FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 14, 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 100 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.

VOLUNTARY""Poem"

John Ireland

The people stand as the procession begins.

*HYMN 410"" "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"



Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847); Music: Lauda anima, John Goss (1800-1880)...

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.

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The Celebrant says the Collect

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSON Exodus 32:7-14

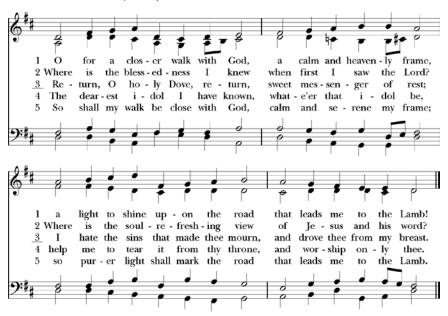
The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever." And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

All stand.

*HYMN 684 (vs. 1-3)....."O for a Closer Walk with God"



Words: William Cowper (1731–1800), alt.; Music: Caithness, from The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter, 1635; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906.

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

THE GOSPEL.....Luke 15:1-10

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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

*HYMN 684 (vs. 45).....""O for a Closer Walk with God"



Words: William Cowper (1731–1800), alt.; Music: Caithness, from The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter, 1635; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

*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; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Anglican Church of South America; 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.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS (11:15 a.m.)

The Celebrant

Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into this community of St. Martin's Episcopal Church. We welcome them to join us as we seek to love the Lord our God with heart and soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We welcome and cherish their unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus Christ.

Presenter

I present these Christians to be welcomed as members of St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

Celebrant: Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as

a member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church?

New Members: We do.

Celebrant: Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in

this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and

give to build up our common life?

New Members: We will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these promises, do all in your

power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought these new members to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM"Greater Love Hath No Man"

John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own Self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins should live unto righteousness. Ye are wash'd, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath call'd you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your service.

Text: Holy Scripture; Music: John Ireland.

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 octante trois 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.

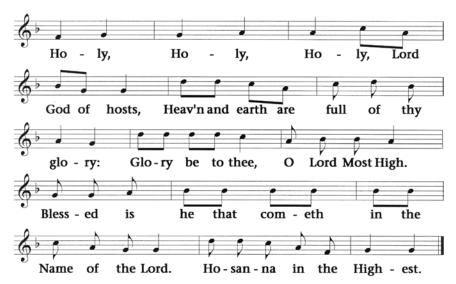
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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.

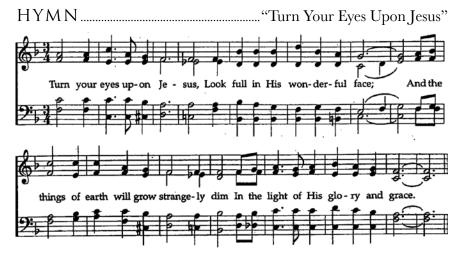
ANTHEM""Ubi Caritas"

Maurice Duruflé

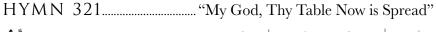
Ubi cáritas et ámor, Déus ibi est. Congregávit nos in únum Chrísti ámor. Exsultémus et in ípso jucundémur. Timeámus et amémus Déum vívum. Et ex córde diligámus nos sincéro. Amen.

Where there is charity and love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart, let us love one another. Amen.

Text: Antiphon for the washing of feet, Maundy Thursday Eucharist. Music: Gregorian Chant, setting by Maurice Duruflé. ©Durand Editions Musicales, 1960.

