

Saint Martin of Tours

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People Ministering to People

Third Sunday of Advent— December 13, 2009

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. Joselito T. Page, 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, Pastoral Care Coordinator

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.

Name _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Please check to receive offering envelopes.



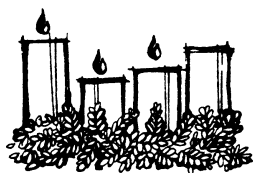
In a very short time the Lord will arrive! Christmas will come. It always does. We can set our clocks and know when it will begin. We also know that Christ will come again in his glory, too. We do not know when that day will be. Perhaps it will come before Christmas. Perhaps it will take much longer. Advent reminds us that we need to be ready for both comings of Christ!

Perhaps we are ready. Great! Others of us may have good intentions, but are not quite ready. It is easy for our good intentions to slip by the wayside as shopping, cookies, cards and parties occupy our time and attention. Reading this, we might feel a little empty and just a little guilty. We can take heart though. There is still time!

Many of us find it can be easy and tempting to keep the Lord away. We can become so used to our areas of weakness that we do not even consider the possibility of change. Our resentments can become so entrenched that we will not even admit that there is a possibility of forgiveness. Our lives can become so closed that, although we want to celebrate Christmas, we would not admit to the possibility of expressing our love for our family members and friends.

The choices are ours. Joseph and Mary could have easily followed their own way in life. They could have ignored the Lord's call or even have said "no" to God. We can use these last days to prepare a place in ourselves for the Lord to be born. We can admit our shortcomings to God. We can pray for an openness to be more respectful toward others and ourselves. We can truly welcome the Prince of Peace into our midst and discover that we are prepared for His return in glory. Have a great week.

Peace,
Fr. Chris



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Mass Intentions for Dec 12—Dec 19

Saturday	8:00	Patricia Bert †
	5:00	Samuel and Josephine Sansone †
Sunday	7:00	Chelli Family †
	8:30	ICF deceased members †
	10:00	Rose and Joseph Romano †
	11:30	Ray Borgett †
	6:00	Etsuko Miyashiro †
Monday	8:00	Mary Smith †
Tuesday	8:00	Joseph Mario Speciale †
Wednesday	8:00	Jim Salberg † & Frank Thatcher †
Thursday	8:00	Leonardo & Elisa Buenaventura †
Friday	8:00	Anthony Nunes †
Saturday	8:00	Francisca Mello †
	5:00	Parlato Family †

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

All ages are welcome to join us for our Advent Reconciliation Service on Monday, **December 14 at 7:00 p.m.** (The service lasts about an hour.) We will be reflecting on Mary's Magnificat and the ways in which we can prepare our hearts and minds for a renewed coming of Christ into our lives at Christmas and always.



*Scripture Readings for
Sunday, December 20, 2009
Fourth Sunday of Advent*

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel Reading: Luke: 1:39-45

Gospel Question for December 20, 2009:

Have you ever found God's presence manifest in the smallest of places?

Your Stewardship & Contributions

Thank you for your generosity!



Collections for week of 11/30/09	\$ 18,443
Collections Year to Date	\$ 315,656
Budgeted Collections Year to Date	\$ 319,313
Current Budget Shortfall	\$ 3,657

FOOD BOX PROGRAM NEWS

Thank you for the generous food donations at the Thanksgiving Day mass this year. As our client base has doubled since summer, we appreciate your support. We still need your food donations of non-perishable goods, especially canned meats (i.e. Vienna Sausages, Spam, etc.) as well as canned tuna, canned pastas and packaged meals. We also still request paper bags, which we recycle by using them in our food packing and distribution.

Adopt-a-Family is Back!

Is your family interested in adopting a family for Christmas? This year, it's easier than ever, as we are requesting gift cards for our client families. (Do a double-good-deed and use Scrip!) Gift cards from Target, Walmart, grocery stores, and more, are accepted. Call us and we will match you with a family, tell you about the members, and you can shop specifically for them. Help another family celebrate Christmas with your generosity!

Please contact Karen Guldán at 410-3222 or kguldán@gmail.com with any questions, or if you are interested in adopting a family. Thank you for your support!

On Our Calendar

December 2009						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

- 12/13
- Nursery, 8:30 & 10:00 masses
 - Preschool, 8:30 & 10:00 masses, gym
 - CLOW, 8:30 & 10:00 masses
 - Jr. Hi CCM, 11:15-12:30, Zone
 - Reconciliation Retreat 1:00-4:00, gym

12/14 Communal Reconciliation Service 7:00-8:00 PM, Church

- 12/18
- Food Box Packing
6:30-7:30, Gym
 - Advent Evening Prayer for Peace
7:30-8:00 PM, Church

- 12/20
- Nursery, 8:30 & 10:00 masses
 - CLOW, 8:30 & 10:00 masses

12/24 Christmas Eve
Masses: 4:00PM and 6:00 PM
Midnight Mass - Carols begin at 11:30 PM

12/25 Christmas Day
Masses: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

- 12/27
- Nursery, 8:30 & 10:00 masses

1/1 **New Year's Day Mass** (for Mary, the Mother of God)
9:00 a.m. (no 8:00 a.m. Mass that day)

- 1/3
- Nursery, 8:30 & 10:00 masses
 - Preschool, 8:30 & 10:00 masses, gym
 - CLOW, 8:30 & 10:00 masses
 - Jr. Hi CCM, 11:15-12:30, Zone
 - Destination: Confirmation, 4:30-5:45

1/7 CCM, 4-5:15, classrooms

LADIES GUILD NEWS



Our Guild Christmas Party is December 14th at Harry's Hof Brau. You must be in-line for the complimentary hot lunch by 11:15 A.M. and have paid your yearly Guild dues to attend.

