Pastoral Staff

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The Power of Forgiveness

Dcn. Thien Bui



I find it quite providential that I am able to reflect on forgiveness after sharing my testimony over the weekend. This week, our scriptural readings invite us into a deep, and often challenging, examination of the heart. The liturgy holds up a mirror to our relationships, presenting a profound truth: as people who have been deeply forgiven by God, we are called to radically extend that same forgiveness and mercy to those who have wronged us.

The passage from Sirach cuts straight to the core of human nature. It warns us that anger, wrath, and vengeance are things that the sinner "hugs tight." Sirach asks a vital question for parish life: how can we pray for God's healing while refusing to forgive others? This is beautifully answered by today's Responsorial Psalm, which reminds us of the true character of our Father: "The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion."

In the second reading, Saint Paul reminds our parish family of the deep spiritual bond we share in Christ. Writing to the Romans, Paul proclaims that "none of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself." In a world that often encourages us to be isolated or to focus only on ourselves, Paul calls us to a higher paradigm. Because we all belong to the Lord, our personal conflicts and grievances must be surrendered to God's grace for the sake of unity in our families.

Finally, in the Gospel, Peter asks Jesus a very practical question: "How often must I forgive?" Expecting a limit, Peter suggests seven times. Instead, Jesus demands a total transformation of heart, telling him to forgive "seventy-seven times"—which means without limit. Through the powerful Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, Jesus reminds us of the massive, unpayable debt of sin that God has already wiped away for us. As we come to the altar this week, let us pray for the grace to release any grudges we are holding, so that our parish may truly be a sanctuary of God's boundless mercy.

Weekly Stewardship Report August 31 - September 6, 2026

ACH & We Share	\$5974.25
Envelopes by Mail	\$760
Sunday Mass Collections	\$5623
TOTAL Collection	\$12,357.25
Weekend Goal Collection	\$12,500



Thank you
for
your
generosity!

Prayer & Worship

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 12

5:00pm Steve and Julianne Gebrezgier †
Salvador Lipari †

Sunday, September 13

9:00am Laverne McGuinness - Birthday
Wilfredo Wong †

10:30am Nona Mary Borella †
Nicholas Siersema †

5:00pm St. Martin of Tours Parish & School

Monday, September 14

8:00am St. Martin of Tours Parish & School

Tuesday, September 15

8:00am St. Martin of Tours Parish & School

Wednesday, September 16

8:00am Enrique Latoza †
Rebecca Villaflor - Birthday

Thursday, September 17

8:00am Christopher Borella
Cresenciano Mahinay †

Friday, September 18

8:00am Alex Rafael †
Patricia Smith Daniels †

Faith Formation

Back-to-School & Faith Formation

As our children and families begin a new school year, we also look forward to beginning a new year of growing together in faith! Registration is now open for our Faith Formation programs for the 2026–2027 year.

Now Registering

- OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) – For adults and children age 7 and above who are interested in becoming Catholic, seeking full communion with the Catholic Church, or completing their Sacraments of Initiation.
- First Eucharist Preparation – For children preparing to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist.
- Confirmation Preparation – For youth preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and continue growing in their relationship with Christ and His Church.

Ongoing Ministries

- Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) every Sunday 10:30 AM Mass. Children are invited to hear and reflect on the Sunday Gospel in an age-appropriate setting.
 - Baptismal Preparation Classes are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Parish Office
- For more information please contact: Ed barra,
eibarra@stmartin.org (408) 294-8953 ext. 321

Second Collection

SUPPORT THE NEXT GENERATION OF CATHOLIC LEADERS



This weekend's second collection supports Catholic education and formation. 90% of your contribution will remain in our diocese to support Catholic school leadership, tuition assistance, and lay ministry formation and certification. The remaining 10% will support The Catholic University of America. Thank you for your generosity!

Prayer Requests

Pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For the Deceased

Jack Guercio †
Calahan Ahern †
Kelly Wetmore †
Florence Baker †
Therese Maes †
John Mellen †
Nicholas Siersema †

For the Sick

Araceli Castillo-Sánchez
Mary Prolo
Danny Wayne Martinez
Marie Patellaro
Alan Waltz
Esther Fangonilo
Beth Tomista
Joseph Snapp



2026–2027 FAITH FORMATION

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

- OCIA – Adults & Children age 7+

- First Eucharist Preparation
- Confirmation Preparation

Ready to grow in faith? We invite you to join us!

For program details and registration, visit our parish website or contact Ed Ibarra, Catechetical Director at eibarra@stmartin.org or (408) 294-8953 ext. 321