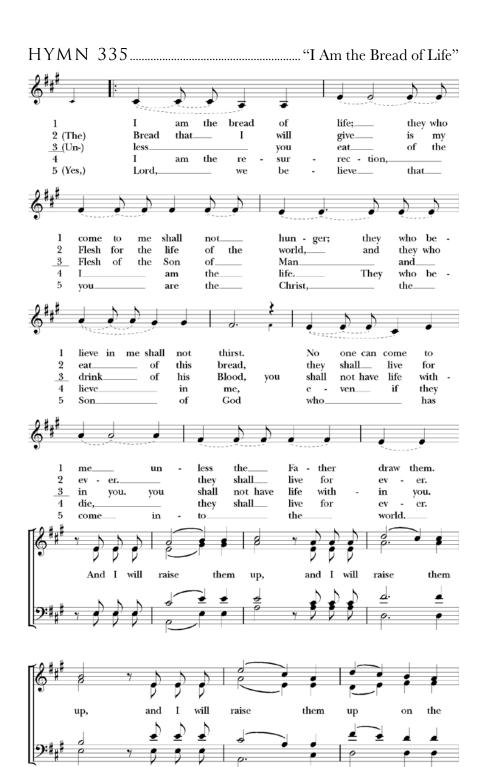


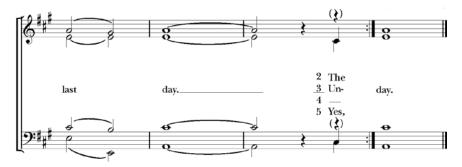
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 $Words: Sts.\ 1-3, Philip\ Doddridge\ (1702-1751), alt.; st.\ 4, Isaac\ Watts\ (1674-1748), alt.; Music: \textit{Rockingham}, melody\ from\ \textit{Second\ Supplement\ to\ Psalmody\ in\ Miniature}, ca.\ 1780; adapt.\ Edward\ Miller\ (1731-1807); harm.\ Samuel\ Webbe\ (1740-1816).$





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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.**

THE BLESSING

All stand.



Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908), alt.; Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822–1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY"Sortie"

César Franck

Personal prayers available at west Side Chapel near Baptismal font after service

RECOGNITIONS



FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptisms of Kate, Vivienne and William McKenna by Katherine and Craig McKenna

In thanksgiving for the marriage of their daughter, Kate Kruse, to Mitch Harris by Jennifer and Tom Kruse



BIRTHS

Aug. 16 Mason Glenn Rocheleau

Son of Jordan Robinson Rocheleau and Chris Rocheleau Grandson of Debbie Brown Robinson



SYMPATHY

June 15 Edward William Barnett

July 25 Sheldon Roy Erikson

Aug. 13 Anne McCullough Shallenberger

To mark any occasion with altar flower dedications, visit smec.org/altar-flowers 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:

Crocket Abraham Dick Kilday The Rev. James Thomas

Carolyn Alban Diane Knutzen Jerry Lee Tobar Joe B. Allen Reid Kuhn Betty Tutor

Edith Avery Rhea Latta Scarlett and Luke Tyler

Shelly Bain Bruce Michael Lee Van Valentine William Barrett Mary Lehman Caden Walker Ken Beadell Nancy Liles Margaret Watson Patrick Maehs Cory Blackman Mary Watters Barbara and Bob McClellan Bob Wright Jimmy Broussard Eric Zoerb Gary Browning Janet McDaniel Gene Cooley Adams McHenry Angela The Rev. Jim Cunningham Frank Melchor Atticus Gail Davis Chuck Miller Ben Bobby de Sosa William "Bill" T. Moyer Daniel Linda de Sosa Kae Nakisa David Charlotte Dion Nadim Nasir Ellen Nancy Older Ross Dunn Evelvn Stacey and John Elliott Bob Paddock Henry Jackie Eubank Colin Peoples J.R. **Judy Gerrish** Antone Peterson Iane

Catherine Gonzales Ophelia Pujol Jason and Blanca

Nancy Gore Mary Sommers Pyne Jim Cynthia Graham Phyllis Reinhardt Judy The Rev. Alex Graham John Roady Laura Bette Haidusek Maggie Rodriguez Linda Nancy Hall Angela Salinas Luke Steve Salsman Amelia Harrington Lynne Jean Hatton Lynne Sanyoto Margaret Nancy Haywood Bill Schwaiger Mark Aaron Holbrook Nancy Seal Natalie Leodamae Hopkins Caroline Searls Sally Laurie Howard Helen and Jim Shaffer Sarah Jean Louise Huck Caroline Shanahan Shane Wendy Hunt Clif Shoemake Stephen Steve Sara Jabbari Marc Sony Mary and Jim Jennings Mitch Starkey Susan

