## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY AND THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

## November 2, 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.



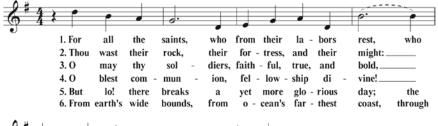


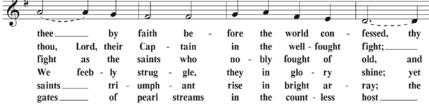
### HOLY EUCHARIST AND BAPTISM

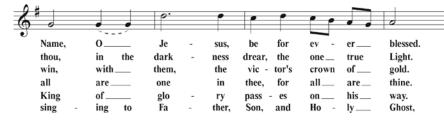
VOLUNTARY....."In Paradise" by Theodore Dubois

The people stand as the procession begins.

\*HYMN 287 ....."For All the Saints"









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

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

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

#### 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 Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.** 

#### Please be seated.

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever."

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

All stand.



Words: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986), alt.; Music: Grand Isle, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945).

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL .....Luke 6:20-31

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The remaining readings for the day are on pages 23-24.



#### THE SERMON

## THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and

Godparents: I present this child to receive the Sacrament

of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you

present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and

Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child

to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and

Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of

wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which

corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the

love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT (stand)

The Celebrant

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will with God's help.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Minister: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Open their hearts to thy grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Fill them with thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Keep them in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Send them into the world in witness to thy love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Bring them to the fullness of thy peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

#### The Celebrant

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ thy Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who liveth and reigneth now and for ever. **Amen.** 

### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

We thank thee, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it thou didst lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it thy Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank thee, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to thy Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray thee, by the power of thy Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to thee, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

Please be seated.

#### THE BAPTISM

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

Then the Celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, using Chrism, and saying to each one

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.** 

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Celebrant, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray. (kneel)

Heavenly Father, we thank thee that by water and the Holy Spirit thou hast bestowed upon these thy servants the forgiveness of sin, and hath raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in thy Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love thee, and the gift of joy and wonder in all thy works. **Amen.** 

All stand.

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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 25 for upcoming events.

#### THE OFFERTORY

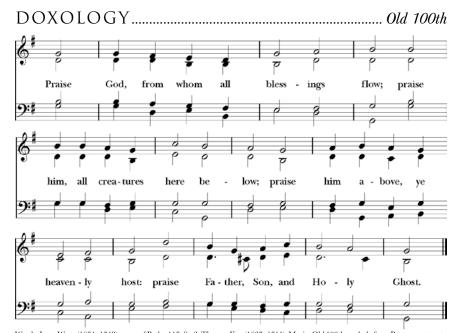
ANTHEM ....."Love Divine"

Philip Stopford

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown; Jesu, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart. Come, Almighty to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy host above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee; changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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#### AT THE PRESENTATION (stand)



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

#### 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.

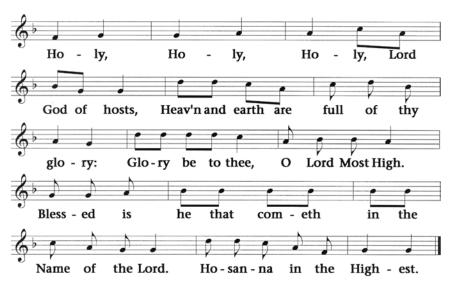
People: It is meet and right so to do.

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.

Who, in the multitude of thy saints, hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us; and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

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



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#### 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.



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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.

If you are unable to come to the Altar Rail, please alert an Usher and Communion will be brought to you.

