

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 6, 2025



OUR MISSION

To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOME TO ST. MARTIN'S

IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST,
WELCOME.

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, "Come, follow Me ..." (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 77 million people. Our Parish Church considers it a tremendous honor to be a place where men, women, youth and children can grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, come to know and use their own spiritual gifts, and discover a personal ministry to be expressed both in the Church, the greater Houston area and beyond.

We want to invite you to participate in our worship services and as many of our activities and ministries as your own commitments and time will allow.

Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, we thank You that You have called us as members of Your family into this beautiful house of God. Grant that here we may feel Your presence and the beauty of Your peace, and that, as we return to our homes and work, we may sense Your guiding hand and loving care and be used in the service of our neighbors, our nation and the world, and all You send our way, through Him Who came not to condemn the world but to save it, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

- *St. Martin's is a gun-free Campus.*
 - *To use a hearing assisted device, see one of our ushers.*
 - *St. Martin's asks that anyone coming into a worship service not bring oversized or large backpacks.*
 - *Please silence all cell phones when entering The Church and also refrain from texting.*
- Thank you for being respectful of God and others as we spend time together in worship.*



** indicates when latecomers may be seated so as not to disturb other worshippers.*

HOLY EUCHARIST

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.

VOLUNTARY “Herzlich Tut Mich Verlangen Sicilienne” Johannes Brahms and Johann Sebastian Bach

The Celebrant greets the People. Following the greeting, all stand.

*HYMN 435 “At the Name of Jesus”



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.

Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817–1877), alt.; Music: *King's Weston*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958); Copyright: Music: By permission of Oxford University Press.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Trisagion)

Celebrant: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People: Have mercy upon us.

TRISAGION

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Holy God: Trisagion; Music: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONPhilippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

*HYMN 707 (*vs. 1*).....“Take My Life”

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

The fourth system concludes the hymn with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Words: Francis Ridley Havargal (1836–1879), alt.; Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876).

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

T H E G O S P E LJohn 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 23.

*HYMN 707 (vs. 2).....“Take My Life”



1 Take my life, and let it be con-se-crat-ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al-ways, on-ly, for my King;



take my mo-ments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise.
take my in-tel-lect, and use ev-ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long-er mine.



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Take my-self, and I will be ev-er, on-ly, all for thee.

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Please be seated.

THE SERMONThe Rev. Sharron L. Cox

THE NICENE CREED *(stand)*

Celebrant and People

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(kneel)*

Minister and People pray responsively

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the nomination of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector and Brian, our bishops; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Anglican Church of Chile; and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald, our President, Greg, our Governor, and John, our Mayor; for the Congress and the Courts; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those in hospitals ____, and those who have requested our prayers ____, and those on our continuing prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, for all who remember and care for them; for first responders, and for all who serve in our armed forces and their families, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially ____, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar greenery, ____; and in the communion of St. Martin and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *(stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 24 for classes and events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM “Ave Verum Corpus”
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine, Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine: Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Hail, true Body, born from Virgin Mary, Who truly suffered, was put to death on the cross for humankind, And from whose pierced side, both water and blood flowed: Be a foretaste for us in our examination of death.

Latin Text attributed to either Pope Innocent III (1198-1216) or Pope Innocent IV (1243-1254).

AT THE PRESENTATION *(stand)*

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Doxology)

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

DOXOLOGY *Gardiner*



Text, John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872; Music, *Gardiner*, William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815; By permission of Houghton Mifflin Company.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