Sarah Johnson Michael Stern
Katie Jones Jan and Jim Stokes
Susan Jones Isabelle Sundara
Chester and Susan Keeton Norma Taylor

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 Lt. Jonathan Lesieur 1LT. Tom Cadwallender Charles Lewis 1LT. Yonatan Cadwallender Capt. Jack Mullen Capt. Alex Mullen Capt. Casev Gainer PFC. Parris F. Owen LCDR Bradley Hoffman LTC Wesley J. Hunnell SrA James W. Peoples

Cadet George N. Kinder

1st Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich Lt. Paul Piana Major Blake J. Kidd Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant CPO Brian Powell

1st Lt. S. Jeffers Shaper CPO 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

READINGS FOR THE DAY

| THE | PSALM | Psalm | 51:1- | -11 |
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- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLE.....1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

THEOLOGY FOR LIFE with the Rev. Dane Boston

"Genesis: The First Word"

What better way to start a new seasons with our new Rector than starting together with the first page of Scripture!

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-week-old infants through children age 3.

8 a.m. • Children's Life Center

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



To view all our Christian education options, scan the QR code or visit smec.org/learn.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

SEPTEMBER 14-20, 2025

ALL ADULTS

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

Rector's Bible Study *Tuesday*, *Noon* • *Student Life Center*Delve into the lectionary readings for the day with the Rev. Dane Boston.

Prayer Group Wednesday, 8 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall
Pray together for our Church, Clergy, Parishioners, city and country.

St. Clare's Guild *Wednesday, Noon • Activity Center, Upper Hall East* Undertake a variety of needlepoint projects in worship spaces and for outreach programs.

MEN

Men of St. Martin's *Thursday* • 7 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall
This mens' group meets for fellowship, mutual support 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

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

CHILDREN

Young Singers *Sunday, 8:30 a.m.* • *Children's Life Center* Children in grades 1-5 learn Christ's Word through music, where they learn techniques of singing and of following a musical score.

EVENTS



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



CCSC Food Drive

DROP OFF YOUR FILLED BAGS TODAY!

Volunteers will unload your bags as you drive through. Food donations most needed are canned chicken and tuna, hearty soups, canned fruit and vegetables, dry beans, boxed dry cereal, peanut butter, dry pasta and/or pasta sauce and can openers.

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

Drop Off: Sept. 14 8 a.m.-noon Bagby Parish Hall Porte-cochère





GENESIS: THE FIRST WORD



Join us at smec.org/just-for

Deadline: Sept. 14

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

St. Martin's small group ministry meets weekly at various times and locations — either at Church or in homes — for a four-week small group study of Genesis, digging deeper into the same passages as our new Rector's Genesis series on Sunday mornings.

For our Wednesday evening groups, we'll have nursery care, children's activities and youth group happening that evening as well, so you can bring the whole family! Family dinner is available 5-6 p.m. in the Crosswalk Garden.

There's a place for everyone — come grow with us!



PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

Sunday, Sept. 14 • 10:15 a.m.

Student Life Center, 2nd Floor Mezzanine Lounge

This meeting is for parents of students in grades 8–12 who are interested in Confirmation at St. Martin's. We will share the requirements, schedule and forms that accompany this impactful step in your student's faith journey.

Confirmation Cost: \$300
Registration Open: Sept. 14–Oct. 31
at smec.org/students

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



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EVENING GROUP

Tuesday, Sept. 16 | 7-8:30 p.m. Children's Life Center, Room 109 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.

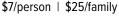
This month, we discuss "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge.

