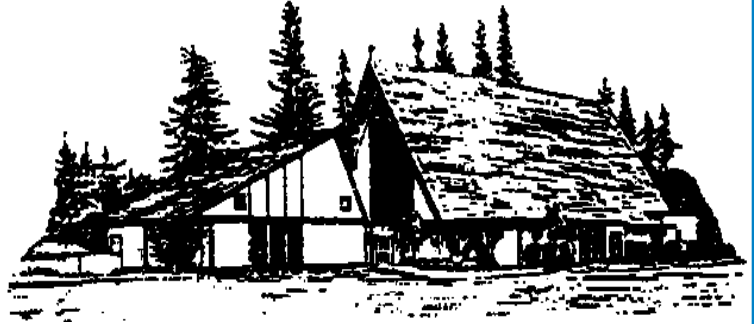


Saint Martin of Tours

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People Ministering to People

Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 25, 2010

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am, 6:00 pm **Sunday Vigil:** Saturday 5:00 pm

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.





**St. Martin of Tours
2010 Spring Festival**

St. Martin of Tours Church and School promises a day of family fun at their annual St. Martin of Tours Spring Festival and Fun day, Sunday, May 16, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be entertainment for all ages including a host of games and prizes, carnival booths, a video game truck, live music, dancers, plus displays from the Scouts, a scrumptious BBQ chicken headed up again by the ICF and a car raffle.


Admission is free. Proceeds from the Festival benefit the needs of St. Martin of Tours Church and Parish, celebrating over 90 years of community service. The Festival is located on the church grounds – 200 O’Conner Drive, San Jose – near San Carlos Blvd and Hwy 880.

Mass Intentions for April 24 - May 1		
Saturday	8:00	George Borella †
	5:00	Henry Ford †
Sunday	7:00	Esteban Bobila †
	8:30	Thomas Leary †
	10:00	Connie Suez †
	11:30	Stephen Michael DeVincenzi †
	6:00	Margo Tomlitz †
Monday	8:00	Ralph Vernacchia †
Tuesday	8:00	Leonora Cruz †
Wednesday	8:00	Bernard Metz †
Thursday	8:00	Leonora Cruz †
Friday	8:00	Frank Jirik †
Saturday	8:00	Joe Salberg †
	5:00	Ron Sieben

Welcome!!!

With great joy and thanksgiving the Church of St. Martin of Tours, on behalf of the world wide Catholic Church, welcomes:

Cassandra Strickland and Nicholas Petredis to full stature in the Body of Christ through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.



The annual bus trip will be Tuesday, May 25th. The Ladies Guild will go to Sausalito for shopping and wine tasting then over the bridge to San Rafael for a seven course lunch and entertainment. For further information on the trip, call Clara DePaul at 294-7041. Tickets are \$78.00 including lunch and entertainment.

Scripture Readings for
Sunday, May 2, 2010
Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27
Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5
Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35

Gospel Question for May 1, 2010:
Who do you see as outsiders in your faith community?

Scripture Study is for everyone.....

and it's not to late to join us Monday Evenings or Tuesday Mornings!

St. Martin's Scripture Study has returned for it's Spring Session. We are continuing our study of St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. We meet in the Community building from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. on Mondays and from 9:30 to 11 :45 a.m. on Tuesdays. This bible study is for **EVERYONE!** This is a great way to deepen your understanding of the bible and your relationship with our Loving God!

Contact Joy at 289-9608 or jaea@aol.com for more information or to sign up!

Your Stewardship & Contributions

Thank you for
your generosity!



Collections for week of 4/12/10 - 4/18/10	\$10,966
Collections Year to Date	\$617,847
Budgeted Collections Year to Date	\$649,902
Current Budget Shortfall	\$29,055

RCIA

Are you looking for a home?????

Looking for a place where you can ask all of your questions about Catholicism? Where you can sort out your feelings about the possibility of joining the Church? Wondering if you can find a "home" in the Catholic tradition?

Come and See!

St. Martin's inquiry meets every Thursdays evening at 7:00 in the Catechetical Office. Bring your questions and an open heart. All are welcome. Always!

Earn your Green Belt in Energy Conservation

There are many reasons to reduce energy use and become more sustainable. But sustainability ultimately means changing habits and life styles that have been ingrained in our psyche and are difficult to modify. Dr. Strawa is an atmospheric scientist who will discuss four reasons to conserve and present a strategy for becoming more sustainable in electricity usage, transportation, food consumption, and water usage. Tuesday, April 27th at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7:00) in the Community Building.