ANTHEM ....."Litanei"

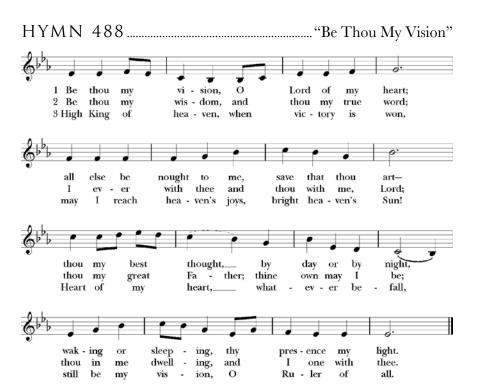
#### Franz Schubert

Performed by St. Martin's Youth Choir

Ruh'n in Frieden alle Seelen, die vollbracht ein banges Quälen, die vollendet süssen Traum, lebenssatt, geboren kaum, aus der Welt hinüberschieden: Alle Seelen ruh'n in Frieden! Die sich hier Gespielen suchten, öfter weinten, nimmer fluchten, wenn vor ihrer treuen Hand keiner jeden Druck verstand: Alle die von hinnen schieden, alle Seelen ruh'n in Frieden!

Rest in peace all souls departed, who are done with tortured sorrow, who have finished all their sweet dreams, tired of life, yet hardly born, from this world they have left this mournful life: Rest in peace all souls departed! Those who here searched for friendship, often weeping, never cursing, no one ever knew any hands offered up so faithfully: All of those who left this mournful life, rest in peace all souls departed!

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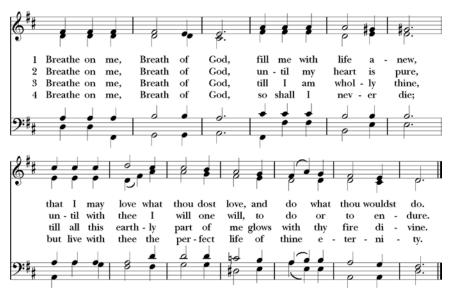


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After Communion, the Celebrant says (kneel) Let us pray.

#### 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.

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: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821–1891); Music: Marion, Arthur Henry Messiter (1834–1916).

#### THE DISMISSAL

A Minister says the dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY ...... "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" arr. Albert Travis

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

## RECOGNITIONS



#### FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Natalia Ayala by Carole Nelson In thanksgiving for the baptism of Cullen Taggart Waterman by Kelly, Brittany, Sawyer and Mason Waterman



#### BAPTISMS

Oct. 25 Marigold Ann Fox Archer James Westmoreland



#### WEDDINGS

Oct. 25 Norma Kate Langdon and Brandon Paul Greer



#### SYMPATHY

Oct. 14 Betty Templeton Adkins Gilliam

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 Diane Knutzen Norma Taylor

Carolyn Alban Reid Kuhn The Rev. James Thomas

 Joe B. Allen
 Alex and Trip Larzelere
 Jerry Lee Tobar

 Edith Avery
 Rhea Latta
 Betty Tutor

David B. Bruce Michael Lee Scarlett and Luke Tyler

Shelly Bain Mary Lehman Rose Vaile
William Barrett Julie Long Van Valentine
Ken Beadell John Love Margaret Watson
Cory Blackman Patrick Maehs Mary Watters
Jimmy Broussard James Masten Cei Anne Whitlock

Gary Browning Barbara and Bob McClellan Bob Wright Gene Cooley Janet McDaniel Eric Zoerb Adams McHenry Gail Cunningham Angela The Rev. Jim Cunningham Frank Melchor Ashlev Bobby de Sosa Chuck Miller Atticus Linda de Sosa

Linda de Sosa William "Bill" T. Moyer Ben Charlotte Dion Kae Nakisa Blanca and Jason

Charlotte Dion Kae Nakisa Ross Dunn Nadim Nasir Daniel Stacey and John Elliott Nancy Older David Jackie Eubank Bob Paddock Ellen Susan Garrett Kim Parshall Evelyn Judy Gerrish Colin Peoples Henry Catherine Gonzales Antone Peterson J.R. Nancy Gore Ophelia Pujol Jane Susan and Aart Gosma Mary Sommers Pyne Jim

Cvnthia Graham Phyllis Reinhardt Judy The Rev. Alex Graham John Roady Kay Bette Haidusek Maggie Rodriguez Laura Nancy Hall Hank Roper Leslev Wayne Hall Linda Angela Salinas Steve Salsman Luke Jean Hatton Nancy Haywood Lynne Sanyoto Lynne Muffi Henschel Sherie Sardis Margaret Aaron Holbrook Bill Schwaiger Mark Leodamae Hopkins Nancy Seal Natalie Laurie Howard Caroline Searls Sally Denise Hunnell Sarah Jean