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

Family **Nights**

WEDNESDAYS Sept. 17–Oct. 8 • 5–7 p.m.

Dinner is available from 5–6 p.m. in the Crosswalk Garden.





Register at smec.org/family-nights

Haley Lynch

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Bring the whole family to join your Church family for food, fun and Christian formation!

Just For September Small Groups
Bible study on Genesis
6-7 p.m. • Multiple locations

Life Groups for Grades 6–12 5:30–7 p.m. • Student Life Center

Kids J.A.M. for Grades K–5 6–7 p.m. • Children's Life Center

Childcare

For six-week-old infants-age 3 6–7 p.m. • Children's Life Center

Sourdough Bread-Making Workshop

Sept. 20 • 10 a.m.-noon Student Life Center

\$40/person

Come and learn how to make your very own sourdough bread. In this workshop, you will learn tips and tools to improve your gut health, the benefits of sourdough, as well as how to make your own sourdough bread!



For more information and to register, visit smec.org/sourdough

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SERVANT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

9 and 11:15 a.m. The Church

9:15 a.m. Family Table 11:15 a.m. Riverway Parish Life Center

Servant Sunday is an annual recognition of those who participate in the many volunteer opportunities at St. Martin's. Please join us to celebrate our volunteers.



Contact: Barbara Piana • bpiana@smec.org • 713-830-4116

Adult Confirmation Class Anglicanisn

Sundays, Sept. 21-Nov. 9 10:15-11 a.m. • Chapel Reception Hall

The Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden leads this eight-week class about the basics of our Christian faith as we have received it in the Episcopal Church and our Anglican tradition. Anglicanism 101 is designed for adults seeking Confirmation in our Church, but everyone who'd like a refresher is welcome to join!

Confirmation service will be Sunday, Nov. 16 at 11:15 a.m. in The Church with Bishop Jeff Fisher.

at hlynch@smec.org or 713-830-4110.

Please register for this class by contacting Haley Lynch St. Martin's

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PRAYER HOUR

Facilitated by the Rev. Sharron Cox

Once a month beginning Sept. 21 10:15-11 a.m. Levenson Pastoral Care Center.

Bride's Parlor

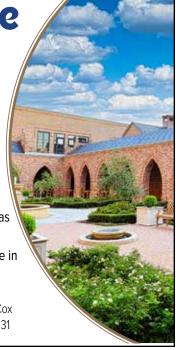
Benedictine monk and Roman Catholic priest, Laurence Freeman, asserts.

"To meditate is to become a student of love." Gather for a time of silent prayer and sharing as we grow to learn to love as God loves.

All are welcome, whether you have experience in quiet prayer or not.



Contact: The Rev. Sharron Cox scox@smec.org • 713-830-4131





September 22 10 a.m – 1:30 p.m. Bagby Parish Hall

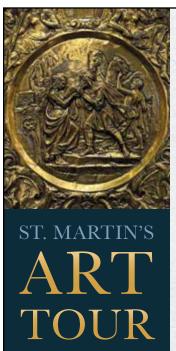
For church members and others in the community who experience memory loss, along with their caregivers

You Are the Apple of My Eye



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





Thursday, Sept. 25 6 p.m. • Chapel Reception Hall

As part of our Church's goal to embrace the arts more fully, the Docent Guild and Riverway will be hosting a reception and tour of artwork displayed throughout the Levenson Pastoral Care Center. Discover some of the amazing works of art hidden throughout our Campus with fellow art lovers, including pieces rarely seen on the second floor. The reception begins at 6 p.m. with tours starting at 6:30 p.m.



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Good Books and Good Conversation

Led by the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25 | 6:15-7:45 P.M. STUDENT LIFE CENTER, LIVING ROOM

Join in the dialogue!