On Our Calendar

April 2010						
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

- 4/25 ♦ Nursery: 8:30 and 10:00 Masses
- ♦ Preschool: 8:30 and 10:00 Masses
- ♦ CLOW: 8:30 and 10:00 Masses
- ♦ First Eucharist Retreat: 1:00-3:00 - Church
- ♦ Destination Confirmation Catechesis: 4:30-5:45 Zone
- 4/26 ♦ First Eucharist Rehearsals - Church
- ♦ Scripture Study: 7:00 p.m. - Community Building
- 4/27 ♦ First Eucharist Rehearsals - Church
- ♦ Scripture Study: 9:30 a.m. - Community Building
- ♦ Presentation: "Easy Lifestyle Changes That Benefit the Environment": 7:30 p.m. - Community Building
- 4/29 ♦ CCM: 4:00-5:15 - Classrooms - No 2nd graders
- 5/2 ♦ Nursery: 8:30 and 10:00 Masses
- ♦ No CLOW
- 5/6 ♦ Last CCM

Signs of New Life!

Our church has been transformed to the glory of Easter through the gifts of many people. The beautiful flowers in the church, which bring such a sense of abundant life, were donated in memory of the following people:

- * **Bernal Piazza** (from Russell Piazza)
- * **Agapito Jorge Dos Santos** (from Sara & Neil Dougherty)
- * **Catherine Graham** (from Mary Graham)

Flowers will fill our church throughout the Easter season (to Pentecost) as signs of the promise of resurrection. If you would like to donate flowers (or money for the purchase of flowers) in memory of loved ones, please call the Ministry Office at 289- 9617, ext. 18, or place the name (clearly and securely) on the flowers or check and leave them at the church or rectory. We will publish the memorials in our bulletins during the Easter season. Thank you for helping to keep the spirit of Easter alive in our church.



FLAG RETIREMENT

The Boy Scouts will be happy to retire any old, torn or soiled flags from the parish community. Please drop off any old flags at the Parish Rectory prior to May 21st.

Catechetical Programs

Children's Catechetical Ministry

Our last CCM session for the year is May 6th.

PRESCHOOL

Weekly sessions held in the gym for children aged 3 thru Kindergarten during the 8:30 and 10:00 Masses. Today is our last Preschool session for the year.

NURSERY

Located next to the "Donut Room" our nursery is for families with children 6 months to 3 years and is available year 'round. Come meet some of our younger families!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Ever wonder where the kids are off to? First graders thru 11 years old hear God's Word in their language during the 8:30 and 10:00 Masses. Come join us!



DESTINATION: CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Class Required Catechesis for Confirmation 2010 is **TODAY** April 25th. Check the calendar on the Yahoo group. We meet in the Zone at 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal is May 2nd at 4:00 p.m. in the church. Sponsors must attend with the candidate.

The next HUB for new candidates (confirmation May 2011) is May 2nd at 4:30 p.m. in the Gym.

...and if you're a youth in 7th, 8th or High School, come to **the next orientation** on June 6th at 4:30 p.m. in the Gym to find out how you can start your journey towards Confirmation!

Please contact the Catechetical Office at 289-9608 for additional information concerning our programs. All programs are parent cooperatives and all volunteers are finger-printed through the Diocese of San José. You don't need to be the parent of a child to volunteer in our programs either! ☺

SACRAMENTAL PREP

First Eucharist Retreat is **TODAY** April 25th! Please remember to have one adult with the First Communicant at all times during the retreat. We begin sharply at 1:00 p.m., so be sure to arrive by 12:45 to sign in. We end by 3:00.



Rehearsals are coming April 26th and 27th. Refer to your calendar for details and times.

First Eucharist weekend is May 1st & 2nd!

And as always, please keep all the children preparing to receive their First Eucharist in your continued prayers.

Peace and Justice

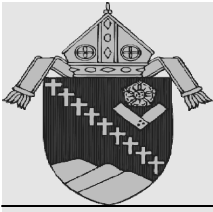
As Earth Day approaches, our thoughts turn toward our responsibility to care for that which God has entrusted to us. The ultimate goal for the faith community in Silicon Valley is to reduce and eliminate all waste generated by our use of plastic bottles and aluminum cans; but for now, recycling is our most practical option. The recycling of bottles and cans can be an easy, family-level activity.

We can also view the recycling of bottles and cans from a human perspective. Consider Lorena, who has worked as a hotel housekeeper for 22 years here in Silicon Valley. A mother of three, she has struggled through the years to support her family. Now with her husband out of work, due to the current economic downturn, extra money helps her cover the high cost of health care for her family. So everyday she leaves the hotel with a bag full of recyclable plastic bottles and aluminum cans left over from the guests. Lorena's story is not unique; there are many others like her in our valley of wealth.

Last Labor Day weekend you heard the stories of hotel workers like Lorena, recognized the unfairness, the injustice, and the indignity that hotel workers experience. Many pledged support for efforts on their behalf.

Lorena and her co-workers continue to work under difficult conditions with inhumane workloads, poverty wages, and ever-escalating health care expenses. Hotel corporations turn a blind eye to the effect these working conditions have on their employee's families, while profiting from the rooms Lorena and others clean each day. The industry's P. R. spokespeople want us to believe that this is normal, that we "need" people like Lorena to live in near poverty so that the affluent can live in comfort. You rejected this concept last September, and we are now asking you for your support and help.

