

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Parish

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.*

Volunteers Needed !!!

*After mass we will be decorating our church for Christmas!
We have jobs ready for everyone who would like to help! Be a part of
having the most beautifully decorated church ever!*

<p>Sun, Dec. 22 11:00 am - Holy Mass</p>
<p>Mon. Dec. 23 9:30 am Women's Bible Study will resume Jan 6</p>
<p>Tues, Dec. 24 6:30 am - Men of St. Martin (1st and 3rd Tues. of the month) 4:00 pm Holy Mass</p>
<p>Wed, Dec. 25 11:00 am Holy Mass OCIA—resumes Jan 8</p>
<p>Thurs, Dec. 26 Fr. Boutin is in Ozark</p>
<p>Fri, Dec. 27 NO 6:30 AM - Holy Mass NO 7:00- 8:00 AM Adoration</p>
<p>Sat, Dec. 28 4:15 PM confession 4:30 Rosary 5:00 PM Holy Mass</p>
<p>Sun, Dec. 29 11:00 AM - Holy Mass</p>
<p>Pilgrim Virgin Visitation of Homes Dec. 21-Jan. 4 Fred & Debi Green Jan. 4-11 John & Diane Le Veque</p> 

Christmas Eve

Holy Mass 4:00 pm



Christmas Day

Holy Mass 11:00 am

The beginning of the Jubilee

The solemn opening of the Jubilee Year will be held on December 24, 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. The celebration, which will begin at 7 p.m. (Rome time), will be broadcast live on the digital platforms of [Vatican News](#).

With the Opening Rite of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Papal Basilica, the Jubilee Year 2025, which has the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," begins. This time of grace and spiritual renewal was proclaimed by the Holy Father on May 9, 2024 with the publication [the bull Spes non confundit](#).

In the bull, Pope Francis invites the whole Church to live the Jubilee with faith rooted in God, stressing the importance of rediscovering hope, the fruit of trust in Him, and renewing the bonds of fraternity in every sphere of life:

Holy Day of Obligation

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

12/31 - 5:00pm, 1/1 - 11:00 am

Community Prayer Intentions:



Our parish community & all families dealing with health concerns.
 April Lawrence, George Blair, Karen Blair, Michael Bunn, Kris Berg,
 Linda Hallmark, Robert Adams, Tina Campbell, David Blanford,
 Susan Collier, Kathy Garner, Jim Holt, Joseph Height, Vera Gant, Myles
 Harris, Jon Crawford, Carol Gibbs, Connie Garcia, Virginia Loveland,
 Cornelia Sanford, Mark Wallace, Alexander Cardona ,
 Pam Merkel, and Connie Sanders.



Please contact Jeffrey Blair at [REDACTED] to add a name to the prayer list.

Looking Ahead:



To everyone who took an angel from the angel tree to help provide a nice Christmas to families in need and to those who gave their time bell ringing. We appreciate your generosity and participation in our Parish's community outreach.

Merry  **Christmas**

Mass Intentions

Mon.	Dec.	23	Special Intention
Tues.	Dec.	24	9 am-The imprisoned@ Easterling 4 pm Missa Pro Populo
Wed.	Dec.	25	Special Intention
Thurs	Dec.	26	Special Intention
Fri.	Dec.	27	Missa Pro Populo
Sat.	Dec.	28	Special Intention
Sun.	Dec.	29	Missa pro populo

Mass Intentions:

You can have a Mass offered for a special intention or for the repose of the soul of a loved one by calling the office.

Trudy Schroder Women's Bible Study

This group meets on Mondays at 9:30am. The current study is on the Heroines of Biblical History. For more information please call [REDACTED]

Men Of St Martin: This group meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30am in the parish hall. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WEDNESDAY 9:00AM - 8:00PM

The Eucharist exposed in the church for everyone to come in and pray in the presence of the Lord throughout the day.

We ask that when you enter the church, that you please sign the adoration book on the podium in the back of the church when you come in



Parochial Elementary School Principal Search

Saint Pius X Catholic School
 217 S. Sage Ave. Mobile, AL
 Catholic Parochial School,
 Grades PreK4 - 8th; 100+ Students



- Practicing Member of the Catholic Church in Good Standing
- Master's Degree or Enrollment in a Master's Program Required
- Teaching Experience Required
- Administrative Experience Preferred
- Catholic School Experience Preferred
- Bilingual (English/Spanish) Preferred
- Must be Mission Oriented for Evangelization and Catechesis
- Have an understanding that Catholic Education forms the whole person

Resumes and More Information:

kabreo@mobarch.org
 Resume Deadline: January 3

Visit Our Website
www.spsmobile.com/school



Search Committee Members:

Mr. George Naman
 Mrs. Valerie Heint
 Mrs. Betsy Howard
 Mr. Gabriel Campbell
 Mr. Evan Cox
 Rev. Nicholas Napolitano

Proposed Search Committee Timeline:

November - January: Gather Applications
 Late January: Conduct Interviews
 Early February: Narrow Down Applicants
 Mid - Late February: Announce New Principal

Contribution and Tithing totals for 12-15-2024

Regular - Traditional Giving	\$ 2,883.00
Regular - On-Line Giving	\$ 530.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 30.00
Special Collection- Retired Religious	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 3,453.00



St. Martin's Online: There are several ways in which to engage the parish community using technology:

If you would like to set up on-line giving to streamline your generous tithe, you can set it up at osvhub.com/stmartintroy/funds

If you are on Facebook and would like to connect with the parish and receive updates regarding parish life or if you would like to rewatch homilies, like our Facebook page:

facebook.com/stmartintroy

If you would like to receive this bulletin via email instead of as a hard copy, then feel free to email us:

stmartintroyalabama@gmail.com

Finally, please check out our website using this QR code (just hold your phone's camera over the image):



PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE PROGRAM

Parish families are invited to renew their devotion to Jesus through Mary by participating in the Pilgrim Virgin Mary Statue program. Each week the statue of Our Lady will travel to the home of one parish family, or single person, for a weeklong visit. This is a great opportunity to have Our Blessed Mother visit us in our homes! Please call Debi Green, 334.322.3620



Sacramental Information

Baptism:

To have your child baptized, please contact the parish office well in advance of the preferred date. Parents and godparents are expected to attend a meeting to prepare for this sacrament. Godparents should be: in good standing with the Church, practicing the faith, virtuous examples for the children. A full list of requirements for godparents can be obtained in the parish office.

First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation:

Reconciliation and Holy Communion are usually received by children in the second grade. The children must have completed at least one and a half years of Faith Formation before they will be admitted to these sacraments. If you have an older child who needs to make these sacraments special arrangements can be made by calling the office.

Confirmation:

Confirmation is celebrated in the fall of odd years (for example 2021) when teens are in their junior or senior years. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Marriage:

Couples desiring to be married in the Catholic Church should contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance of the desired wedding date. They will need to attend a number of preparation meetings as well as other



Confession is offered each Saturday
30 minutes prior to Holy Mass.

It is also offered every Wednesday
after Holy Mass, during adoration,
from 6:00– 6:30pm.

(Except for on the second Wed. when Father goes to the prison)