

Saint Martin of Tours

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People Ministering to People

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 3, 2011

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.

Name _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Please check to receive offering envelopes.



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

The story goes that one day the old man's wife died. A few days later the little boy looked out of the window and saw the man sitting in a chair in his back yard crying. The little boy headed next door and climbed up into the old man's lap and just sat there quietly. A little while later, the boy's mother glanced out into the yard and saw them there. She came rushing out of the house and ordered the little boy to come home. Once they were home, the mother asked her son what he thought he was doing by bothering the man next door at a hard time like this. The boy replied, "I was helping him cry."

Death is certainly not a stranger to us. When we face serious illness and death we become quite helpless. There are some kinds of grief and sadness that cannot be taken away in this life. They have to be cried through. That can happen either with an empty lap or with the friendship and support of someone who cares enough to be with us.

The job we have of being followers of Jesus is not the job of "fixing things." We can certainly try to do that and use many resources and lots of energy in the process. We cannot always be successful. The four-year-old boy had a lot more sense than most of us. We all have come to know that we should stay in our own yards. We should not be "bothering" the neighbors. The four-year-old boy did not know that. Because he did not, a man was healed. The child was operating under instinct, not common sense.

Whenever we begin to use excuses to deny compassion to others, we are not living our Christian calling. "She does not belong to our Church." "They are not from around here." "He's not the right color." "She has a weird accent." We need to understand Christ's command to provide love and compassion for all people who suffer, no matter who they are. When it seems that this kind of behavior looks very different from the way the rest of the world handles things – that is exactly the point!

This week we will most likely have some chances to reach out and help. We will have the choice whether to do so or not. I hope that when you hear that little voice in your head that makes excuses you will start doing your best to stop listening to that voice! This weekend we celebrate our freedom and independence, but also our responsibility to help one another. "What has been hidden from the learned and the clever you have revealed to the merest children." Maybe we would all do well to remember that four-year-old boy. Have a good week!

Peace,
Fr. Chris

Mass Intentions

JULY 2-9

Saturday	8:00 Diane Borella 5:00 Joseph Gemignani †
Sunday	7:00 Joann Fisher † 8:30 Marie DuPuis † 10:00 JW Knapen † 11:30 Rosemary Tabilia † 6:00 Stacia Borella †
Monday	8:00 Bill Busch †
Tuesday	8:00 Terry Gemignani †
Wednesday	8:00 Louis Mello †
Thursday	8:00 Catherine Clare Graham †
Friday	8:00 Mildred Mendence †
Saturday	8:00 Barry Fitzgerald † 5:00 Henry Wright †

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, July 10, 2011

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-23



**Gospel Question
for July 10, 2011**

What is Isaiah's promise about the Work of God in Reading 1? What role does the Word of God have in YOUR life?

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT



Collections for 06/26/2011	\$18,225
Collections Year to Date	\$753,723
Budgeted Collections Year to Date	\$763,600
Variance	(\$9,877)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- 7/3 ♦ Nursery: 10 a.m.
♦ CLOW: 8:30 and 10 a.m.
- 7/26 ♦ Women's Book Group: 7:15 p.m. - Bailey House. We will discuss *The Full Cupboard of Life* by Alexander McCall Smith.



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In observance of Independence Day, the parish office will be closed on Monday, July 4.

Have a happy and safe Holiday

RCIA

Fireworks???? Maybe, but sometimes the Holy Spirit uses, quieter, more gentle ways to call us by name. If you have questions about the Church or have considered becoming Catholic, perhaps RCIA Inquiry is for you. We meet each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the Catechetical Office, year round. Come and see what "Sparklers" God has for YOU!

All are Welcome, Always.



CHILDREN'S CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

Nursery is OPEN during the 10 a.m. Mass. Stop by anytime before, during or after Mass to let the little ones check it out.



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is for 5 to 11 year olds. If your children would like to join us but are apprehensive, please feel free to accompany them! We love it when new faces share in our learning about God's Word. CLOW is held during the 8:30 and 10 Masses. We're looking for leaders to train for the 8:30 Mass.



PLEASE! NOTE

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Pastoral Services Office, which includes the ministries of Pastoral Care and Outreach and Liturgical Ministries, will be closed during the months of July and August. We will be checking phone messages occasionally but, if you have an urgent concern, please contact the rectory. You can also email the liturgist at jswazey@stmartin.org.

The Catechetical Ministry Office will also be closed during July and August.

Our offices will open again in September.

WELCOME FATHER ABE

Dear Friends,

I am your new parochial vicar, Fr. Abraham Antony. Call me Fr. Abe or just Abe. First of all I would like to thank the pastor, Fr. Chris for allowing me to use this space to introduce myself. Even before I came here he made me feel I was not new here.

I am sure you will agree with me that the first step toward any meaningful relationship is to get to know each other. I just can't wait to get to know you all. Let me begin by doing my part. I am as old as Vatican II! I was born in the southernmost tip of the Indian peninsula – a small state called Kerala – as the fourth of six siblings. My father passed away when I was six and mother breathed her last two years after my ordination to priesthood. I have a brother, four sisters and eleven nieces and nephews oldest of who are here in San Jose.

The desire to become a priest was there in me from very early on in my elementary school days, the Holy Eucharist being the attractive force. While in high school the desire became a resolve to be a missionary priest, this time God's compassion and social justice being the additional deciding factors. That, finally, brought me to the poorest area of India in the east, near Calcutta. The, place, language, culture, food habits – everything was different from what I was used to. I survived. After degrees in English, Philosophy and Theology at Morning Star College, Calcutta - a college and seminary then run by the Jesuits, I was ordained a priest in 1995 for the Diocese of Berhampur, Orissa. For one year after my ordination I worked in a large parish with additional responsibility of looking after 160 boys in the parish boarding home (an equal number of girls were being looked after by the nuns). In the following year I was moved to the diocesan minor seminary as vice rector. I wasn't allowed to settle down there either. In 1997 I was appointed secretary to our bishop, a ministry I carried on for nine years last three years of which I was also the chancellor of the diocese. After that my then bishop allowed me to pursue higher studies.

By then I was familiar with the Diocese of San Jose through my friend, Fr. Saju Joseph who is a priest of this diocese. I had been making mission appeals at different parishes of this diocese. At the request of my bishop, Bishop McGrath and the Diocese of San Jose was kind enough to assign me a parish and allow me to go to school at Santa Clara University. I am working on my Masters in Spirituality.

So here I am after having served St. Simon parish for four years, ready and willing to be at your service. I have come willing to learn and to teach; prepared to give and to take. My guiding principle is the theology of presence. I am longing to "taste and see the goodness" of St. Martin parishioners and their pastor, something of which I have heard a lot of in recent weeks.

United in prayer and ministry,

Fr. Abe.