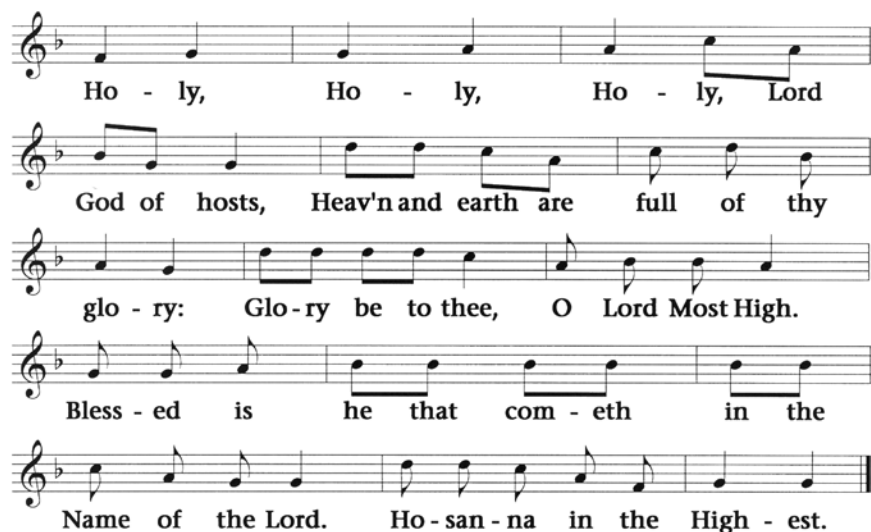
Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

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SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People (said at 8 a.m.; sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord
 God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy
 glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
 Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the
 Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

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The Celebrant continues (kneel)

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.
AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

(8 a.m. only in place of Fraction Anthem)

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People: Have mercy upon us.

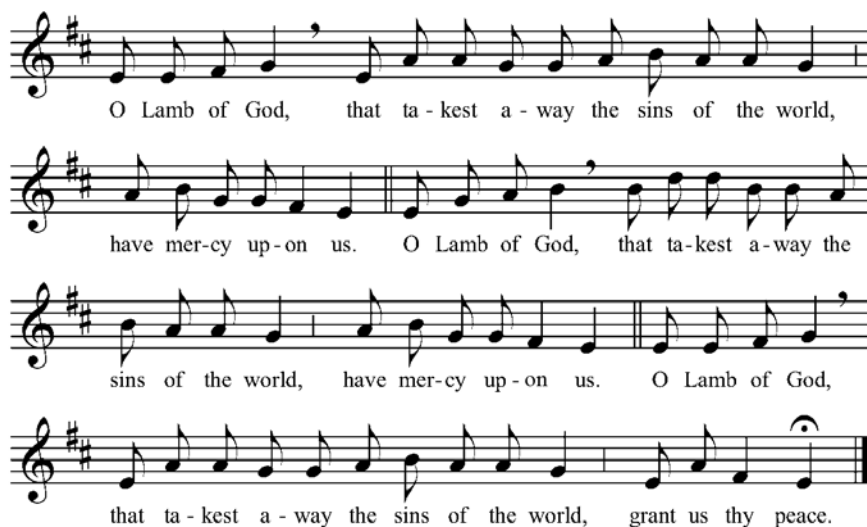
Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People: Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People: Grant us thy peace.

FRACTION ANTHEM



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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Invitation.

All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to do so on this occasion. If you do not wish to receive one or both Elements, cross your arms over your chest and the Clergy will give you a blessing. Please tell the Clergy administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

AN T H E M “O Taste and See”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in Him.

Text: Psalm xxxiv, v. 8; © 1953, Oxford University Press, London.

H Y M N “Softly and Tenderly”

1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,
 3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing,
 4. Oh! For the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised,

1. Call - ing for you and for me; See, on the por - tals He's
 2. Plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and
 3. Pass - ing for you and for me; Shad - ows are gath - er - ing,
 4. Prom - ised for you and for me; Though we have sinned, He has

1. wait - ing and watch - ing, Watch - ing for you and for me.
 2. heed not His mer - cies, Mer - cies for you and for me?
 3. death beds are com - ing, Com - ing for you and for me.
 4. mer - cy and par - don, Par - don for you and for me.

Come home, Come home, come home, come home, come home, come home,

Ye who are wea-ry, come home! Ear - nest-ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call-ing, Call-ing, O sin - ner, come home!

Words: Will L. Thompson (1847–1909) Music: Will L. Thompson.

HYMN 150 “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
 2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
 2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
 3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
 4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
 5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smytten (1822–1870), alt.; Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654–1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889).

HYMN “Father, We Adore Thee”

1. Fa - ther,
 2. Je - sus, we a - dore thee, lay our lives be
 3. Spir - it,

fore thee, how we love thee.

