



# St. Martin of Tours CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 22, 2017**

*Gospel Acclamation: Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.  
cf. Matthew 4:23*

**Fr. Irwin will be out of Town on Personal Retreat from Jan. 23-28:** In case of an emergency, please contact Deacon Dave at 334-806-6700.

**Monday, January 23 a day of Penance:** January 22nd 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. Please note that the day of penance is observed on Monday, Jan. 23rd since Jan. 22 falls on a Sunday.

**Changes to the Schedule this Week:** Holy Mass will be offered Monday at 6:30 am and Wednesday at 5:15 pm. We will also have Adoration on Wednesday from 9 am – 8 pm. There will be no Holy Mass on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

### Sunday, January 22

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  
Jr. High & High School Teen Meeting - 6:15 pm - 7:30pm

### Monday, January 23

**Holy Mass** - 6:30 am  
Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am

### Wednesday, January 25

Adoration - 9 am - 8 pm  
**Holy Mass** - 5:15 pm

### Thursday, January 26

RCIA - 6:00 pm  
Bible Study in Spanish - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### Saturday, January 28

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

### Sunday, January 29

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  
Jr. High & High School Teen Meeting - 6:15 pm - 7:30pm

## Catholic Charities Appeal Begins This Weekend

This year's theme is: *"Be the Light of Christ... your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."* Matthew 5:16

**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 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!

**Please sign up for our Annual Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) Party:** Plan on bringing the whole family Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> for some great food and fun. Please sign up on the bulletin board and let us know how many people are coming by January 29<sup>th</sup>; we need a count so that we can order the shrimp. Please bring a side and a dessert.

**We welcome more Adorers:** As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord where we recall the 3 wise men who came to do the new born King homage and offer him gifts, please consider signing up for a time slot for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which is offered on Wednesdays from 9 am – 8 pm. It would be great if we had a few people per hour; that way, if someone will be out of town, there would be others to cover for that person. **We can also use substitutes.** One of the greatest gifts we can give God is our time. Our dear Lord is just waiting on us to come and spend some time with him. For more info please contact Barbara Patterson [REDACTED].

**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, 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:

Mike McCorkle, Sharon Listul, Denise Broxton, K.D. Blair, Ellen Blum, Bruce Tustin, Charles Owens and Carol Gibbs. Please send an email to [REDACTED] to add or remove a name from the prayer list.



**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

**Attention Ladies of the Parish:** The Dothan Deanery Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) will hold its quarterly meeting and luncheon on January 26th in Andalusia at Christ the King. The day begins at 9; there will be a business meeting at 9:30 am, followed by the rosary, Mass, lunch, and speaker. Please let Pat Shakespeare (334) 222-1382 know by January 19th if you can attend.

### Spotlight on FORMED.ORG

#### Audio:

"Prepare the Way of the King" Dr. Scott Hahn  
"The True Meaning of Christmas" Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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"Bakita From Slave to Saint"  
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### SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK

#### Saturday – January 28, 2017

Greeters: Chris Gambles  
Lectors: Maria Bernardo, Brittney Meyer  
Ushers: Michael Meyer, John Leveque  
Gift Bearers: The Gibbs Family  
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Barbara Staskowski, Nick Drosyk  
Altar Servers:

#### Sunday – January 29, 2017

Greeters: Jeffrey and Stace Blair  
Lectors: Mark Christensen, Emily Reiss  
Ushers: Parker Reiss, Bobby Hussey  
Gift Bearers: Anna Chuplis, Jo Ann Gibson  
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Chris Huner, Randy Leutzinger  
Altar Servers: Isabel Robledo, Dominic Estis, Brady Huner

**For the months of January & February we will be visiting the elderly:** If you know of an elderly person that may like a visit and help around the house please contact Fr. Irwin or Jeffrey Blair at home [REDACTED].

**The U.S. bishops annual novena 9 Days for Life:** takes place Saturday, January 21 – Sunday, January 29. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!

**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.)

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 – 25th.** The theme for this year is "Reconciliation-The Love of Christ Compels Us." (cf. 2 Cor 5:14-20). The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a [history of over 100 years](#) . . . , in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. *John 17:21*). Let us continue to pray for greater unity among Christians.

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

**Retreat Opportunity:** Women's Retreat Coheirs to Eternal Life will be held January 27-29, 2017 presented by Fr. Anthony Mary Stelten, MFVA. For more information, please contact The Sister Servants of the Eternal Word, 3721 Belmont Road, Birmingham, AL 35210-3434. For more information visit the website at: [www.sisterservants.org](http://www.sisterservants.org) or call 205-956-6760.

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#### Tithing Report January 15, 2016

Regular - \$2,759.60

Total - \$2,759.60

#### Renovation Campaign

Pledges Received - \$91,389.00  
Percent of Total Pledged - 87%