



St. Martin of Tours CATHOLIC CHURCH

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 9, 2017

Father Den Irwin, Pastor, 566-2630

frdenirwin@yahoo.com (for confidential email)

stmartintroyalabama@gmail.com

725 Elba Hwy, Troy, AL 36079

bulletinforstmartin@gmail.com

www.stmartinoftourscatholicchurch.com

Deacon Dave Newell, Parish Deacon

334-806-6700, d2newell1@me.com

This Week at St. Martin

Sunday, April 9

CCD—8:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation – 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary – 9:30 am
Holy Mass – 10:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sorrell Chapel—4:35 pm
Holy Mass, Sorrell Chapel—5:00 pm
No Meeting: Jr. High & High School Teen Meeting
Seder Supper - 6:30 pm

Monday, April 10

The Trudy Schroeder Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am
Holy Mass - 12:15 pm (Special Time)

Tuesday, April 11

Live Stations of the Cross - 6:00 pm
No Holy Mass

Wednesday, April 12

Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Thursday, April 13

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm

Friday, April 14

Stations of the Cross - 3:15 pm
Good Friday, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 15

Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 16

No Meeting: CCD
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary - 9:30 am
Easter Sunday Mass – 10:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt - following Mass
No Meeting: Jr. High & High School Teen Meeting

Gospel Acclamation: Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. Philippians 2:8-9

Seder Supper, Sunday, April 9th at 6:30

pm: Families are asked to bring any 2 of the following: side dish, salad, dessert.

Rice Bowls (donations for the poor collected during Lent): are due on Easter Sunday.

25% of the money collected will be used here locally to help the poor; 75% of it will go to CRS, Catholic Relief Services; they carry out international relief efforts including aiding those who suffer due to natural disasters, war, and to help the poor and the needy.

Please Come to Holy Week Masses and

Services: please come to as many of our Holy Week Liturgies as possible. These are the most beautiful and solemn liturgies of the year. They will leave a lasting impression on your children.

Children Preparing For First Holy

Communion: will be part of the procession with the Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday evening. Let us pray that they will continue to prepare well so that they are ready to receive our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

For the Week of April 16th: Holy Mass will be offered on Monday, the 17th at 5:15 pm and Adoration will be Canceled on Wednesday April 19th due to the 24 Hours of Adoration for Friday – Saturday, April 21-22.

Big Thanks to Jana Rogers & Kelsey

Burgans: for taking care of refreshments for all four nights of our parish mission! That was a lot of work and was greatly appreciated by everyone.

Mark your Calendars: Spring Party, Friday, April 28th.

We will have live music and tons of fun, at this outdoor and adult-only event. Stay tuned for more details.

Personal Hygiene for Prisoners & Canned Goods for the Troy

Area: About 250 of the prisoners at Easterling Prison, where Fr. Irwin visits once a month, are indigent and cannot afford to buy their own supplies. Therefore, please **only donate** the following: deodorants (non-aerosol), bar soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes for these men (there is not a lot of need for shampoo). Please note: the prison has strict rules as to what you can bring in! These items are given only to those who cannot afford them. Please leave these items in the box in the parish hall. Our Lord said, “I was in prison and you visited me” Matt 25. **Please turn these items in by Easter Sunday.**

Fasting & Abstinence on Good Friday until Easter:

All Catholics 14 years of age or older should abstain from meat on Good Friday. All adults from age 18 to the beginning of their sixtieth year should fast as well on this day. Fasting means eating one full meal, and two smaller meals – if necessary. These two meals together should not equal the full meal. Obviously, if you are up in years or have a health condition, you are not obligated to fast.

You are encouraged to continue the fast through Holy Saturday if possible. Lent officially ends just before the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday. However, while there is reason to celebrate Thursday evening because it is the night on which Jesus gave us himself in the Eucharist and instituted the priesthood, it is a traditional and worthy practice of the Church to extend the fast so that we are ready and prepared to celebrate the Lord’s resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Way of the Cross in downtown Montgomery:

The 9th annual *Way of the Cross* in downtown Montgomery will take place on Good Friday, April 14, starting at 12-noon at St. Peter Catholic Church. The silent procession will wind through downtown and stop at the RSA park, State Capitol Building, State House, and Supreme Court building for readings and meditations. The event will happen RAIN or SHINE. For more information contact Marinella Lentis at clmontgomery09@gmail.com or visit <https://wayofthecrossmontgomery.wordpress.com/>

Those Preparing to Become Catholic in our parish deserve our prayers; please pray for them: Phylecya Cheatham is preparing for Baptism, and Seth Hundley, Stan Rutter, Jamie Leverette, & Matt Young are Christians preparing to come into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Yard Workers Needed: if you could help mow, edge, & trim the grass on our property, please give Vern Crowe a call (██████). We could really use your help, and it is a great service to the parish.

Pray the Rosary Sunday at 9:30 am



Let us Pray for:

Raymond F. Klein, Mike McCorkle, Sharon Listul, Ellen Blum, Bruce Tustin, and Carol Gibbs. Please send an email to [REDACTED] to add or remove a name from the prayer list.



Renovating the Old Rectory: The old rectory is located above the parish office and consists of a living room, small kitchen, and two bedrooms with their corresponding bathrooms. Because it is so small in its current layout, it is a much underutilized space. The living room can only seat about 11 people comfortably and so is not usable for our teens, Spanish speakers or adult faith study groups. The proposed renovation would be fairly simple and inexpensive. It would involve: removing the old, dirty carpet and replacing it with some type of laminate flooring, painting the walls, and adding some lighting. Furthermore, the biggest change would involve taking out two walls so that the living room, kitchen and one of the bedrooms become one large room (the other bedroom would remain intact). Fr. Irwin presented the idea to the pastoral council, and there was unanimous approval among the eight members at the meeting (one council member being absent). Best of all, through the donation of a parishioner, the entire cost of the renovations will most likely be covered.