Laurie HowardCaroline SearlsSallyDenise HunnellHelen and Jim ShafferSarah JearWendy HuntCaroline ShanahanShaneSara JabbariSusan Rae ShannonStephenMary and Jim JenningsClif ShoemakeSteveSarah JohnsonMarc SonySusan

Katie Jones Mitch Starkey Tammy
Susan Jones Dolly Steinman
Susan and Chester Keeton Michael Stern

Dick Kilday

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.

Janis and James Stokes

## 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. Casev Gainer Capt. Alex Mullen PFC Parris F. Owen CDR Bradley Hoffman SrA James W. Peoples LTC Wesley J. Hunnell 1st Lt. Stephen A. Jeckovich Lt. Paul Piana PFC Alex Pickett Major Blake J. Kidd Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant Cadet George N. Kinder

CPO Brian Powell 1st Lt. S. Jeffers Shaper CPO Evan Tomlin

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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 vrivera@smec.org with this information. Your assistance in maintaining our prayer list is most appreciated.

## 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

Τŀ	ΗE	PSALMPsalm 149
1	На	llelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; *
		sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
2	Let	t Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
		let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
3	Let	them praise his Name in the dance; *
		let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
4	For	the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
		and adorns the poor with victory.
5	Let	the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
		let them be joyful on their beds.
6	Let	the praises of God be in their throat *
		and a two-edged sword in their hand;
7	То	wreak vengeance on the nations*
		and punishment on the peoples;
8	То	bind their kings in chains *
		and their nobles with links of iron;
9	То	inflict on them the judgment decreed;*
		this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

## READINGS FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLE......Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## 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. Dane Boston

"Genesis: The First Word"

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

10:15 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

#### ANGLICANISM 101 with the Rev. Dr. Jordan Hylden

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

## 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 6-week-olds through 3-year-olds. 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

#### **NOVEMBER 2-8, 2025**

#### ALL ADULTS

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

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.

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

#### 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

### STUDENTS

Life Groups Wednesday, 6 p.m. • Student Life Center

Students in grades 6–12 connect with their peers for fun activities and great discussions about faith and life. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of the meal.

#### EVENTS



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

## ALL SAINTS' DAY



"The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs" by Fra Angelico

Saturday, Nov. 1, was All Saints' Day.

It is believed by many scholars that the commemoration of all the saints on November first originated in Ireland, spread from there to England, and then to the continent of Europe. That it had reached Rome and had been adopted there early in the ninth century is attested by a letter of Pope Gregory the Fourth, who reigned from 828 to 844, to Emperor Louis "the Pious," urging that such a festival be observed throughout the Holy Roman Empire.

However, the desire of Christian people to express the intercommunion of the living and the dead in the Body of Christ by a commemoration of those who, having professed faith in the living Christ in days past, had entered into the nearer presence of their Lord, and especially of those who had crowned their profession with heroic deaths, was far older than the early Middle Ages. Gregory Thaumaturgus (the "Wonder Worker"), writing before the year 270, refers to the observance of a festival of all martyrs, though he does not date it. A hundred years later, Ephrem the Deacon mentions such an observance in Edessa on May 13; and the patriarch John Chrysostom, who died in 407, says that a festival of All Saints was observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost in Constantinople at the time of his episcopate. The contemporary lectionary of the East Syrians set a commemoration of all the saints on Friday in Easter week. On May 13, in the year 610, the Pantheon in Rome – originally a pagan temple dedicated to "all the gods" - was dedicated as the Church of St. Mary and All Martyrs.

