

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Parish

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Sun, Jan. 12

11:00AM - Holy Mass

Mon. Jan. 13

9:30AM Women's Bible Study

Tues, Jan. 14

6:30AM - Men of St. Martin
(1st and 3rd Tues. of the month)
5:00PM Holy Mass

Wed, Jan. 15

9:00AM - 8:00PM Adoration
6:30PM OCIA

Thurs, Jan. 16

Fr. Boutin is in Ozark

Fri, Jan 17

6:30AM - Holy Mass
7:00- 8:00AM Adoration

Sat, Jan 11

4:15PM Confession
4:30PM Rosary
5:00PM Holy Mass

Sun, Jan 12

11:00AM - Holy Mass



Pilgrim Virgin
Visitation of
Homes

Jan. 11- 18
The Leveque's
Jan 18-25
Christian Delburn
Jan. 25- Feb.1
The Gooden Fairly

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*The heavens were opened and the voice
of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.*



The Catholic
Charities Appeal
2025

In all things
Charity

Text CCA to 91999

WELCOME THE STRANGER

Hailey is a high school senior from a small town in rural Alabama who never had Catholic friends outside of her parish until she attended ACYC (Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Conference). ACYC filled her with such joy in knowing that there are so many Catholic young people just like her. She learned from the amazing speakers, bonded with those in her breakout groups, and was overwhelmed with emotion in adoration. The experience led her to a deeper relationship with Christ. ACYC is a fantastic opportunity for our teens to come together, escape their daily anxiety, and focus on a community of faith.



"Attending ACYC is great because you get to meet people from across the state who love the Catholic faith as much as I do." —Hailey



ARCHDIOCESE
of
MOBILE

*"For I was hungry and you
gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink..."*

—Matthew 25:35

"You should have received your Catholic Charities Appeal brochure with a letter from Archbishop Rodi, a prayer intention card and a pledge envelope. I ask that you prayerfully consider supporting the 2025 Catholic Charities Appeal. This appeal supports more than 30 ministries within the Archdiocese of Mobile. Our goal is 100% participation. Please complete the pledge card you received with your intended pledge and place it in the collection basket next week or drop it by the parish office."

Women of St. Martin

**Let's get together for storytelling! The Storytelling Festival will be Jan. 25 at the Trojan Center. Sign up on the bulletin board and indicate the time you are able to go to go.
2:30 PM or 6:30 PM**

By Rob Herbst
The Catholic Week



As many as 35 million visitors are expected in Rome in 2025. Many of them will be pilgrims for the jubilee, a holy year the church celebrates every quarter-century that begins on Dec. 24. While numerous events are planned in Rome and at the Vatican to mark the Jubilee 2025, this Holy Year is for the whole Church and there are ways to celebrate without leaving the Archdiocese of Mobile. Like in other U.S. dioceses, Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi has designated pilgrimage sites within the archdiocese at which visitors may receive a plenary indulgence. A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin.

Pilgrimage sites include:

Cathedral-Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Mobile;
Carmelite Monastery, Mobile;
Holy Redeemer Parish, Eufaula;
Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Selma;
St. Bede the Venerable Parish, Montgomery;
St. Jude Monastery, Marbury;
St. Margaret of Scotland Parish, Foley;
St. Martin of Tours Parish, Troy; and
Visitation Monastery, Mobile.

Those making a pilgrimage to one of the above may obtain the Jubilee plenary indulgence if they “devoutly visit any Jubilee site and there, for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any legitimate form, and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God.”

[Visit mobarch.org/documents/2024/12/pilgrimage.pdf for more information on when pilgrimage sites are open.](http://mobarch.org/documents/2024/12/pilgrimage.pdf)

Other ways to celebrate.

1. Go to reconciliation.

The idea of a jubilee or holy year is rooted in the jubilees marked by the Israelites, who saw every 50th year as a special time for forgiveness and reconciliation with God and others. They would leave their fields fallow, replenishing the soil, allow those under slavery to regain their freedom, return land to its former owners, and forgive debts that could not be repaid.

2. Read the jubilee document.

Issued in May, "Spes Non Confundit" is the papal bull of indiction Pope Francis promulgated for the 2025 Jubilee Year. With the Holy Year's theme being "Pilgrims of Hope," it includes a scriptural reflection on hope, as well as an explanation of the meaning of a jubilee year; ideas and encouragement for Christians living out the Holy Year; appeals for accompaniment, mercy and charity for various people in need; and some of the key events and anniversaries the Holy Year will observe.

3. Pray the Jubilee prayer.

Pope Francis has issued a special Jubilee prayer. At 139 words in English, the prayer is easily incorporated into the daily prayers of an individual or a family. It can be found by searching "Jubilee Prayer" at usccb.org.

4. Perform works of mercy.

In "Spes Non Confundit," Pope Francis asks Catholics "to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind." He specifically mentions prisoners, a group he has highlighted by designating a Jubilee Holy Door at Rome's Rebibbia Prison.

5. Review the resources.

The Vatican and USCCB and many dioceses have online resources with information about the church's global and local celebrations of the Jubilee. They include information about the Jewish roots of jubilee years, their history in the Catholic Church, and how to spiritually prepare to receive the Jubilee Indulgence. The Vatican website (iubilaeum2025.va) includes a video of a choir performing "Pilgrims of Hope," the Jubilee's official hymn.

6. Practice hope

In "Spes Non Confundit," Pope Francis underscores that the hope the Jubilee offers is for the universal church. "In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring," he wrote.

— *Our Sunday Visitor's Maria Wiering contributed to this*



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:



The Jubilee Prayer

*Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators
of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
In the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.*

*May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.*

*To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.*

Amen

Mass Intentions

Mon.	Jan.	13	Special Intention
Tues.	Jan.	14	Special Intention
Wed.	Jan.	15	Special Intention
Thurs	Jan.	16	Special Intention
Fri.	Jan.	17	Special Intention
Sat.	Jan.	18	Special Intention
Sun.	Jan.	19	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

Contribution and Tithing totals for 1-5-2025

Regular - Traditional Giving	\$ 3,003.00
Regular - On-Line Giving	\$ 2,270.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 0.00
Special Collection-	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 5,423.00



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, [REDACTED]



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)

Pilgrims of Hope Hymn

Original text: Pierangelo Sequeri

English translation: Andrew Wadsworth

**Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.**

Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people
find a light within your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters
find a home in your dear Son.

**Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.**

God, so tender and so patient,
dawn of hope, you care for all.
Heav'n and earth are recreated
by the Spirit of Life set free.

**Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.**

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,
for our God is born in time.
Son made man for you and many
who will find the way in him.

**Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.**