

# Saint Martin of Tours

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*People Ministering to People*

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – January 1, 2012

## Mass Schedule

**Sunday:** 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am, 6:00 pm   **Sunday Vigil:** Saturday 5:00 pm  
**Holy Days:** 8:10 am, 12:10 pm, 7:00 pm                           **Weekdays:** Mon. - Sat. 8:00 am

### Rectory... 294-8953

Rev. Christopher J. Bransfield, Pastor  
Rev. Abraham Antony, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Ray Kenny, Retired, "In Residence"  
Rev. Bob Shinney, S.J., Assisting Priest  
Holly Schoppe, Office/Facilities Manager  
Samuel Aguilar, Buildings and Grounds

### Bailey House... 289-9617

Judy Swazey, Liturgy Director  
Leslie Plecque, Director of Pastoral Care

### **RCIA**

We warmly welcome all those inquiring about becoming Catholic. For information, call Joy in the Catechetical Office at 289-9608.

### **Baptism**

A sacrament of initiation and belonging. Please register with Joy in the Catechetical Office at 289-9608.

### **Reconciliation**

Saturdays 3:30 pm or by appointment at 294-8953.

### **Marriage**

Please call the rectory to make an appointment with a priest at least six months in advance of wedding date.

### **Illness (Sacrament of the Infirm)**

If you or anyone you love is sick and unable to attend Mass, please call Leslie in the Bailey House at 289-9617.

**St. Vincent de Paul...439-0342**

### St. Martin of Tours School... 287-3630

Karen DeMonner, Principal  
Cathi Contreras, School Secretary  
Jane Anderson, Administrative Assistant  
Victor Salas, Buildings and Grounds

### Catechetical Office... 289-9608

Liz Schoenwetter, Catechetical Ministry Director  
Joy Aspenall, Catechumenate Coordinator  
Ellen Hays, Catechetical Office Coordinator



We wish to extend a warm welcome to all new parishioners. If you would like to be registered, please fill out this form and either place it in the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

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### Pastor's Reflections

At the beginning of this year, we are blessed with many possibilities. Some of us often make New Year's resolutions and strive to make changes as we vow to improve our lives. What needs to change? What can be improved?

Today we are reminded that the angel asked that Mary's child be given the name Jesus, meaning "the one who saves." Paul tells us that it is through Jesus, the Son of God, that we are redeemed as God's children who bear Christ's name.

Today we revere Mary as the Mother of God, and today we revere Mary as our Mother. We give special honor to the way God chose to come to us, to redeem us, and to love us not in overpowering awesomeness but in the simplicity of a child being held and nourished on Mary's lap. It is not we who have built a magnificent tower in order to reach God in heaven; it is God who comes to us in the simplicity of a mother's love in order that we might love God, as God wants us to love Him. This is why Jesus taught us to pray to God as our Abba, our Papa who art in heaven.

This week we can do our best to accept the invitation to imitate Jesus in what we do and say. We can do our best to be a more sincere follower of Christ. Have a good week!

Peace,  
Fr. Chris

### Mary, Mother of God



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### December 31 - January 7

<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 Holly Gordon & Family 5:00 Terry Gemignani †
<b>Sunday</b>	7:00 Asuncion Calderon † 8:30 Frank Zarka † & Joe Salberg † 10:00 Adela Gaganti † 11:30 Trinidad Custodia † 6:00 Arturo Andres †
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 Aurora Cayabyab †
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 Luke Anthony McBride †
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 Bill Busch †
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 David Grimm
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 Mildred Mendence †
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 Virginia Ryan † 5:00

### Scripture Readings and Question of the Week

Sunday, January 8, 2012  
The Epiphany of the Lord

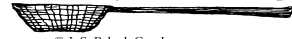
First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6  
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6  
Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12



Who might the "magi" be in your life?---"outsiders" who help you see Christ's presence?

# Weekly Stewardship Report

## Weekly Offering



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Collections for 12/18/2011	\$10,962
Collections Year to Date	\$345,213
Budgeted Collections Year to Date	\$339,630
Variance	\$5,583

Stewardship numbers for 12/25/2011 (Christmas) were not available at print time. We will publish them next week.

*Thank you for your continued Support*

# Calendar of Events



1/1/ 2012	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> ◆ No Sunday Programs
1/5	◆ CCM: 4-5:15 - Classrooms
1/8	◆ Nursery: 10 a.m. ◆ Preschool: 8:30 and 10 a.m. - Gym ◆ CLOW: 8:30 and 10 a.m. Masses ◆ Jr. High CCM: 10 a.m. - Zone ◆ Destination: Confirmation Rite Rehearsal: 3:30 p.m. ◆ Destination: Confirmation HUB Meeting: 4:30 p.m.
1/12	◆ CCM: 4-5:15 - Classrooms
1/15	◆ Nursery: 10 a.m. ◆ No Preschool due to Bengal Classics ◆ CLOW: 8:30 and 10 a.m. Masses ◆ Jr. High CCM: 10 a.m. - Zone

## Destination: Confirmation

St. Martin of Tours' preparation for the sacrament is for those individuals in 8th grade through high school. Our next HUB meeting is January 8 in the Community Building.