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After Communion, the Celebrant says (kneel)

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

At 9 and 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild may come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. **Amen.**

LENTEN BLESSING

All stand.

HYMN 474“When I Survey”

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748); Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1970; harm. Edward Miller (1731–1807).

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluias are omitted during the season of Lent.

Minister: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY “Elevation”
Girolamo Frescobaldi

Personal prayers are available at the west Side Chapel after this service.

RECOGNITIONS



GREENERY GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In memory of Marilyn Chionsini
by the Nesmith family



BIRTHS

Dec. 4 Carol Joyce Skinner
Daughter of Kate and Jacob Skinner
Granddaughter of Kathryn and Kent Cavender

Feb. 4 Georgia Jones Sneed
Daughter of Jordan and Clay Sneed
Granddaughter of Pat and David Jones



SYMPATHY

March 11 Gladys H. Halbouty
March 20 Frank Daniel “Dan” Foster

To mark any occasion with altar flower dedications, visit bit.ly/smecaltarflowers or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam at relhakam@smec.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Individuals are included on the Continuing Prayers list for numerous reasons, some of which may include recovery from illness, thanksgiving or need for support for special ministry and mission. In addition to praying for participants in cancer support groups, the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group and The Gathering, this week please pray for the following:

Crockett Abraham	John Illeman	Michael Stern
Carolyn Alban	Wanda Jacobs	Blake and Matt Stokes
Edith Avery	Clare Jan	Jan and Jim Stokes
Shelly Bain	Mary and Jim Jennings	Chris Taylor
Bridgette Barnes	Katie Jones	Terry Trotter
John Bebout	Phyllis Katharine	Scarlett and Luke Tyler
Cory Blackman	Dick Kilday	Grantland Wagner
Jennifer Broussard	Searcy Kracke	Margaret Watson
Gary Browning	Tom Lamb	Mary Watters
Helen Paige Buck	Bruce Michael Lee	Stephen Wedemeyer
Brian Burke	Mary Lehman	Chris Woessner
Delonda Citrano	Nancy Liles	Eric Zoerb
Sammy A. Citrano III	Patrick Maehs	Abigail
Gail Davis	Martha Marks	Bill
Paul Davison	Bill Maynard	Carol
Bobby de Sosa	Barbara and Bob McClellan	Dave
Linda de Sosa	Janet McDaniel	David
Renita DeBois	Adams McHenry	Elizabeth and Scott
Holly DeMoss	Babies A and B McLaughlin	Ellen
Jeanne Dewey	Gillian McLaughlin	Grace
Mercedes Dewey	Frank Melcher	Harold
Richard Dewey	Carole Moore	Henry
Charlotte Dion	Bob Paddock	Jeff
Ross Dunn	Megan Palsa	Laura
Stacey and John Elliott	Ophelia Pujol	Lynne
Jackie Eubank	Phyllis Reinhardt	Mark
Michael Finn	Hugh Rippes	Sara
Will Fogle	Monica Rivera	Sharon
David Lee Garza	John Roady	Stephen
Catherine Gonzales	Magdalene Robbins	Wayne
Nancy Gore	Angela Salinas	
Aart and Susan Gosma	Michael Scarborough	
The Rev. Alex Graham	Helen and Jim Shaffer	
Shea Guinn	Caroline Shanahan	
Bette Haidusek	Clif Shoemake	
Cathy Haidusek	Fran Gardner Shores	
Nancy Hall	Karen Smaistrle	
Jean Hatton	Joel Speights	
Nancy Haywood	Mitchell Neal Starkey	
Wendy Hurt	Frank Steed	

Please be advised that the weeks after Easter and All Saints' Day, this list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vriviera@smec.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Prayers for those on Active Military Duty in the Armed Forces:

Lt. Col. Julian Benton	1st Lt. Alex Mullen
1LT. Tom Cadwallender	PFC. Parris F. Owen
1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender	SrA James W. Peoples
Capt. Casey Gainer	Lt. Paul Piana
LCDR Bradley Hoffman	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant
LTC Wesley J. Hunnell	CPO Brian Powell
1st Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich	PO Evan Tomlin
Major Blake J. Kidd	
Capt. Jack Mullen	

Please be advised that each year the week after Veterans Day, this list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Military Service Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vriviera@smec.org.