Catechetical Programs

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Please continue to keep them all in your prayers. — Thank you.

The Reconciliation Retreat is today! December 13th from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. At least one parent must be in attendance at all times. Other family members may join us in the church at 2:30 p.m. before we begin the penance service.

Children's Catechetical Ministry (CCM)

CCM is on hiatus for the Christmas break. We will resume sessions January 7th. Continue to have a blessed Advent!

2009 CATECHETICAL MINISTRY HOLIDAY OUTREACH PROJECT

Thank you to everyone for supporting our children as they focused on those who are alone and in need during the upcoming holiday season by supporting the Food Box and making cards for the area nursing home residents.

Jr. High CCM

Jr. High is on hiatus until we resume on January 3rd.

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

DESTINATION: CONFIRMATION

St. Martin of Tours' preparation for the sacrament is for those individuals in 8th grade through high school. The next HUB meeting is January 3rd. Call Liz at 289-9608 for more information.

Have you booked your journey and plugged into the egroup to see the calendar of excursions?



Advent models for us the movement from darkness to light. Long, dark winter days can be the perfect time to consider what God is calling us to. What Light are we seeking in our lives?

If you have questions about Catholicism, or have been wondering if you could find a "home" in the Catholic Faith, perhaps RCIA Inquiry is for you.

You are warmly invited to "Come and See"! RCIA Inquiry meets each Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Catechetical Office.

**** Please note** there will be no meetings on December 24th or 31st.



ADVENT

EVENING PRAYER FOR PEACE



Advent is a season of hope and preparation for the coming of the Lord. We long for the light of Christ to shine on the darkness of our world. Join with us as we pray for peace to enlighten our world, our communities and our lives, on **Friday, December 18, from 7:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

Please plan to take a moment from the busyness of the season, by attending this peaceful and beautiful prayer service in the candlelit church.

Christmas Mass Schedule

◆ Christmas Eve Masses:

- ✦ **4:00 p.m.**
(Very family-friendly Mass, but crowded)
- ✦ **6:00 p.m.**
(Same as the 4 p.m. Mass, but less crowded)

◆ Christmas Day Masses:

- ✦ **Midnight Mass**
(carols begin at 11:30 p.m.)
- ✦ **7:00 a.m.**
- ✦ **9:00 a.m.**
- ✦ **11:00 a.m.**

Christmas Mass Participation

If you would like to participate at any of our Christmas Masses by setting the Table, carrying candles, etc., please call Judy Swazey in the Liturgy Office at 289-9617, extension 18, or email her at jswazey@stmartin.org.

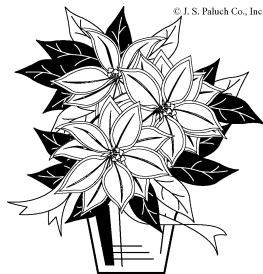
Christmas Environment

DECORATING THE CHURCH: We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Tuesday, December 22.

If you would like to help us, please call the Liturgy Office at 289-9617, ext. 18.

White Poinsettias: Once again, we will be accepting your donations of elegant white poinsettias which will be used to beautify our church for Christmas. You may bring them to the Rectory or the Church.

Thank you.



Peace and Justice

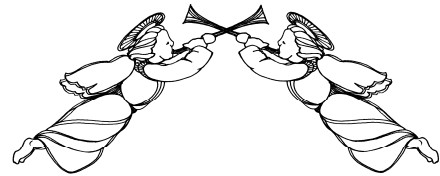
“The world is waiting.. for new saints, ecstatic men and women who are so deeply rooted in the love of God that they are free to imagine a new international order.”

Henri Nouwen

I say to myself, “I will mention God's name no more”. But it becomes like fire burning in my bones; I grow weary holding it in. I cannot endure it.

Jeremiah 20:9

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS



Attention Eucharistic Ministers

The new Ministry schedule has been emailed and mailed (to those who of you without email access). If you have not received a schedule yet by email or postal mail, please contact Judy Swazey in the Liturgy Office at 289-9617, extension 18, or by email at jswazey@stmartin.org. The schedule is also on the website at www.stmartin.org/Lit-EM_12-09.pdf

The sign-up list for Christmas Masses is also available in the Sacristy.

Scrip



News!

Now and through December 20th, we will have our full scrip inventory available after the 8:30am and 10:00am Masses! We also have a limited supply of TARGET SCRIP \$50 (4%) available, so be sure to stop by and pick up some before supplies run out!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Couples who make Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy & romance in their relationships, but also become more active in their Church. Together, we are making marriages, families and our Church stronger & healthier.



A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES:

Want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next local Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is: March 5-7, 2010 (Mountain View). For more information or to register, please visit our website at: www.rekindleyourmarriage.org or contact Paul & Stephanie Francois, 408-287-3996 or Email: PaulandSteph@pacbell.net.

Upcoming Book Group Selection

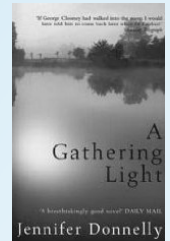
New selections for months after February will be made at our January meeting. Share your ideas for what you would like the group to read in 2010. **There is no meeting in December.**

Here are the selections made by the St. Martin Women's Book Group for the next few months:



January 26: "Grass for His Pillow (Tales of the Otori, Book 2)" by Lian Hearn

February 23: "A Gathering Light" or "A Northern Light" by Jennifer Donnelly



GREEN CORNER

Did you know????

According to the Santa Clara Valley Water District the average home in Santa Clara County wastes more than 14,000 gallons of water a year because of leaks. Check those faucets, toilets, sprinklers and sinks and save water and money!

*Note: Got ideas???

Green Corner happily welcomes submissions from the parish. just e-mail them to Joy at jaea@aol.com.