

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Parish

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Sun, March 16 11:00AM - Holy Mass
Mon. March 17 9:30AM Women's Bible Study
Tues, March 18 6:30AM - Men of St. Martin (1st and 3rd Tues. of the month) 5:15 PM Holy Mass
Wed, March 19 9:00AM -8:00PM Adoration 5:15 pm Holy mass 6:30PM OCIA
Thurs, March 20 Fr. Boutin is in Ozark
Fri, March 21 6:30AM - Holy Mass 7:00- 8:00AM Adoration
Sat, March 22 4:15PM Confession 4:30PM Rosary 5:00PM Holy Mass
Sun, March 23 11:00AM - Holy Mass
 <p>Pilgrim Virgin Visitation of Homes</p> <p>Mar 22-29 Matt & Helen Colley Mar 29- Apr 5 Richard Modlin Family April 5-12</p> <p>OPEN</p>



**PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH,
TERROR OF DEMONS**

Saint Joseph, Terror of Demons, cast thy solemn gaze upon the devil and all his minions, and protect us with thy mighty staff. Thou fled through the night to avoid the devil's wicked designs; now with the power of God, smite the demons as they flee from thee! Grant special protection, we pray, for children, fathers, mothers, families, and the dying. By God's grace, no demon dares approach while thou art near, so we beg of thee, Saint Joseph, always be near to us!

**If you have blessed palms or other blessed religious items
in need of proper disposal,
please place them in the white box on the table
by the exit in the parish hall.**

March and April are the months for the food drive to help support our local Salvation Army. Please bring in canned, boxed or jar items that do not require refrigeration and are NOT expired ! Please place in the box in the parish hall.

**Toiletries for the prison ministry will be collected year round,
please place these donation on the table outside the office door.**

Each Friday during Lent at 5:30 Stations of the Cross

will be led by our college students and FOCUS missionaries. There will booklets available for you to use in the back of the church.
Come in to pray anytime.





Community Prayer Intentions:

Our parish community & all families dealing with health concerns.
April Lawrence, George Blair, Karen Blair, Michael Bunn, Elaine Henry,
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:

If you are a ministry lead or are involved with a community group, and have an announcement to be made before mass or placed in the bulletin, please email your request to bulletinforstmartin@gmail.com by Thursday of each week.

Mass Intentions

Mon.	Mar.	17	HR VanBuskirk Jr (D)
Tues.	Mar.	18	Kris Berg (D)
Wed.	Mar.	19	Clair Lehoullier Fleming (D)
Thurs	Mar.	20	Gay Gutierrez Thomas (D)
Fri.	Mar.	21	James Bruce (D)
Sat.	Mar.	22	Pam Dunn (D)
Sun.	Mar.	23	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



COME AND JOIN OUR Sav-A-Life of Troy Inc. Volunteer Team

- Are you passionate about helping others?
- Do you want to give back to your community?

WE NEED YOU!

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Counselors to share The Gospel
- Social Media Committee
- Mentors to share The Gospel
- Boutique organizers
- Fundraiser Committee

CONTACT US

website: savalifetroy.org
email: wlcoftroy@gmail.com
social media: [@savalifetroy](https://www.instagram.com/savalifetroy)

VOLUNTEER TODAY!



The Garden Club will be resuming in the coming weeks!!! Lets get out and play in the dirt with Ms. Helen and Mr. Matt! They are the masterminds behind our beautiful gardens. Please let us know who would like to join!

Contribution and Tithing totals for 03-09-2025	
Regular - Traditional Giving	\$2,453.00
Regular - On-Line Giving	\$1,516.70
Special Collection- Black & Indian Mission	\$ 135.00
Total	\$ 4,104.70



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)



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.

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