"Lesser Feasts and Fasts"

## THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED IN THE LAST YEAR

Bobbie Rucker Adams Maurine Linquist Alfrey Harvey Altmann Joseph Harris Amberson, Jr. Jane Hotze Charles Marshall Ashmore III John Autenreith Edward William Barnett Margaret "Peggy" Barnett Thomas Christopher Barrett Wanda Jacobs Rita Bastian Io Ann Bolton

Charles "Jack" Branch Christopher Patrick Cammuso P. Embry Canterbury Bert Loren Clardy

Linda Coughlin Nancy Seeman Cox Marshall Heard Crawford Henry Clay Dean III

Pallie Dearman Ruth Dorris Mary Drew Connie Dver Mary Ruth El-Hakam

The Rev. Richard H. Elwood Blake McCrory

Sheldon Erikson William Taylor Evans

Gayle Ferguson Charles Robert Flores Sandra Shawell Fortney Frank Daniel Foster, Jr. Nancy Laura Gardere

Ellen Elizabeth Getten

Mark Thomas Gholson Betty Adkins Gilliam

Ann Craig Gregory Campbell Arthur Griffin, Jr. Mary Kathryn

Frank Xavier Gruen, Jr. Richard Samuel Gubbs Cathy Haidusek Gladys Halbouty

Irene Hargy

Judy Catherine Hershberger Bonnie Elv Hibbert

Mollie Ward Hill Burt B. Holmes

John Burnham Holstead III

Victor Cherbonnier Hopkins

Carrie Horne Anne Baker Horton

Charles Houston, Jr. Robert Burns Irwin John David Jackson Mary Kate Jacobe

Mary Margaret Kedgley

Maie Killian

Robert Peter Killinger

Mildred Knapp Frank Kotar

Michael Kenneth Kuhn Anne Thomas Lasater Carlita Settegast Laurent William Chase Leyrer III

Nancy Scott Liles Patricia Pinson Lind James Arthur Lovell, Jr.

Sally Maddux Janice Madsen

Graeme Meyers Marston

Sarah Blakely McCrory Thomas Rambaut McDade

Chanse McLeod Buford Tom Miller Edward Louis Moses, Jr. Tobin Scott O'Donnell

Steven Parker

Frances Nevins Parsons Daniel Bruce Pate

Margaret Severin Owen

Mary Weismann Peterson

Ouackenbush Eliza Lovett Randall Gordon Richardson, Sr. Hernaldo Rivera

Brewster Conrad Gurney

Rogers

Linda-Ann Rossicone John Patrick Scott Anne McCullough Shallenberger

Patsy Shappley

Margaret Gaffney Sheedy

Carol Ann Slawson Floyd Ames Smith, Sr. Joann Kurth Sowell Joel Bowman Speights

Robert R. Stahlhut

Pinckney Franklin Steed, Jr.

James Swann James Swanson Patricia Swanson

Desmond Michael John Taylor Elisabeth Behnecke Thornton Margaret Garrett Thornton

Ann Thurmond

William Richards Thurmond

Martha Jane Arnold

Touchstone Grant Wagner Mae Joyce Wagner Olney Wallace Sara Lehr White James Wilson Wooten







## Tours of The Church

Explore the history of St. Martin's with guided free tours. Discover the beautiful stained-glass windows, intricate wood carvings and numerous architectural features, all hosted by our knowledgeable docents.

#### Wednesdays • 11 a.m. - noon

With an organ concert the fourth Wednesday of the month

#### First Sunday of the Month

Following the 11:15 a.m. service

Special Tours of the Church and of Christ Chapel, and the Campus Gardens are also available upon request.



For reservations or more information, call 713-830-4117 or scan the QR code.

## MEMBERSHIP101



#### PART 1 • MONDAY, NOV. 3

6-8:30 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall and Online

Dinner will be served

#### PART 2 • SUNDAY, NOV. 9

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Hope and Healing Center & Institute



Join us in our mission at smec.org/membership

**Kathy Johnson,** *Director of Membership* membership@smec.org • 713-985-3834



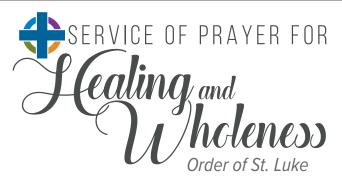
AT ST. MARTIN'S



## Tuesday, Nov. 4

7 a.m.-7 p.m. • Scout Center

The Scout Center will serve as an official polling place. Eligible voters will be able to cast their ballots here on Election Day.