Divine Mercy Devotion: Pope John Paul II proclaimed the second Sunday of Easter "Divine Mercy Sunday" back in the year 2000. In doing so, he recognized the authenticity of the apparitions of Jesus to a Polish nun named Sr. Faustina (who is now a saint). Jesus revealed to this nun the depths of the infinite mercy of God and invited everyone to come and experience the healing power of God's mercy. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday. Pick up a pamphlet at the back of the church so that you can participate.

***Divine Mercy Holy Hour Sunday, April 23rd 3:00 – 4:00 pm.**

Traditional Latin Mass: will be offered Sunday, April 23, at 12:30 p.m. Father will be celebrating a *Missa Cantata* in the Extraordinary Form. Everyone is welcome.

24 Hours of Adoration: In thanksgiving for God's blessings and in order to pray for our parish during this year, we will have 24 hours of adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, beginning Friday, April 21 at 4:30 pm – Saturday, April 22 at 4:30 pm. Please mark your calendars. More info will be forthcoming.

Collection to Aid the Church in Central & Eastern Europe & Africa this Week. This collection aids many of the countries where the Church was severely persecuted by Communism as well as countries in Africa where there is much poverty. The money goes to help build parishes, schools and seminaries and also aids the poor.

Spotlight on FORMED.ORG

Movie: "Don Bosco". Don Bosco was a priest who spent his life working with boys from troubled homes. To attract them he would do acrobatic stunts and challenge them to races etc.

Talk:

- Why God Still Matters by Karlo Broussard
- My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent by Bishop Robert Barron
- Forgiven: the Transforming Power of Confession (Series)

Children's Movie: "The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima"

- Use FORMED.ORG on your computer, tablet, or smartphone.
- Scripture Studies, Adult Faith Formation, Marriage Preparation and Enrichment, RCIA, Sacrament Preparation, Small Group Teen Discipleship, and much more!

The Parish Code for Access to FORMED.ORG: is [REDACTED]. Please keep in mind that this code is for our parishioners and students only. I believe very strongly in honoring these sorts of rules. After all, if we want good Catholic material to learn from and share with our children, someone has to pay for it! (In case friends from other places enquire about getting access to FORMED, individuals are welcome to purchase access to the site as well as parishes). Thanks, Fr. Irwin

Tithing Report April 2, 2017

Regular - \$3,636.63
Catholic Relief Services -
\$200.00

Total - \$3,836.63

Renovation Campaign
Pledges Received - \$92,619.00
Percent of Total Pledged - 88%

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April (8th 5:30 pm) 9th (10:00 am)

Following the ancient tradition of the Church, today we will bless the palms and have a solemn procession commemorating Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. As we read in the gospel all the people came out with palm branches and laid their cloaks on the road before our Lord, crying out "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord." We also welcome Jesus knowing that he comes to die for us.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum (Triduum = three days)

Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper April 13th, 7:00 pm

This is a beautiful liturgy in which we reenact when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples on the night before he died. Immediately following Mass we will have a solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Following the procession, you are invited to stay as long as you wish with our Lord because on this night Jesus suffered greatly in the Garden of Gethsemane. Adoration will conclude at 12:00 midnight.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) April 14th, 7:00 pm

At this liturgy we venerate the cross and pray special prayers for the Church, Christians, those of other faiths, and for people all over the world. We lift all these people up before our Savior who died for them. There is no Mass today because it was on this day that our Lord died for us, and so the liturgy is very solemn, simple and quiet. There is a special collection for the Holy Land.

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Good Friday @ 3:15 pm

Holy Saturday, April 15th

Some of the great minds of the Church called this a non-day, since our blessed Lord has died and has been buried. Therefore, we spend this day quietly preparing for a grand celebration of the Lord's resurrection. If at all possible, the fast of Good Friday is to extend through Holy Saturday; this is to say, the celebrating does not begin until Easter.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, Saturday, April 15th, 8:00 pm

This liturgy is the climax of the entire church year as we gather to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection late in the evening. The liturgy begins in darkness; but the darkness is soon dispelled by the light of Christ, symbolized by the Paschal Candle. We hear a number of readings which recount for us salvation history. After a long lenten wait, we sing the Gloria with joy. We baptize our Elect and confirm our Candidates. Then we renew our baptismal promises and are sprinkled with holy water. Finally, we celebrate the sacred banquet of the Lord's Body and Blood, where our new Catholics are welcomed to join us in the Eucharistic Feast for the first time.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

At the Mass during the Day, April 16th, 10 am

We continue the celebration of our Lord's glorious resurrection from the dead at the Mass in the morning.

Live Stations of the Cross: courtesy of our College students Tuesday, April 11th at 6:00 pm in the church. There will be a potluck supper following stations in the hall. Please bring a side dish or salad if possible.

Easter Egg Hunt: following Holy Mass Easter Sunday. Refreshments will be provided.

Liturgical Volunteers & Decorators Needed For Easter Triduum: Please sign up for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. We will need help decorating as well.

Parents Please bring Easter Eggs: parents whose children will be participating in the Easter egg hunt are asked to bring 12 plastic eggs stuffed with candy to the church and place them in the chapel Saturday, April 15th. Please contact Adriana, our secretary, if you can help hide them before Holy Mass Easter morning.