St. Martin of Tours Catholic Parish

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Sun, Dec. 15

11:00 am - Holy Mass

Mon. Dec. 16

9:30 am Women's Bible Study will resume Jan 6 5:15 Holy Mass

Tues, Dec. 17
6:30 am - Men of St. Martin (1st and 3rd Tues. of the month)
5:15 pm Holy Mass

Wed, Dec. 18

6:30 AM- 6:30 PM Confession & Adoration 5:15 pm Holy Mass

OCIA—resumes Jan 8

Thurs, Dec. 19

Fr. Boutin is in Ozark

Fri, Dec. 20

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

Sat, Dec. 21

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

Sun, Dec. 22

11:00 AM - Holy Mass



Pilgrim Virgin Visitation of Homes

Dec. 14-21
Vanderpol Family
Dec. 21-Jan. 4
Fred & Debi Green
Jan. 4-11
John & Diane
Le Veque

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.



There are Advent devotional books in the back of the church for you to take home as well as 2025 Calendars.



Christmas Eve

Holy Mass 4:00 pm

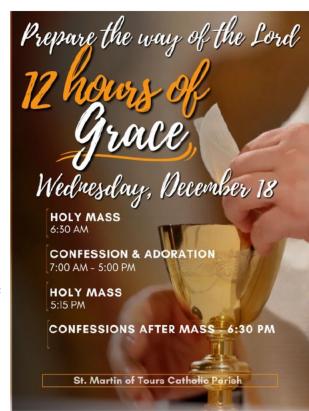
Christmas Day

Holy Mass 11:00 am

Holy Day of Obligation
Solemnity of Mary, the
Holy Mother of God

1/1 - 11:00 am

12/31 - 5:00pm



Volunteers Needed !!!

We need volunteers TODAY, Sunday, Dec.15, to remove our Christmas decorations out of storage in the garage. This will only take a few minutes with a few strong arms.

On Dec. 21 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 beautifuly decorated church ever!



Community Prayer Intentions:



Our parish community & all families dealing with health concerns.
April Lawrence, George Blair, Karen Blair, Jeff Huner, 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

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.

Parish Outreach

The **coat drive** is underway. If you have a new or gently used coat you would like to donate, please drop it off in the box in the parish hall.

Also, **Toiletries for prisoners** – soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant please bring them in as well.

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



Search Committee Members:

Mr. George Naman Mrs. Valerie Heinl 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

Mass Intentions

to add a name to

Mon. Dec. 16 Special Intention

Tues. Dec. 17 Special Intention

Wed. Dec. 18 Special Intention

Thurs Dec. 19 Special Intention

Fri. Dec. 20 Special Intention

Sat. Dec. 21 Special Intention

Sun. Dec. 22 Missa poro 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

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 to worship.

Contribution and Tithing totals for 12-8-2024

Regular - Traditional Giving	\$3223.00
Regular - On-Line Giving	\$ 2515.00
Special Collection- Retired Relgious	\$ 170.00
Total	\$5908.00



<u>St. Martin's Online:</u> 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.



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)