

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Parish

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Sun, Dec. 8

11:00 am - Holy Mass

Mon. Dec. 9

9:30 am Women's Bible Study
5:15 Holy Mass

Tues, Dec. 10

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

Wed, Dec. 11

9:00 am-8:00 pm Adoration
5:15 pm Holy Mass
Confessions before Mass
Fr. Goes to the prison
this week
OCIA—resumes Jan 8

Thurs, Dec. 12

Fr. Boutin is in Ozark
Mass is at 8:30 am

Fri, Dec. 13

6:30 am - Holy Mass

Sat, Dec. 14

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

Sun, Dec. 15

11:00 am - Holy Mass

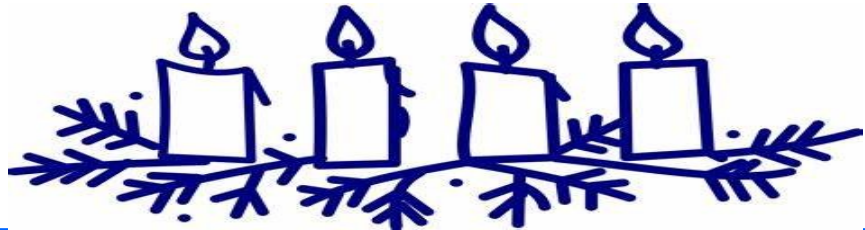


Pilgrim Virgin
Visitation of
Homes

Dec. 7-14
Ramsey Adams
Dec. 14-21
Vanderpol Family
Dec. 21-28
Fred & Debi Green

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.**



Monday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

It is not a holy day of obligation.

**Mass will be offered at 8:30AM at St. John in Ozark
and at 5:15 PM here at St. Martin.**

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

What are devotions?

Popular devotions are expressions of love and fidelity that arise from the intersection of one's own faith, culture and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As Saint John Paul II said in 2001:

"Genuine forms of popular piety, expressed in a multitude of different ways, derives from the faith and, therefore, must be valued and promoted. Such authentic expressions of popular piety are not at odds with the centrality of the Sacred Liturgy. Rather, in promoting the faith of the people, who regard popular piety as a natural religious expression, they predispose the people for the celebration of the Sacred Mysteries.

Devotions promote the faith of the people.

The correct relationship between these two expressions of faith must be based on certain firm principles, the first of which recognizes that the Liturgy is the center of the Church's life and cannot be substituted by, or placed on a par with, any other form of religious expression. Moreover, it is important to reaffirm that popular religiosity, even if not always evident, naturally culminates in the celebration of the Liturgy towards which it should ideally be oriented. This should be made clear through suitable catechesis" (Address to the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, September 21, 2001).

Join with the Church as she expresses her praise and devotion to God through many [popular devotional practices](#).

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 [REDACTED] to add a name to the prayer list.

Looking Ahead:

Mark your calendars and plan now to attend our parish functions!



DEC.15



Parish & Childrens' Christmas Party

Mass Intentions

Mon.	Dec.	9	Gilda Cuizo (D)
Tues.	Dec.	10	Gilda Cuzio (D)
Wed.	Dec.	11	Robert Cuzio Jr. (D)
Thurs	Dec.	12	Joseph Cuizo Jr.(D)
Fri.	Dec.	13	Jason Damion (D)
Sat.	Dec.	14	Billy Damian (D)
Sun.	Dec.	15	Missa pro populo

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.

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 to worship.



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.spxmobile.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 12-1-2024

Regular - Traditional Giving	\$ 2,218.00
Regular - On-Line Giving	\$ 470.00
Special Collection—Christmas	\$ 15.00
Special Collection— Retired Religious	\$ 15.00
Total	\$2,718.50



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)