

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Parish

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Sun, Jan. 5

11:00 am - Holy Mass

Mon. Jan. 6

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Tues, Jan. 7

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

Wed, Jan. 8

11:00 am Holy Mass
OCIA—resumes Jan 14

Thurs, Jan. 9

Fr. Boutin is in Ozark

Fri, Jan 10

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

Sat, Jan 11

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

Sun, Jan 12

11:00 AM - Holy Mass



Pilgrim Virgin
Visitation of
Homes

Jan. 4-11
John & Diane
Le Veque
Jan. 11- 18
The Parker family
Jan 18-23
Christian Delburn

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.



Dear Parishioners,

Greetings from SEEK 2025 in beautiful Salt Lake City, UT. I was able to arrive just in time for the New Years Festivities along with college students from around the country.. I am using this week to reconnect with brother priests from around the country and celebrate the beginning of the 2025 Jubilee Year of Faith as decreed by Pope Francis.

While 2024 was a blessed year for so many, including myself, I am looking forward to the continued journey with all of you this coming year. Holy Mother Church has asked all of it's member to continue to grow in their faith through celebrations throughout the world, the Archdiocese of Mobile, and locally at St. John and St. Martin.

This is a time to remember all that the Lord has done for us. It is also a time to strengthen the bond of unity between pastors and their people. It is my prayer for you and your families that we continue to renew ourselves daily in what I'm calling "The Discipline of Things That Matter". It is my goal to continue to improve methods of instilling the faith through the means of your family life.

I also humbly ask for your prayers for Pope Francis, Archbishop Rodi, Deacon Pattberg, Deacon Newell, and our volunteers and staff. It is impossible for me to do all of this on my own. Their assistance along with your support will help make this Jubilee Year of Faith a truly grace filled year.

In closing, I'm attaching the Prayer from Pope Francis to be prayed at all Sunday masses and Solemnities throughout this year.

Fr. Chris Boutin
Pastor

St. John the Evangelist—Ozark, AL
St. Martin of Tours—Troy, AL

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.](https://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:

Thank You

To everyone who took time out of their day to assist in decorating our church and sanctuary for the Christmas season. It is beautiful and certainly enhances and inspires the time spent here giving glory to God.

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

Table with 4 columns: Day, Month, Date, Intention. Rows include Mon. Jan. 6 Special Intention, Tues. Jan. 7 Special Intention, Wed. Jan. 8 Special Intention, Thurs Jan. 9 Special Intention, Fri. Jan. 10 Special Intention, Sat. Jan. 11 Special Intention, Sun. Jan. 12 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 12-29-2024

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Rows include Regular - Traditional Giving \$2,463.00, Regular - On-Line Giving \$430.00, Christmas Flowers \$.00, Special Collection- \$ 0.00, Total \$2,893.00



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)



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La Oracion del Jubileo

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la *fe* que nos has donado en
tu Hijo Jesucristo, nuestro hermano,
y la llama de *caridad*
infundida en nuestros corazones por
el Espíritu Santo,
despierten en nosotros la bienaventura-
da *esperanza*
en la venida de tu Reino.

Tu gracia nos transforme
en dedicados cultivadores de las semillas del Evan-
gelio
que fermenten la humanidad y el cosmos,
en espera confiada
de los cielos nuevos y de la tierra nueva,
cuando vencidas las fuerzas del mal,
se manifestará para siempre tu gloria.

La gracia del Jubileo
reavive en nosotros, *Peregrinos de Esperanza*,
el anhelo de los bienes celestiales
y derrame en el mundo entero
la alegría y la paz
de nuestro Redentor.

A ti, Dios bendito eternamente,
sea la alabanza y la gloria por los siglos.
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