The Interfaith Council is calling on you to collect aluminum cans and plastic bottles during April and May. As members of a community of faith, we ask you to bring your collections to the Hyatt Hotel in Santa Clara on May 22nd at 4:30 p.m. to help dramatize the indignity and injustice of full-time hotel workers who must collect cans and bottles in order to afford health care insurance. The challenge is to demonstrate how many plastic bottles and aluminum cans are needed to pay for one month of health insurance?



Diocese of
San Jose

THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 20, 2010

Dear Friends,

The recent revelations of sexual abuse of minors by clergy of various countries throughout the world have reminded us of those particularly painful events, beginning in 2002, when the Church in the United States was rocked by reports of the same kind of horrific acts against children and young people. I am deeply saddened by these revelations and by the fact that they have happened, that more young people have been victimized, and that trust has been betrayed. I know that you are also saddened and, yes, outraged by these reports.

There can be no excusing or rationalization of the efforts on the part of some in the Church's leadership to ignore or cover up the terrible misdeeds by priests and others in authority. We know that there is no cure for pedophilia, and that the current policy of the Church in the United States, commonly called "Zero Tolerance," is, in the end, the only way we can deal with members of the clergy who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor. Once a member of the clergy (deacon, priest or bishop) is credibly accused and, after a full investigation, found to be guilty of any such act of abuse, that cleric must be forever barred from any form of ministry in the Church.

The Diocese of San Jose remains committed to the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults from any form of abuse.

- We remain committed to the psychological screening of candidates for ordained ministry so that, as far as it is humanly possible, we will prevent predators from entering the priesthood or diaconate.
- We remain committed to the "Safe Environment" programs that are in place in all of our parishes, schools and catechetical programs.
- We remain committed to performing background checks for all clergy, employees and volunteers who work with children and young people in the Diocese of San Jose.
- We remain committed to reporting all allegations of sexual abuse of a minor to the appropriate civil authorities – Child Protective Services, local Police or Sheriff offices, and the office of the District Attorney, as soon as we receive those allegations.
- We remain committed to upholding the principles of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* that were adopted by the Bishops of the United States in June of 2002, and to the continuing adherence to the *Essential Norms*, the legal framework that assists diocesan bishops to act in a deliberate manner with every member of the clergy who has committed any act of sexual abuse against a minor, so that the offending cleric will not be allowed to become a repeat offender.

For many years now, the Diocese of San Jose has been well-served by the independent Diocesan Review Board, chaired by Justice Edward Panelli. I rely upon the Board to investigate fully the allegations that relate to possible abuse and, following their findings and determination, to advise me in the disposition of cases, whether those cases are current or from years past.

I am also extremely grateful for the service of our diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults and its director, Bernard Nojadera, who spearheads our efforts to educate and train clergy, religious, employees, volunteers, parents and children in the many aspects of the avoidance of sexual abuse, reporting requirements, and ensuring that our parishes and schools are all safe environments.

But I am particularly grateful to you, the parishioners of the 53 parishes and missions of our Diocese. I share your distress at the news of even one more case of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest or deacon – no matter where in our world that abuse occurred. When one member of the Church suffers, we all suffer and, indeed, Christ himself suffers. At the same time, we try as best we can to be strengthened by our prayer and, by that very same prayer, to strengthen our sisters and brothers who suffer even now. I know that you look to your parish clergy – to the deacons and priests who serve you – for leadership and guidance. Like you, they have been wounded by the horrific acts against children that members of the clergy have committed, and they are shamed by those acts.

Some of you are especially troubled these days by reports that Pope Benedict XVI, while Archbishop of Munich and later Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, may have been involved in questionable acts of judgment related to clerics who were accused of sexual abuse. Like you, I rely upon the reports of the media for the information that has come to me. For this reason, I am compelled to note that in so many of these cases, we are never given the benefit of all of the information. It is difficult – no, impossible – to judge the Pope's actions, or those of any other bishop or cardinal without having knowledge of all of the circumstances and facts of any particular case. To rush to judgment in such situations is not only unwise; it is uncharitable. What we do know is that the Holy Father, even before he was Pope, moved decisively against many abusing members of the clergy, as he has continued to do during this papacy.

We have said often in the past that the Church is in many ways a human institution, that it has defects and that its members are all sinners. This in no way explains, excuses or absolves the terrible crimes that have been committed against the innocent. It does, however, allow us more than ever to realize and admit our need for repentance and cleansing, so that we might respond ever more vigorously to the only reason the Church has to have hope even in dark times: the abiding presence of the Risen Lord in our midst. If we lose sight of Him, then everything else we do, no matter how admirable, will be empty and in vain.

In closing, I would ask that you join with me in prayer for all victims of sexual abuse and those who are charged with seeking justice for them. Please pray that the Lord will give them strength and courage in their actions. Pray, also, for our Church that it will weather the current storms and that humbled, perhaps, it will be better able to be a sign to all people of the goodness of God, made manifest in Jesus, the Christ, and abiding with us in the power of the Spirit. May God bless you all.

With every best wish and kind regard, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Patrick J. McGrath
Bishop of San Jose