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.

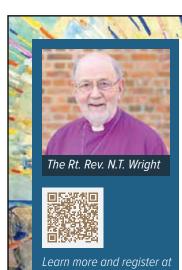
#### **Next Service**

Wednesday, Nov. 5 | 5 p.m.

Parish Life Center or via Zoom

smec.org/osl

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



smec.org/wycliffe

Limited scholarships are

Cost: \$175

available.

## WYCLIFFE HALL FORUM

Resurrection Then and Now

Friday, Nov. 7 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 • 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Parish Life Center

This two-day intensive workshop will feature teaching from one of the world's leading biblical scholars, the Rt. Rev. N.T. Wright, along with other distinguished scholars from Wycliffe Hall, University of Oxford.

Coffee and pastries will be served in the morning, and lunch will be provided.

**Juli Browning,** *Evangelism Events Coordinator* jbrowning@smec.org • 713-985-3845

### ST. MARTIN'S ANNUAL

## **COOKIE CONTEST!**



Sunday, Nov. 9
10:30 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall
(after the Parish Picture)



Show off your sweetest skills! Sign up for the cookie contest now.

Contact: Ursella Rylander • urylander@smec.org • 713-830-4123

## St. Martin's Day

We will reflect this day on our Patron Saint-Martin of Tours

## Sunday, Nov. 9

Traditional Services • 8, 9 and 11:15 a.m. • The Church
Family Table Service • 9:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center
Riverway Contemporary Service • 11:15 a.m. • Parish Life Center

#### **Family Parish Picture**

10:15 a.m. • The Church Plaza

#### **Cookie Contest**

10:30a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

To learn more about St. Martin's Day, visit smec.org/stmartinsday

## --- Veterans Day

Sunday, Nov. 9 • 6 p.m. • The Church

Join Your Parish Family in Honoring the Brave Men and Women of Our Armed Forces.

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



DePelchin Children's Center

## ANGEL TREE Christmas Gift Program

#### Sponsor Sign-up and Pick-up

Sunday, Nov. 9 • 9 a.m.–noon

#### Gifts Due to DePelchin:

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Through the annual St. Martin's Angel Tree Project, volunteers sign up to purchase Christmas gifts for 250 children in foster care, adoption and mental health services provided by DePelchin Children's Center.

Sign-up required. Contact Tracee Tindol for more information.

**Contact:** Tracee Tindol

713-985-3811 • outreach@smec.org

## THE RETURN OF THE KING

From the Exodus to the Incarnation

Sundays, Nov. 16\*, Nov. 30-Dec. 21 10:15-11 a.m. Bagby Parish Hall

As the year progresses, we will continue exploring the entire narrative of Scripture during the Rev. Boston's first year as St. Martin's Fifth Rector. In the five Sundays leading up to Christmas, we will focus on what follows Genesis, culminating in the momentous event of God's entrance into the biblical story: the birth of Christ.



\*The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew B. McGowan, Dean of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, will kick off this series and discuss "The Exodus and the Law."

THEOLOGY LIFE

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



Remember a loved one with poinsettias to decorate St. Martin's worship spaces and the Gardens of the Holy Cross.

All requests received by 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, will be included in the Christmas Flowers listing available in the worship booklets at all Christmas services. Any requests received after the deadline will be published in worship booklets in the weeks following Christmas.



Make your flower dedication online at smec.org/christmasflowers

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

## CONNECTING WITH ST. MARTIN'S

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. Courtney Schilling, Clerk

Mr. Dan Meyer, Senior Council President

Mr. Bob Heston, Jr., Parish Stewardship Chair

Mr. Andy Harvin, Chancellor\*

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Mr. Scott Anderson

Mrs. Hunter Bell

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Mrs. Summer Craig

Mr. Mike Fuqua

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The Hon. Edith Jones

Mr. John Maclay, Jr.

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Mr. Milton West

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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

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Mrs. Courtney Schilling
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