Please circle the name of any loved one that you would like to remain on our Continuing Prayer list, tear out this sheet of your bulletin and place it in the Prayer List box in the Narthex. You may also email Valerie Rivera at vriviera@smec.org with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.

OTHER WORSHIP SERVICES

 family table

9:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

The Family Table service with Holy Eucharist combines contemporary worship music with traditional liturgy and is designed for families with young children.

 RIVERWAY

11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

The Riverway Contemporary Service is both Anglican and modern, offering the Holy Eucharist in a relaxed service with contemporary music.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Holy Eucharist Services

7 a.m. and noon • Christ Chapel

5:30 p.m. • The Church

OSL Healing Prayer Service

First Wednesday of the month

5 p.m. • Parish Life Center • Online at smec.org/osl

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

THE PSALM Psalm 126

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

THIS SUNDAY

✦ ADULTS

8+

Discuss the lectionary readings of the day following the 8 a.m. service.

8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall

THEOLOGY FOR LIFE with the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

“The Seven Deadly Sins (And How to Avoid Them): Sloth or *Acedia*

This series hopes to give the best answers to the questions you have about our faith.

10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

INTRO TO ANGLICANISM with the Rev. John Sundara

Discuss the Book of Common Prayer, the Sacraments and the Church’s history and polity to explore the Episcopal faith.

10:15 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall

FAMILY LIFE CLASS with the Rev. Alex Graham

“Sanctification: The Art of Christian Growth and Maturity”

Parents of younger families meet to examine key teachings on Christian growth and maturity.

10:15 a.m. • Activity Center, Game Room

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER with the Rev. Sharron Cox

Spend a morning in silent prayer and sharing as we grow to learn to love as God loves.

10:15 a.m. • Levenson Pastoral Care Center, Bride’s Parlor

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



*To view all our Christian education options, scan the QR code or visit **bit.ly/smecedu**.*

THIS SUNDAY

✦ STUDENT MINISTRIES

SUNDAY GET-TOGETHERS

Students in grades 6–12 spend time in fellowship and discuss the Scriptures shared in worship.

10:15 a.m. • Student Life Center

✦ CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children through 5th grade are given a solid foundation of Biblical and theological knowledge in age-appropriate ways.

10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center

CHILDCARE

Available during all morning services for six-weeks through three-year-olds.

8 a.m. • Children's Life Center

✦ OUTREACH MINISTRIES

EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP INFORMATION SESSION

Zoom with Kurt Ackermann of Sus Hijos and learn about the trip.

10:15 a.m. • Vestry Conference Room

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

APRIL 6-12, 2025

ALL ADULTS

St. Clare's Guild *Wednesday, Noon • Activity Center, Upper Hall East*

St. Clare's Guild undertakes a variety of needlepoint projects in worship spaces and for outreach programs.

OSL Study Group *Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center and via Zoom*

Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing.

St. Martin's 20s & 30s *Wednesday, 7 p.m. • Children's Life Center*

Join a community of young adults who eat, pray and read Scripture together.

MEN

Dads' Bible Study *Thursday, 8 a.m. • Welcome Center*

Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study.

WOMEN

Christian Life Study

Join this women's Bible study and strengthen your relationship with God through the study of His word.

Evening Group *Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. • Children's Life Center and via Zoom*

Day Group *Thursday, 9:30 a.m. • Parish Life Center and via Zoom*

STUDENTS

Youth Choir *Sunday, 10:15 a.m. • Children's Life Center*

Students in grades 6-12 spend time in fellowship and heart Christ's Word through the music they study and sing.

EVENTS



*To view all our upcoming events, scan the QR code or visit **bit.ly/smecevents**.*

St. Martin's Welcomes
Our 5th Rector August 1, 2025



THE VERY REV.
Dane E. Boston

The Very Rev. Boston became the sixth Dean of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia, S.C. on January 1, 2021. During his tenure, he oversaw sustained growth in Trinity's worship attendance, congregational vitality and financial engagement.