"Rerum Novarum" and "Libertas" by Pope Leo XIII

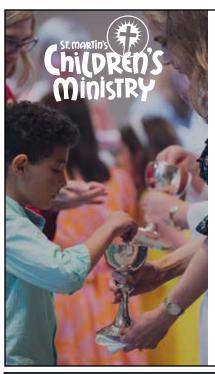
This month, in honor of the new Pope Leo, we'll be reading two encyclicals from his famous predecessor, Pope Leo XIII, "Rerum Novarum" and "Libertas," that represent a pivotal moment in the development of Catholic social teaching as it responded to the modern world.

Access the free texts at smec.org/deeproots.

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



Pope Leo XIII



COMMUNION INSTRUCTION CLASS

Sundays, Sept. 28-Oct. 19 10:15-11 a.m. Activity Center Gym

We will recognize those who complete the class with a special service at 9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 26 in The Church. A reception will follow in the Activity Center.

This series will teach children about the symbols, liturgy and meaning of Holy Communion and is designed for children who are in second grade and older.



Register for this class at smec.org/communion-instruction

Rozlyn Cline, *Director of Children's Ministry* rmcline@smec.org • 713-985-3816



JOY*of* PANTRY GIVING <u>MARKET PRE-SALES!</u>

OPENS Sept. 29 CLOSES Oct. 10

Make holiday planning simple — or just make weeknights easier! Pre-order your ECW Pantry favorites now through Oct. 10 to quarantee you get what you love.

Fan Favorites

- Bacon-Wrapped Tamales
- Pimento Cheese Grits
- Cheddar Chesse Biscuits
- Tasty Trash

Exciting new items

- Caramelized Onion & Bacon Dip
- Beef & Cheese Enchiladas
- Cake Balls
- And More!

Pick Up: Monday, Oct. 13 • 1–4 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall Refectory



For more information and to view the full menu, visit **smec.org/jog**





VESTRY NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

Current members of St. Martin's may nominate any confirmed member of the Parish for consideration to serve on the Vestry for the upcoming three-year term. At our Annual Parish Meeting in January, we will vote as a Parish to elect five new members to serve on the Vestry.

Completed nomination forms for the upcoming term must be received by Wednesday, Oct. 15.



Vestry Nomination Form available online at **smec.org/vestrynom**

Nominations are to be kept strictly confidential – please do not inform the nominee or his/her family that you have nominated him/her.

Contact: Brittney Pena • 713-985-3821 • bpena@smec.org



Oct. 10-12 · Lake Livingston Cost is \$250

For students in grades 9-12

A weekend getaway for high schoolers to spend time with God and one another as we talk about faith. Join us for fun, fellowship and a fancy dinner out.





Sign up at smec.org/students

Deadline to register:

Contact: Florence Ritchie • students@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 **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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Mrs. Susan McConn, Missions Chair

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Mrs. Courtney Schilling, Clerk

Mr. Dan Meyer, Senior Council President

Mr. Bob Heston, Jr., Parish Stewardship Chair

Mr. Andy Harvin, Chancellor*

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Mrs. Hunter Bell

Mrs. Kathy Bennett

Mrs. Summer Craig

Mr. Mike Fuqua

Mr. Will Hedges

The Hon. Edith Jones

Mr. John Maclay, Jr.

Mrs. Debbie Robinson

Mr. Milton West

Associate Members

The Hon. James A. Baker, III, Special Counsel to the Vestry*

Mr. Charles Kraft, Senior Council Representative 2025-2026

Mr. Steffen van Keppel, Senior Council
Representative 2025-2026

Mrs. Moira Davis, *Altar Guild President* 2025-2026

Mrs. Whitney Gormley, ECW President 2025-2026

Mr. Jim Drew, Men of St. Martin's President 2025-2026

Mr. John Sutherland, *Usher Representative* 2024-2026

*Denotes Associate Vestry filled at the discretion of the Rector



Mr. Will Hedges Vestry Representative Morning



Mr. John Maclay, Jr. Vestry Representative Evening

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Jesus, The Christ The Head of This Church



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