SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 22, 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.



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.





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.

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





Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788); Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887).

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*GLORIA (said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)



Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.; Music: Lobe den Herren, melody from Erneuerten Gesangbuch, 1665; harm. The Chorale Book for England, 1863.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray. (kneel)

The Celebrant says the Collect

O Lord, we beseech thee, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, for thou never failest to help and govern those whom thou hast set upon the sure foundation of thy loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

All stand.



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Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **People:** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" – for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on pages 22-23.



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Please be seated.

THE SERMON The Rev. R. Wesley Arning

*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

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;

That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for the nomination of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector and Brian, our bishops; the Clergy of this Parish, especially the Rev. Dane Boston and his family; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola; for all bishops, priests and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Donald, our President, Greg, our Governor, John, our Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the World;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in thy sight.

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested, especially ___; for those who are hospitalized, especially ___; and for those on our continuing prayer list; have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died, especially ___; give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We give thee thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers, ___; and we praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

In this moment of silence, let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly in the privacy of their hearts.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Minister says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence is observed.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 upcoming events.

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM""The Eyes of All Wait upon Thee"
William Harris

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and fillest all things living with plentenous. The Lord is righteous in all his ways: and holy in all his works. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him. Yes all such as call upon him faithfully he will fulfill the desire of them that fear him. He also will hear their cry and will help them. The Lord preserveth all them that love him, all them that love him.

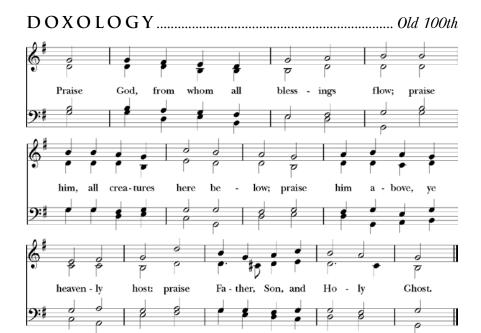
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AT THE PRESENTATION (stand)

(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.



 $Words: Isaac\ Watts\ (1674-1748),\ para.\ of\ Psalm\ 117.\ St.\ 3,\ Thomas\ Ken\ (1637-1711);\ Music:\ Old\ 100th,\ melody\ from\ Pseaumes\ octantetrois\ de\ David,\ 1551,\ alt.;\ harm.\ after\ Louis\ Bourgeois\ (1510?-1561?).$

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.

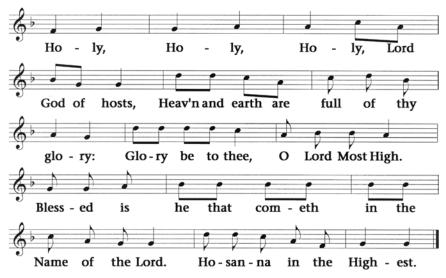
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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



John Merbecke, 1549. Copyright © 1940, 1943, 1961. The Church Pension Fund.

The Celebrant continues (kneel)

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in 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 sung Fraction Anthem)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!



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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Then may be said together

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 priest administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

ANTHEM"O Come Ye Servants of the Lord" Christopher Tye

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name. From early morn to setting sun his might on earth proclaim. His laws are just, and glad the heart; He makes his mercies known: Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.

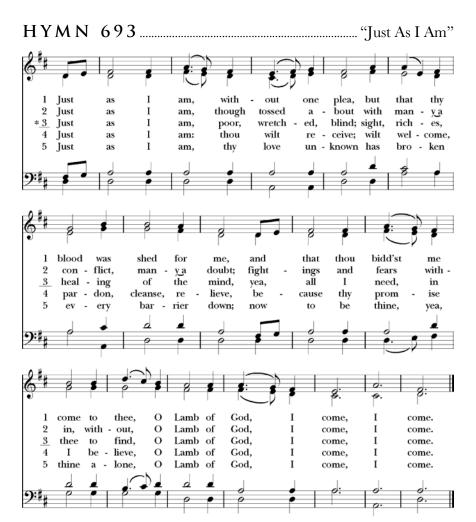
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6 Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871); Music: Woodworth, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816–1868).

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.**

THE BLESSING

All stand.