For the past 14 years in ordained ministry, he has been blessed to share in the Holy Spirit's transformative work, guiding new believers to faith in the crucified and risen Savior. He counts it a privilege to lead St. Martin's Episcopal Church as we go forth to serve our Lord in His world.

The Very Rev. Boston is an alumnus of Washington and Lee University, where he met his wife, Debbie, and they wed one year after graduation. He continued his education at Yale Divinity School and Berkeley Divinity School (the Episcopal seminary at Yale).

The couple has four children: Ella, Fritz, Ruthie and Myles. The Boston family will relocate to Houston this summer and looks forward to meeting everyone at St. Martin's!



TOUR A GOTHIC-STYLE CHURCH WITHOUT LEAVING HOUSTON!

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Following the 11:15 a.m. service

Meet in the Narthex

St. Martin's docents offer free, public and private tours. Everyone is welcome regardless of religious affiliation. To schedule a tour, please call St. Martin's Docent Guild at 713-830-4117 and leave a contact name and number for a return call.



Volunteers are invited to be part of the cast for Palm Sunday Dramatic Re-Enactment Services

Rehearsal Date

Saturday, April 12

10 a.m.–noon

The Church

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13

9 and 11:15 a.m. services

The Church

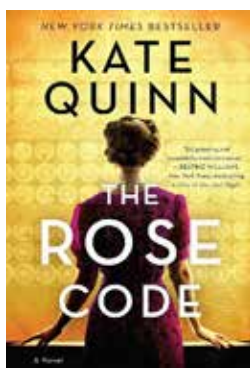
No "acting" experience needed and costumes will be provided.
Adults, youth and children over the age of 10 (with participating parents).

Limited time commitment.

Interested? Please respond by Monday, April 7, to Bruce Morgan at
robertbrucemorgan@gmail.com.



DAY GROUP



1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, April 9
Children's Life Center, Room 132 and
Via Zoom | smec.org/faith-in-literature

While operating within the framework of Christian theology, Faith in Literature seeks to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

This month, we discuss "The Rose Code"
by Kate Quinn.

Contact: The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden • 713-830-4106 • jhylden@smec.org



AMAZING PLACE®

Spring Festival

Help celebrate the season with our friends at Amazing Place, which provides a safe, spiritual and nurturing program for older adults with mild to moderate Alzheimer's or similar dementia (amazingplace.org).

Tracee Tindol, Outreach and Grant Coordinator
ttindol@smec.org • 713-985-3811

Wednesday, April 9
10 a.m.

3735 Drexel Drive
Houston, TX 77027

ST. MARTIN'S
OUTREACH
MINISTRIES



ACTIVITY CENTER

TAI CHI

WEDNESDAYS

11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Aerobics Room

Join Neus for Tai Chi, which is beneficial for overall muscle strength, joint health, flexibility and improving balance and coordination.

MOST CLASSES ARE FREE!

For more information,
visit smec.org/activity-center

Activity Center Reception

activitycenter@smec.org • 713-985-3835

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WEDNESDAYS • MARCH 12–APRIL 9

4:30–5:30 p.m. • The Church

Sundays, before and after the morning services.

Parishioners and guests are invited to make their pilgrimage along the Via Dolorosa, or “Way of Sorrows,” during Lent. The Stations of the Cross depict the final hours (or Passion) of Jesus and the devotion commemorating the Passion.

Contact: Juli Browning

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ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



WEDNESDAY ADULT LENTEN SERIES

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus: The Seven Christian Habits

APRIL 9

God's Gifts and Generous Living

Led by the Rev. Sharron Cox

This Lent, we invite you to spend Wednesday evenings with your Church family as we seek to re-focus our lives and hearts on Jesus. We'll walk together through the Seven Christian Habits as good practices God has given the church to draw us into a closer relationship with Him.

Dinner (\$10) • Bagby Parish Hall • 5–6:15 p.m.

Holy Eucharist • The Church • 5:30 p.m.

Program • Bagby Parish Hall • 6:15 p.m.



Sign up for Dinner at smec.org/cafe
or purchase tickets at the Gift Shoppe
by Tuesday.



