



# St. Martin of Tours CATHOLIC PARISH

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**The Third Sunday of Advent (Year B, the Gospel of Mark)**

—December 17, 2017

**Gospel Acclamation:** *God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life. John 3:16*

**Traditional Latin Mass:** Today Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. Fr. Irwin will be celebrating a Missa Cantata in the Extraordinary Form. Everyone is welcome.

**Holy Mass & Confessions in Vietnamese:** Fr. Vu from Birmingham will be here today Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> to hear confessions beginning at 2:00 pm and to celebrate Holy Mass in Vietnamese at 3:30 pm.

**If You or Someone You Know is in Need of a**

**Coat:** please let Jeffrey Blair know: [REDACTED]

**Christmas Schedule:** Christmas Eve Masses: 5:30 pm and 12:00 midnight. Christmas Day 10 am. Carols begin at 5:10 for the 5:30 Christmas Eve Mass. **Please invite Someone to Christmas Mass:** What a great opportunity for us to open our doors to visitors and inactive Catho-

**Catholics are Obligated to Attend Holy Mass Sunday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> as well as Mass for Christmas:** Christmas falls on a Monday this year and many parishioners will choose to go to Holy Mass Sunday evening (Dec. 24). Even if this is the case, Catholics are still obligated to go to Mass for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Saturday, Dec. 23 or Sunday morning).

**The Parish Christmas Party is this Sunday December 17 at 5:00 pm** in the parish hall. The parish will provide the meat and desserts, parishioners are asked to bring two dishes. Oh, and Santa will be here as well.

**Ministers Needed to Serve at Christmas Masses:** Please sign up if you can serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Usher, Altar Server, or Gift Bearer at one of the Christmas Masses. Sign up sheets are available on the parish hall bulletin board.

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday:** Gaudete is a Latin word that means rejoice; we rejoice on this Sunday because the coming of the Lord is near; the priest wears rose colored vestments to mark this day.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** We will have adoration this Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>st</sup> until 5:00 pm. Adoration will be suspended for Wednesday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, as many of our adorers will be out of town.

**Memorial Gifts toward Christmas Flowers:** If you would like to give toward our Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one(s), please use one of the red envelopes on the tables at the back of the church and clearly print the name(s) of your loved ones on it.

**Please pick up your New Envelopes in the Hall:** your name should be on your set if you have had envelopes before. Otherwise, please follow the directions. **Please be aware that the numbers may have changed. Go by your name and not your number.**

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

### Sunday, December 17

No CCD K-8th  
Sacrament of Reconciliation – 9:30 to 9:45 am  
Rosary – 9:30 am  
**Holy Mass** – 10:00 am  
**Missa Cantata, Traditional Latin Mass** - 12:30 pm  
Sacrament of Reconciliation in Vietnamese - 2:00 pm  
**Holy Mass in Vietnamese** - 3:30 pm  
No Holy Mass at Sorrell Chapel  
No High School Meeting  
Parish Christmas Party - 5:00 pm

### Monday, December 18

No Trudy Schroeder Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday, December 19

Men of St. Martin - 6:30 am  
**Holy Mass** - 5:15 pm

### Wednesday, December 20

Adoration - 9 am - 5 pm  
**Holy Mass** - 5:15 pm

### Thursday, December 21

**Holy Mass** - 12:15 pm  
No RCIA  
Bible Study in Spanish - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### Friday, December 22

**Holy Mass** - 6:30 am

### Saturday, December 23

Sacrament of Reconciliation – 4:45 to 5:15 pm  
**Holy Mass**—5:30 pm

### Sunday, December 24

No CCD  
Sacrament of Reconciliation – 9:30 to 9:45 am  
Rosary – 9:30 am  
**Holy Mass** – 10:00 am  
**Christmas Eve Holy Masses** - 5:30 pm & 12:00 am (midnight)  
No Holy Mass at Sorrell Chapel  
No High School Meeting

*Pray the Rosary Sunday at 9:30 am*



## Let us Pray for:

Mack Brownlee, Nicholas Drosyk, Ellen Blum and Brian Britt. Please send an email to [REDACTED] to add or remove a name from the prayer list.



**Thanks to Everyone who Helped with the Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army:** special thanks to Jeff and Stace Blair for heading this up.

**Please Remember your Parish in your Will:** We are blessed with a great parish. Let's make sure that it remains that way for years to come.

### **Did you know that our parish has subscribed to a great Website called Formed.org.**

Every parishioner and student will soon be able to go to Formed.org and ...

- 24/7 access to the truth, beauty, and meaning of the Catholic Faith anytime, anywhere... with FORMED
- Use it on your computer, tablet, or smartphone.
- Catholic movies for both adults and children
- Informative and inspiring teaching from renowned speakers Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Edward Sri, Bishop Robert Barron, Dr. Tim Gray, Father Michael Gaitley, Teresa Tomeo... and many more
- Multiple programs to address multiple parish needs:
  - 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

### SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK

#### **Saturday – December 23, 2017**

Greeters:

Lectors: Brittney Meyer, Anna Gooden

Ushers: John Leveque, Michael Meyer

Gift Bearers: The Messick Family

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Dianne Leveque, Julia Tran

Altar Servers:

**Please note that there is a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall for the following Services**

**10:00 am, Sunday, December 24**

**5:00 pm and Midnight, Sunday Christmas Eve Services**

**10:00 am, Monday, Christmas Day**

**Please let us know if we have any Families in Need:** in our parish. We can make sure that they will have food (and possibly gifts) for Thanksgiving & Christmas. You may inform Jeff Blair [REDACTED] head of Outreach and Evangelization, or Fr. Irwin.

**New Missalettes/ Hymnals:** the publisher, OCP, has discontinued the thin missalette that we have been using for Holy Mass. Therefore, we have purchased a missalette/hymnal that we will use for the next three years (therefore, we will have to take good care of them). It will take some getting used to since there are no page numbers. However, the hymns are all numbered as are the Sunday readings.

### **Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for June**



**The Elderly** - That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

**SEARCH Retreat for High School Youth:** is coming up January 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> at Children's Harbor on Lake Martin in Alexander City. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.ArchMobYouth.org/Search>. Search retreats are a ministry of the Archdiocesan Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry. This is an Archdiocesan sponsored retreat. It's a tradition spanning back over 50 years and can change your LIFE. There have been teens that have done a 180 turnaround in their faith life after they attended SEARCH. SEARCH retreat is directed by a group of teens from our Archdiocese to bring teens closer to Christ. On a SEARCH Weekend there is sharing by the team members, songs, prayer, small group discussions, Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation, quiet time and great fellowship. The weekend begins on Friday evening and goes to Sunday afternoon. Registration cost is **\$100.00**. Applications for this retreat will be accepted until January 2<sup>nd</sup> or until the retreat is full. Your registration fee includes sleeping quarters, meals, and all the materials for the weekend. Scholarships are available; **COST SHOULD NEVER KEEP SOMEONE FROM GOING ON THIS RETREAT**. Please see Parker or Emily Reiss or Fr. Irwin if money is an issue. For more info and registration forms visit [www.archmobyouth.org/search](http://www.archmobyouth.org/search) or contact Adam Ganuchau at [oym@mobarch.org](mailto:oym@mobarch.org).

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### **Tithing Report December 10, 2017**

Regular - \$2,361.00  
Special Collection - Retired  
Religious - \$521.00  
Total - \$2,882.00

**Renovation Campaign**  
Pledges Received - \$97,929.00  
Percent of Total Pledged - 92%