A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY"Fanfare" Jacques Lemmens

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

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Mary Kelley Adkins by Ashley and John Adkins In thanksgiving for the baptism of Clare Audrey Mendenhall by Mimi and Scott Mendenhall



BIRTHS

Feb. 27 Henry Albert Seydler
Son of Sarah and Albert Seydler
Grandson of Kathy and Jody Seydler



WEDDINGS

June 14 Eleanor Browning Anderson and Carter Randall Ware

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 Blake and Matt Stokes
Carolyn Alban Clare Jan Jan and Jim Stokes
Edith Avery Mary and Jim Jennings Chris Taylor
Shelly Bain Katie Jones Jerry Lee Tobar
Bridgette Barnes Phyllis Katharine Terry Trotter

Cory Blackman Dick Kilday Scarlett and Luke Tyler

Jennifer Broussard Kyle King Van Valentine Jimmy Broussard Reid Kuhn Caden Walker Gary Browning Bruce Michael Lee Margaret Watson Helen Paige Buck Mary Lehman Mary Watters Stephen Wedemeyer Delonda Citrano Nancy Liles Sammy A. Citrano III Julie Long Chris Woessner Patrick Maehs Ieremy Youngblood Rev. Jim Cunningham

Gail Davis Martha Marks Eric Zoerb Paul Davison Bill Maynard Abagail Barbara and Bob McClellan Bobby de Sosa Angela Atticus Linda de Sosa Iim McCulloch Renita DeBois Janet McDaniel Bill Holly DeMoss Adams McHenry Carol Jeanne Dewey Babies A and B McLaughlin Dave Mercedes Dewey Gillian McLaughlin David

Richard Dewey Frank Melcher Elizabeth and Scott

Charlotte Dion Bill and Connie Neal Ellen
Ross Dunn Donald Nona Grace
Stacey and John Elliott Bob Paddock Henry
Jackie Eubank Megan Palsa James
Michael Finn Ophelia Pujol Jan

Will Fogle Phyllis Reinhardt Jason and Blanca

David Lee Garza Hugh Ripps Ieff Catherine Gonzales Monica Rivera Jim Nancy Gore John Roady Iudv Cynthia Graham Magdalene Robbins Laura The Rev. Alex Graham Angela Salinas Lynne Shea Guinn Michael Scarborough Margaret Bette Haidusek Caroline Searls Mark Cathy Haidusek Helen and Jim Shaffer Sally Caroline Shanahan Nancy Hall Sara Harriet Hart Clif Shoemake Sharon Jean Hatton Karen Smaistrla Stephen Nancy Haywood Marc Sony Susan Aaron Holbrook Mitchell Neal Starkey Wayne

Louise Huck Frank Steed Wendy Hurt Michael Stern

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 vrivera@smec.org.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

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

Col. Julian Benton Charles Lewis
1LT. Tom Cadwallender Capt. Jack Mullen
1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender 1st Lt. Alex Mullen
Capt. Casey Gainer PFC. Parris F. Owen
LCDR Bradley Hoffman SrA James W. Peoples
LTC Wesley J. Hunnell Lt. Paul Piana

1st Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich
Major Blake J. Kidd
Lt. Jonathan Lesieur

Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant
CPO Brian Powell
PO Evan Tomlin

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OTHER WORSHIP SERVICES





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.

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., noon and 6 p.m. • Christ Chapel

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 TESTAMENT1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE PSALMPsalm 22:18-27

18 Be not far away, O LORD; *

you are my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, *

my life from the power of the dog.

- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
 my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; * in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; * but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.

THIS SUNDAY

ADULTS

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Discuss the lectionary readings of the day following the 8 a.m. service. 8:55 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall

JUST FOR JUNE

Focus on Sunday lectionary passages and learn what each lesson is saying. Discover how the Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle and Gospel lessons connect with each other. Bring your worship booklet!

10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

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ALL ADULTS

Saintly Stitchers *Monday, 10 a.m.* • *Activity Center, Upper Hall East* Saintly Stitchers fill St. Martin's with pew kneelers and other gifts for worship spaces.

Prayer Shawl Ministry *Tuesday*, *9 a.m.* • *Activity Center, Family Room* Knit and crochet shawls to be released for those in need of prayer.