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PALM CROSS WORKSHOP

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

STUDENT LIFE CENTER

*If planning to attend after 1 p.m.,
please call in advance to ensure
volunteers are still needed.*

Join members of the Altar Guild as they make palm crosses to distribute on Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion. This annual tradition is a fun and meaningful time of fellowship and service. Please bring scissors.

Barbara Piana, Verger

713-830-4116 • bpiana@smec.org



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Traditional Services

The Church

8 a.m. and 6 p.m.,

Holy Eucharist

9 and 11:15 a.m.,

Holy Eucharist and
dramatic re-enactment

**The 11:15 a.m. service will
be livestreamed*

Family Table

Parish Life Center

8:30 and 9:45 a.m.,

Holy Eucharist and
dramatic reading

*A Mediterranean buffet will
follow the 9:45 a.m. service.*

Riverway

Contemporary Worship Service

Parish Life Center

11:15 a.m.,

Holy Eucharist

*Join the Riverway
community as we recall Jesus'
entrance into Jerusalem*



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UNITED THANK
OFFERING

**NOTICE.
GIVE.
MAKE.
BLESS.**

LENT 2025: 40 DAYS OF WELCOME AND GRATITUDE

The United Thank Offering is a ministry of The Episcopal Church that began in 1883. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen daily, thank God, and make an offering in a UTO Blue Box.

*Find UTO envelopes in The Church
pews and boxes in The Church Narthex
and Parish Life Center. Boxes collected
on Easter morning.*

One-hundred percent of the collected funds are distributed throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.



Adult/Family Mission Trip

June 14–19, 2025 • San Salvador, El Salvador

Adults and families are invited to serve with St. Martin's ministry partner, Kurt Ackermann, and his organization, Sus Hijos, in San Salvador, El Salvador. Together, we will be the hands and feet of Jesus by visiting an orphanage, building a house for a needy family and ministering to special needs children on a beach trip — all while deepening our faith and theirs.



Register at
smec.org/worldmissions
 Deadline: April 15

Contact: Courtney Kearns
worldmission@smec.org
 713-985-3819



AMISTAD MISSION TRIP

JUNE 24–JULY 1

Cochabamba, Bolivia

Join us in building meaningful relationships with the children at Casa San Martín! We'll engage in arts and crafts, visit a park, play games, work in their garden and have a lot of fun. Since 1993, St. Martin's has sponsored Casa San Martín, a home that offers a loving Christian community for children who have been abused, abandoned or orphaned.



Register at
smec.org/worldmissions
 Deadline: April 15

Minimum age: 12 years old

Contact: Courtney Kearns
worldmission@smec.org • 713-985-3819



ST. MARTIN'S
 EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Taizé

**PRAYER SERVICE WITH
HOLY EUCHARIST**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16
6 p.m. • Christ Chapel

Set aside time for silence, sung prayer and Eucharist on the Wednesday in Holy Week as we prepare our hearts for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

The Taizé Prayer service will be combined with the evening Holy Eucharist service in Christ Chapel.

Contact: Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam
relhakam@smec.org • 713-830-4146



MAUNDY THURSDAY



Thursday, April 17
7 p.m. • The Church

Maundy Thursday commemorates the institution of the Eucharist by Jesus on the night he was betrayed. Following this, the altar is stripped and all decorative furnishings are removed from The Church in preparation for Good Friday.

This reverential worship service will conclude outdoors near the Wayside Chapel and Great Cross.

GOOD FRIDAY



FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Traditional Services

The Church

Noon* and 6 p.m.

Liturgy includes John's account of the Passion Gospel, the Solemn Collects and meditation on the Cross, with a special performance by the Parish Choir.

**The noon service will be livestreamed*

Family Table

Parish Life Center

Noon

This Good Friday service is specifically designed for families and children.

Riverway Keeping

the Kalendar—

Contemporary Worship

Parish Life Center

6 p.m.

Join the Riverway Community for a distinct service around the Cross, featuring the liturgy for Good Friday, sermon, and special music.