**The second Rite of Entrance rehearsal is on January 8 at 3:30 in the church.** Call Liz at 289-9608 for more information.

Please keep all the candidates in prayer as they journey deeper into their faith and toward the Sacrament of Confirmation.

## Mary, the Holy Mother of God



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Mary kept all these things,  
reflecting on them in her heart.

— Luke 2:19

## Happy New Year

“A new year is unfolding - like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within.

Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good - with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others.

As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible - with Your help and guidance.”

- Anonymous

## Catechetical Ministry

**Sunday Children's Programs = Parent Cooperative Programs**

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Our Sunday Programs are on hiatus until next week so that our volunteers may spend this Christmas season with their families.

Nursery, Preschool and Children's Liturgy of the Word will each resume next week on January 8.

Children's Catechetical Ministry (CCM)

CCM resumes this Thursday, January 5 from 4 until 5:15. Please mark your calendars! January 19 is our annual VIRTUS Training. Regularly scheduled CCM sessions will not be held.

Please contact the Catechetical Office at 289-9608 for additional information concerning all of the above.



### *Prayer of the Week*

**January 1, 2012, Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Reflection question:**

What can I take to the Blessed Virgin Mary in prayer this week?

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### *The Blessing We Receive*

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

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**The Lord bless  
you and keep you**



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*Rite of Christian  
Initiation of Adults*

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**HAP- RCIA PY  
2012!**

What a great time to start something new.....if you have questions about Catholicism or have been wondering about what becoming Catholic would mean for you, perhaps RCIA Inquiry is the something "new" waiting for you.

Bring your questions and come join us each Thursday evening at 7 p.m.. Everyone is welcome!

**Contact Joy: [jaea@aol.com](mailto:jaea@aol.com) for more information.**



**St. Martin of Tours School**

**OPEN HOUSE**

**January 19, 2012**

**School Tours - 8:30 to 11:30**

**Kindergarten Information Meeting - 9:00**

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**World Day of Prayer  
for Peace**



January 1 is a feast day of the Roman Catholic Church dedicated to peace. It was introduced in 1967 by pope Paul VI.

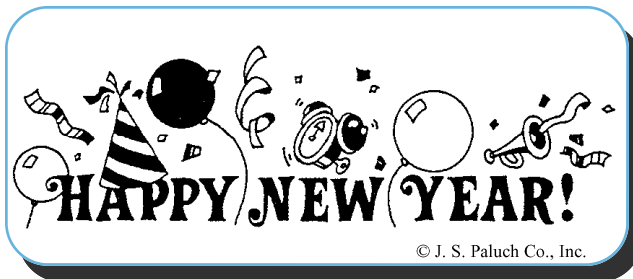
Let us pray for peace in our hearts, in our homes and in our world.

January 1 has been traditionally observed as the World Day of Prayer for Peace. It was first proclaimed by Pope Paul VI in 1968.

"It would be Our desire, then, that this celebration take place each year as a sign of hope and promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and guides the journey of human life through time, in order that Peace, with its just and salutary equilibrium, will dominate the unfolding of history yet to come"

— Pope Paul VI

Today, the world still needs much peace. There are many conflicts around the world. We, as Christians, must never lose hope. In a child Jesus, born of Mary, we recognize and worship the King of Peace. He must reign in our hearts. John Paul II reminded us that the two pillars of peace are justice and forgiveness. May we strive this New Year to be a people of peace.



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## Worldwide Marriage Encounter San Jose Diocese



### MARRIED COUPLES - IT'S NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TIME.

Resolve to start a new love affair with your spouse that's beyond your wildest dreams. It can happen on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Sign up soon so you can renew your love for one another. The next local Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is: March 2-4, 2012 (Mountain View). For more information or to register, please visit our website at: <http://sanjose.wmme12.org> or contact Thomas & Sandy Pavick, 408 262-4061 or Email: [gr8marriages@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gr8marriages@sbcglobal.net).

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### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

**Psalm** — May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).

**Second Reading** — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

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### Emmaus Mass

Did you know that the Diocese of San José sponsors a Mass for gay and lesbian Catholics and their family and friends every Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. in St. Martin of Tours Chapel? This is a wonderfully supportive environment, and the presiders for the Mass come from throughout the Diocese, including some Jesuits from Santa Clara University. Please let anyone you know, who may feel separated from the Church due to gender issues, know about this ministry of outreach and inclusion. For more information, please call 258-8416 or 289-9617.