

## Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that your November is off to a good start!

Many who wanted to attend our parish meeting on October 18 but were unable to do so have been asking how the meeting went.

I was very pleased with the turnout and the food and wine were great! (Many thanks to Nancy and her helpers!) We had nearly fifty people in attendance who were eager to engage in an honest conversation about the state of the parish and possible paths forward as a community. It seemed as though—despite a few concerns raised—the general sentiment was that we continue to **consider a more formal partnership with Saint Mary of the Bay** in order to streamline operations and ensure financial stability.

I tried to make very clear that at this time, there is no plan to close Saint Alexander. It is important that people continue to financially support the parish so that we can keep our bills paid and our facilities maintained. I know that we are a small community, but we are a committed community. We have generous volunteers who help with the sustaining of ordinary operations and our expenses are relatively low. But, as I shared at the parish meeting, during the prior fiscal year (2021-2022), Saint Alexander's had already realized a \$5,000 decline in ordinary offertory income. If income continues to decline at that pace, we will not be left with many options. That's why it is important to continue to fulfill our financial obligation in support of Saint Alexander.

Another matter that was discussed was the changing of the Sunday morning Mass time to 9:15am instead of 9am. This will give me enough time to celebrate the 8am at SMB and not have to start Mass late here. **Please note that that change will not take place until January 2023.** I think it best to keep the 9am Mass time in place for now, and to spread the word so that it doesn't come as a surprise.

I hope to schedule another parish meeting this month to continue our conversation. Be on the lookout for that date.

Until next week,



PS—I really hope you'll join us this coming Tuesday for **Theology Uncorked** at SMB at 6:30pm (we welcome Fr. Bob Mosher to speak about his experience at the US-Mexico border) and this coming Wednesday at Saint Alexander for our monthly **Holy Hour** at 7pm!



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### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday at 9am

*Saint Alexander*

Saturday Vigil at 4pm

(Preceded by Confessions at 3pm)

*Saint Mary of the Bay*

Sunday at 8am, 10:30am and 6pm

*Saint Mary of the Bay*

Monday-Friday 8am

*Saint Mary of the Bay*

Holy Days as Announced



### TRUSTEES & AUDITORS

Nancy Urban, Trustee  
John Saviano, Trustee  
Patricia Dugan, Auditor  
John Flynn, Auditor

## ∞ MASS INTENTIONS ∞

November 6, 2022

9am: Dawn M. Fraga

*Requested by Auntie Nancy*

Walter S. Felag Sr.

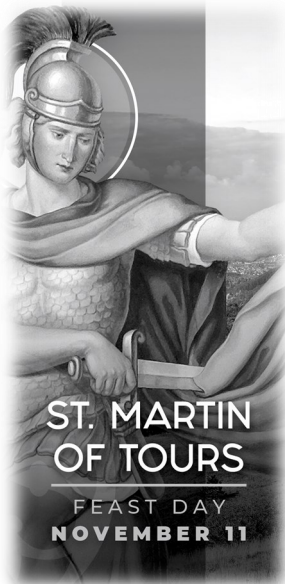
*Requested by the family*

November 13, 2022

9am: Patricia Daignault

*Requested by the family*

## ∞ SAINT OF THE WEEK ∞



Saint Martin of Tours was born a pagan in what is now Hungary around 316, but he was raised in Italy where his father, a tribune, was posted. At 15 he was compelled to serve in the Roman military, though he was already a catechumen. There is a popular legend that while on campaign the saint cut his cloak in half to share with a cold beggar. That night he dreamed of Jesus and his cloak was restored. He was baptized at 18. Only two years after his baptism, he was released

from the military, he had refused his battle pay and to fight saying he was a soldier for Christ. He is the first recognized conscientious objector.

After his release from the military, he became a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers. He worked diligently against the Arian heresy, which denies the divinity of Jesus Christ, and established a community of ermits near Poitiers in 361, the first French monastery.

In 371 he reluctantly became bishop of Tour. Nearby, he founded a second monastery, Marmoutier, because he preferred the life of a monk he retreated often. In 384 there was a popular heresy infecting the Church in Spain, led by the bishop Priscillian and his followers. The emperor Magnus Maximus became involved, ordering the execution of the heretics. Saint Martin opposed the executions and protested the emperor's involvement in Church matters. Unfortunately, the Priscillians were executed anyway.

Saint Martin died in Candes-Saint-Martin, Gaul in 397. He is notably one of the first saints who was not martyred. He is the patron saint of France.

## ∞ LIVING THE SCRIPTURES ∞

Today's Readings:

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/  
2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

From today's First Reading:

*"You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up to live again forever. It is for his laws that we are dying."* (2 Mc 7:9)

Consider: **The story from Second Maccabees recounts how Jews were tortured to death for refusing to violate God's laws. It is also one of the earliest writings from the Old Testament that speak to the Jewish belief in the resurrection from the dead for those who suffer for the faith. Would you have the courage to die for your faith?**

From today's Second Reading:

*May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.* (2 Thes 2:16-17)

Consider: **Paul asks the believers in Thessalonica to pray for him, Silvanus, and Timothy "to be delivered from perverse and wicked people." What would you like your faith community to pray about for you?**

From today's Gospel:

*"And he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."* (Lk 20:38)

Consider: **The Sadducees attempted to trap Jesus with a marriage riddle about the resurrection of the dead. How do you deal with friends who challenge what you believe?**