ST. MARTIN'S
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Holy Saturday Baptism

Saturday, April 19
10 a.m. • Christ Chapel

Holy Saturday is considered a particularly appropriate time in the Episcopal Church to undergo the sacramental rite of full initiation, by water and the Holy Spirit, into membership in the Church. Join us as we welcome new members to St. Martin's.

For more information about Holy Baptisms, contact Rocío Velazquez at rvelazquez@smec.org or 713-985-3807.



ST. MARTIN'S
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The Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's Invites You to



Saturday, April 19 • Free Admission
10 a.m. • Parish Life Center
Bring your Easter egg basket!



Join us for a morning of fun and celebration! The festivities will begin with a reading of the Easter story, followed by an Easter Egg hunt, crafts, a petting zoo and more fun activities. Bring your family and friends for a delightful gathering!

Contact: Valerie Rivera • vriviera@smec.org • 713-985-3817

Baptism Instruction Class

Saturday, April 26
9-11:30 a.m.
Children's Life Center

The rite of Holy Baptism is a special occasion for St. Martin's — a service of joy that underscores the communal aspect of worship and expresses God's presence amid His people.

If you are interested in public baptism, please sign up for this Baptism Instruction class by contacting Rocio Velazquez at rvelazquez@smec.org or 713-985-3807.



ST. MARTIN'S
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EASTER

AT ST. MARTIN'S

— Sunday, April 20 —



Easter Morning Breakfast *Hosted by St. Martin's Vestry*

8–11 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

Before or after the Easter services, enjoy a complimentary breakfast served and sponsored by the current and past Vestry of St. Martin's.

Traditional Worship Services

7, 9, *11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. • The Church

Holy Eucharist; festive music by the Parish Choir,
Gloria Dei Organ, brass and timpani.

**The 11:15 a.m. service will be livestreamed.*

Family Table Services

8:30 and 9:45 a.m. • Parish Life Center

Join us for a family-friendly worship service with
Holy Eucharist.

Riverway Service

11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

This worship service for students, families and adults features the
Holy Eucharist and beautiful music.

Sunday School

Sunday school classes will not meet in observance of Easter.

Childcare

*Childcare will be provided for six-weeks through three-year-olds
in the Children's Life Center during all Easter morning services.*



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SAN ANTONIO • JUNE 15–20

This summer Student Ministries will take our middle and high school students to beautiful San Antonio to work with Blueprint Ministries, a non-profit that works to make homes healthier, safer and drier for San Antonio neighbors.



Register at
smec.org/students

Deadline to register: May 15

Contact: Florence Ritchie • fritchier@smec.org • 713-985-3843

PASSION
Camp

JULY 13–JULY 19 • DAYTONA BEACH, FLA

7 1 7 STUDENTS

Middle and high school students are invited to join the Student Ministries leaders in Florida for four days of worship, learning and faith-growing. Meet Christian teens from around the country in worship, music, fun and foundational conversations about being disciples of Christ.



Join us at
smec.org/students

Deadline to register: May 15



Contact: Florence Ritchie • fritchier@smec.org • 713-985-3843

MEMBERSHIP

If you are visiting today, please fill out a Welcome Card from the pew rack to place in the offering plate or complete it online by scanning the QR code or visiting **bit.ly/smecvisitors**. Please introduce yourself to one of our Clergy and we will be in touch to let you know more about our Parish Family.



Seeking membership in a parish is a very important step and it is our goal to support your understanding of our Parish, its ministries and your place in the life of St. Martin's. Our membership process begins by attending one of our quarterly Membership 101 classes.

Contact: Kathy Johnson • 713-985-3834 • kjohnson@smec.org

ST. MARTIN'S IS HERE FOR YOU

For general questions, contact the Reception Desk at 713-621-3040 during business hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday–Friday).

For pastoral concerns during business hours, contact 713-985-3817 or pastoralcare@smec.org.

For pastoral emergencies after hours and weekends, call 713-621-3040 and follow the prompts to reach the priest on call.

For prayer requests, contact the prayer request line at 713-830-4124 or Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or vriviera@smec.org.

For death notifications and funerals, contact Cyndy Ensign at 713-985-3808 or censign@smec.org.

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