



# St. Martin of Tours CATHOLIC PARISH

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**The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B, the Gospel of Mark)  
— January 21, 2018**

*Gospel Acclamation: The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel. Mark 1:15*

**Fr. Irwin on a Personal Retreat Jan. 22-28th:**

Please contact Deacon Dave in case of emergency (his info. is at the top of the bulletin).

**Changes in the Schedule Jan. 22-28<sup>th</sup>:** Holy Mass will be offered Monday Jan 22 at 6:30 am and Wednesday, Jan 24 at 5:15 pm. Adoration will go on as scheduled from 9 am – 8 pm.

**St. Martin is on Facebook:** Check us out there at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. Be sure to like our page so you see all of our updates.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN**

**Sunday, January 21**

CCD K-8th - 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  
High School Meeting - 6:15 pm - 7:30pm

**Monday, January 22**

Holy Mass - 6:30 am  
The Trudy Schroeder Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am

**Tuesday, January 23**

No Holy Mass

**Wednesday, January 24**

Adoration - 9 am - 8 pm  
Holy Mass - 5:15 pm  
Bible Study in Spanish - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Thursday, January 25**

No Holy Mass  
RCIA - 6:00 pm

**Friday, January 26**

No Holy Mass

**Saturday, January 27**

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

**Sunday, January 28**

CCD K – 8th - 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  
High School Meeting - 6:15 pm - 7:30pm

**Catholic Charities Appeal Begins This Weekend**

This year's theme is: *"We are the Hands of Christ reaching out to those in need"*

**What is it?** Catholic Charities is the Annual Archdiocesan appeal that funds more than 30 agencies and programs for the poor and needy, children, teens, college students and adults.

**What are some of these programs & agencies?** One program is our own campus ministry here at Troy University. We would not be able to have our Newman Center, four FOCUS missionaries, nor offer the students the opportunities to learn and do spiritual activities without the substantial help that Catholic Charities provides. In addition, two of our agencies are the Catholic Social Service offices in Dothan and Montgomery; they give direct aid to the poor. Other ministries include: Youth Ministry, Crisis Pregnancy ministries, outreach to the disabled and elderly, Prison Ministry, and Hispanic Ministry.

**How much should I give?** The basic pledge is \$45 per month. Many people can and do give more; others give less, all according to their ability. The money goes toward helping those who are materially less fortunate as well as to help spread the good news of God's love. Jana Rogers will serve as our appeal chairperson again this year; Jana may be calling you to give you an opportunity to donate. Thank you Jana!

**How do I give?** There are a number of ways; please see a Catholic Charities envelope for details. Hopefully, an envelope was mailed to you with a letter from Archbishop Rodi. Please fill out this envelope and put it in the collection basket next weekend or feel free to drop it by the parish office. If you prefer to donate online, you can text "CCA2018" to 41444 for a link. Envelopes are also available in the church if for some reason you did not receive one.

**Check out the Catholic Charities Video:** it is excellent. It is posted on our website as well as the Archdiocesan website.

**Would You Like to Bulletin Emailed to You?** Then simply send an email to [stmartintroyalabama@gmail.com/](mailto:stmartintroyalabama@gmail.com). Please put "Email me the bulletin" in the subject line, and we will get it to you hot off the press!

**Let's get our Kids to CCD on Sunday Mornings:** Dear parents, with the year of religious education more than half over, please renew your resolve to have your children here each Sunday and on time: 8:30 am. Our parents, college students, & parishioners who have volunteered to serve as catechists for this year are working hard to help you pass on the faith to your kids. Let's honor their efforts and dedication!



*Pray the Rosary Sunday at 9:30 am*

## Let us Pray for:

Debi Green, The Spitulski Family, Mack Brownlee, Nicholas Drosyik, Ellen Blum and Brian Britt.  
Please send an email to [REDACTED] to add or remove a name from the prayer list.



**Called to Lead Men's Conference February 21 at Holy Spirit Parish, Montgomery:** (it will happen again in Mobile on February 22). Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, (a Franciscan priest) will be the featured speaker. Fr. Dave has spoken at many national events including Steubenville youth conferences, and he recently produced a series on the Holy Spirit called, "The Wild Goose" (check it out at [www.thewildgooseisloose.com](http://www.thewildgooseisloose.com)). This conference is open to men as well as young men who are juniors or seniors in high school. For more information or to register, please visit <http://www.mobarchconferences.org/called-to-lead>. The parish will reimburse you for the cost of the conference if you register and attend.

**ACYC 2018 (Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Conference) "VERSO L'ALTO" (Toward the Heights) February 23- 25:** at Perdido Beach Resort. The cost is \$100 per person or \$150 for two teens in a family. However, money should never stop anyone who is part of our youth group from going. Talk to Father Irwin or Emily or Parker if there is a problem. Please turn in your registration forms and payment no later than January 21<sup>st</sup>. Please see Emily or Parker for a registration form or call Adriana in the office.

**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 – January 27, 2018**

Greeters: Volunteers  
Lectors: Anna Gooden, Beth Ann Gibson  
Ushers: Jeffrey and Patrick Messick  
Gift Bearers: The Nguyen Family  
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Nick Drosyik, Barbara Staskowski  
Altar Servers: Volunteers

#### **Sunday – January 28, 2018**

Greeters: Christopher Marco, Anne Klinkhammer  
Lectors: Mike Orlofsky, Marco Torres, Jr.  
Ushers: Christopher Marco, Parker Reiss  
Gift Bearers: Anna Chuplis, Jo Ann Gibson  
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Chris Huner, Barry Smolcic, Pat Block  
Altar Servers: Brady and Hannah Huner, Dominic Estis

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 – 25<sup>th</sup>:** The theme for the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which is celebrated Jan. 18-25, is "Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power." The theme, taken from Exodus 15:6, points to the glorious power of God to draw people together in the desire for Christian unity.

**The U.S. bishops annual novena 9 Days for Life:** takes place January 18 – 26. *9 Days for Life* is a "digital pilgrimage" of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. A multi-faceted novena highlighting a different intention each day provides reflections, bonus information, and suggested actions. Join to receive the novena through the 9 Days for Life app, daily emails, or daily texts. See below for information on how else you can get involved! #9DaysforLife #OurPrayersMatter. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!

**Monday, January 22 a day of Penance:** is the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. In all the dioceses of the United States, our bishops have asked that this day be observed as a particular day of penance for violations against the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion; they ask as well that this day be one of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. We ask parishioners to offer special prayers and do penance for that intention. Holy Mass will be offered at 6:30 am.

**Attention Ladies of the Parish:** The Dothan Deanery Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) will hold its quarterly meeting and luncheon on Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> in St. John the Evangelist Parish, 123 Heath Street, Enterprise, AL 36330. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.; The business meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. Recitation of the Rosary begins at 10:40 a.m. followed by Holy Mass at 11:00 a.m. Lunch follows at 12:00. Please call for more information 334-347-6751.

**Thank You Catholic Extension Society:** As we begin to make use of the new calendars provided by the Catholic Extension Society, it is appropriate for us to pray for God's blessing upon the Society since they gave us almost \$51,000 (about 8% of the total cost) to build our church back in the 1970's. (It is good for us to recall as well that we received sacrificial donations from St. Bernard in Alpena, Michigan and from a number of individuals and groups; we also received a loan of \$49,400 from the Archdiocese of Mobile).

#### **Tithing Report January 14, 2018**

Regular - \$3,878.70

Total - \$3,878.70

#### **Renovation Campaign**

Pledges Received - \$98,209.00

Percent of Total Pledged - 92%