Blanket Ladies *Wednesday, 10 a.m.* • *Activity Center, Family Room* Make receiving blankets for newborn infants at local charity hospitals.

Docent Tour Wednesday, 10:45 a.m. • The Church

The Docent Guild offers a formal tour of The Church. To schedule a group tour or tours of other Campus locations, contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117.

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.

Parish Choir *Thursday*, 11:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. • The Music Center, Rehearsal Hall Sing a variety of traditional music in service to the Lord and our congregation.

EVENTS



To view all our upcoming events, scan the QR code or visit **smec.org/events**.



Throughout our beautiful Church campus we worship, learn, have fellowship, and deepen our faith together.

Your weekly participation enriches and helps grow our Parish. Your presence here matters!

To reach our goals of bridging the 2025 operating budget gap and retiring our Church's debt, we need everyone's participation!



Scan the QR code to learn more and help us continue to grow together.

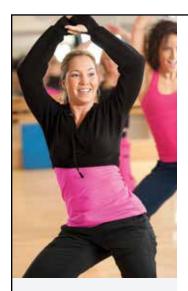


June 23
10 a.m-1:30 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall

For church members and others in the community who experience memory loss, along with their caregivers



For more information, contact Kathy Tellepsen at 713-301-4786 or kattellepsen@me.com.



MOST CLASSES ARE FREE! For more information, visit smec.org/activity-center.

ACTIVITY CENTER

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TUESDAYS 10–10:45 a.m. Aerobics Room

Join us for a high energy, calorie burning, total body dance-based workout! Move at your own pace with simple to follow instructions. A fun and challenging workout that all levels can enjoy.

Activity Center Reception activitycenter@smec.org • 713-985-3835



TUESDAY, JUNE 24

7–8:30 p.m. • Walking Stick Brewery Co. 957 Wakefield Dr.



ST. MARTIN'S

Why should we believe in God? In this informal talk and conversation, Dr. Hylden will make the case for why the religious view of existence just makes more sense than atheism or agnosticism. His talk will be based on the new book by the New York Times columnist Ross Douthat, "Believe: Why Everyone Should Be Religious," covering subjects like the apparent design of the universe, the nature of consciousness and the persistence of spiritual experience even in very secular societies. *Come join us and bring a friend who has questions!*

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Contact: Haley Lynch • hlynch@smec.org • 713-830-4110



CCSC Work Day

Organize and distribute food and clothing at the Emergency Services location for the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). Please come and go as needed. Children 10+ are encouraged to join.

Tracee Tindol ttindol@smec.org • 713-985-3811

Saturday, June 28 9 a.m.-noon 3434 Branard Houston, TX 77027





Celebration Sunday!

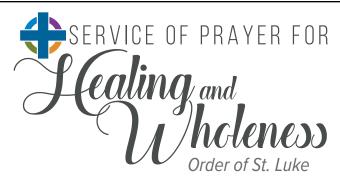
Celebrate June Birthdays and Anniversaries with Riverway.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29
Parish Life Center Narthex

Following the 11:15 a.m. services

We invite everyone who has had a recent birthday or anniversary to join us in acknowledgement of your special day, and share a dessert or breakfast item with us. Everyone is welcome!

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



St. Martin's International Order of St. Luke (OSL) Healing Community offers a service of prayer for healing and wholeness on the first Wednesday of each month. This short service is held for anyone in need of prayer for themselves, friends or family.

Next Service Wednesday, July 2 | 5 p.m. Parish Life Center or via Zoom smec.org/osl

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



The Shepherd's Guild ministry complements the work of St. Martin's Clergy in visiting homebound Parishioners or those who reside in retirement and assisted living facilities.

The trained lay volunteers offer support, prayers and Holy Communion, being a physical reminder of Jesus' love for them and their value and importance within our church community.

To learn more about joining this ministry or to provide information about Parishioners who may benefit by the Shepherd's Guild, contact Deacon Gill at gkeyworth@smec.org or 346-335-8660.

Training and support is provided.

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 **smec.org/visitor-card**. 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

St. Martin's office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

For general questions, contact the Reception Desk at 713-621-3040 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

For pastoral emergencies when the Reception Desk is closed, 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 vrivera@smec.org.

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

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Morning



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