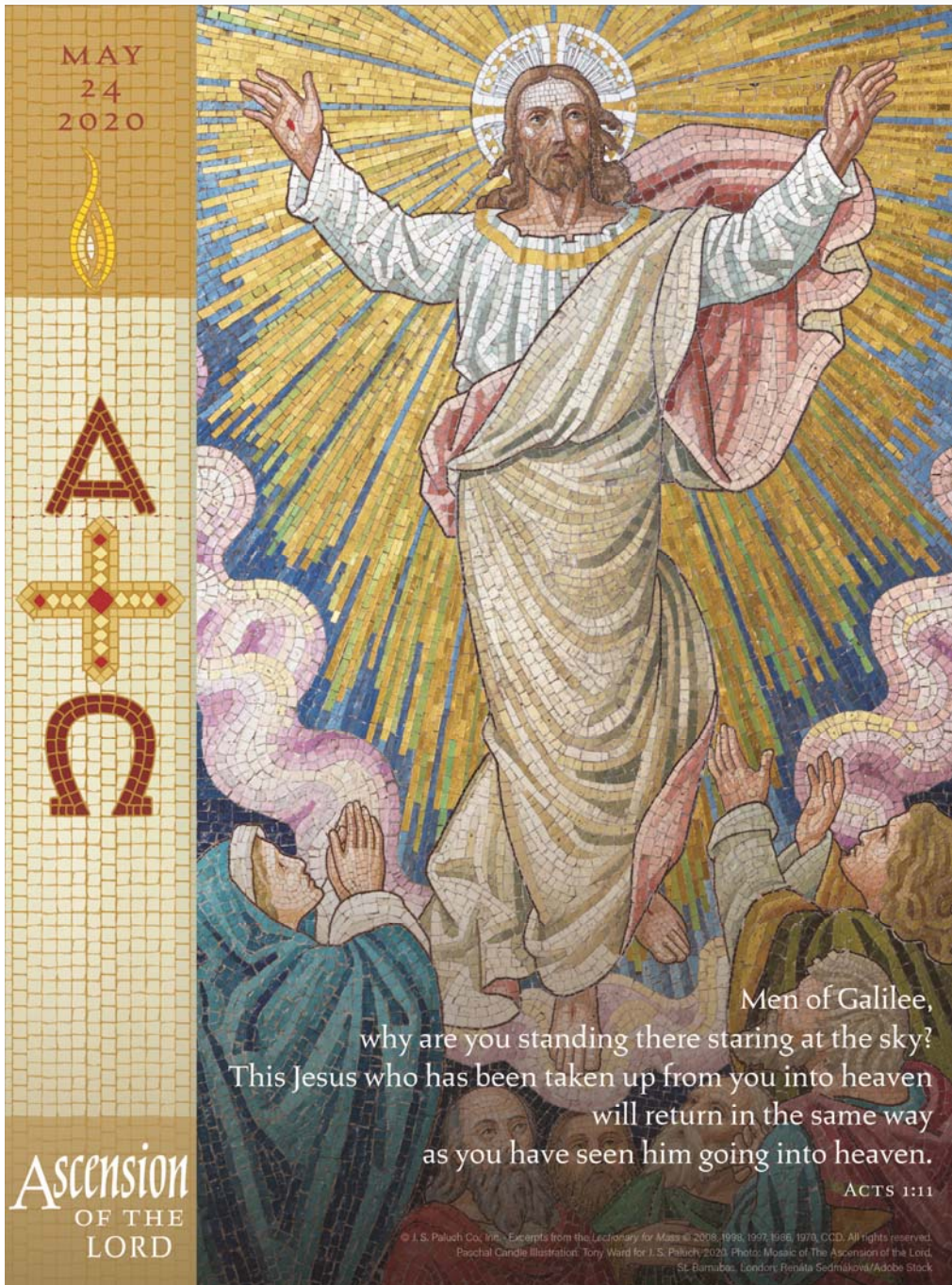




Welcome to
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SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

General	\$2654
Special Collections	\$
Loose	\$4378
Subtotal	\$7032
On-Line Giving	\$ 845
(May 11—May 17	
Total:	\$ 7877

St. Martin of Tours Parish extends a Warm Welcome to all who have come to worship with us. We are honored by your presence. If you would like to join the parish, please contact the parish office. God Bless You!

Pastor's Pen

A certain passage in the seventh chapter of Second Chronicles struck me as very important for these times. Just after Solomon consecrated the temple in Jerusalem, the Lord appeared to Solomon in the night and gave him this warning:

When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. -

2 Chronicles 7:13-15

This is good news, is it not? I think so. If the people repent from sin and humbly return to the Lord in prayer, the Lord will heal our land. However, there's a catch:

But if you turn away and forsake the decrees and commands I have given you and go off to serve other gods and worship them, then I will uproot Israel from my land, which I have given them, and will reject this temple I have consecrated for my Name. I will make it a byword and an object of ridicule among all peoples. This temple will become a heap of rubble. All who pass by will be appalled and say, 'Why has the LORD done such a thing to this land and to this temple?' People will answer, 'Because they have forsaken the LORD that is why he brought all this disaster on them.'

- 2 Chronicles 7:19-22

If America continues to “serve other gods and worship them,” then God will withdraw his protection.

But is this true? We no longer live under the Old Covenant. Jesus has shown us the face of the Father, who is Mercy and Kindness. Indeed this is true, too. What are we to believe? The tradition of the Catholic Church is very clear. God “sends” difficulties to us for many reasons – and who are we to know the Mind of God? However, in the Church's past, whenever a plague has afflicted the Christian people, the Church has always echoed the words of 2 Chronicles: Return to the Lord! Confess! Offer sacrifices! Pray!

Let us pray for the Lord's protection upon us all.



SMT'S St. Vincent DePaul, is here to be of assistance to anyone within our parish boundary. If you or someone you know is in need, please feel free to contact us at 314-296-3733. All requests are confidential! If you are not within our boundary, we will direct you to the St. Vincent DePaul Conference which can assist you.

We also would like to thank all the people who have supported us, particularly during this trying time, you are indeed "Helping your Neighbor".

In honor of our Blessed Mother
Please pray the rosary!



Monday, May 25
Memorial Day
Mass @ 9:00 a.m.

ADORATION IN 2020

Would you be willing to commit an hour of adoration time from **Wed., June 3**

following the 8:00 a.m. Mass until **Fri., June 5** at 3:00 p.m.

Notice the extended time.

Please consider giving to the Lord one hour.



**To schedule your time slot,
sign up in the church vestibule, on our
parish website, or please call:**

Barb Muich: 314-892-6284 or
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Email: Betty Koch44@yahoo.com

LECTORS

Saturday, May 23 at 4:00 p.m. Ken McWhorter
Sunday, May 24 at 10:00 a.m. JoAnne Marty

MASS INTENTIONS

9:00 a.m. - Monday May 25
Raymond Austermann, Jr. +

8:00 a.m. - Tuesday May 26
Ronald VanDevent+

8:00 a.m. - Wednesday May 27
Brett Haubrich+

8:00 a.m. - Thursday May 28
Ray & Marie Austermann+

8:00 a.m. - Friday May 29
Jack McManemy+

4:00 p.m. - Saturday May 30
Anne Calabrese+

10:00 a.m. - Sunday May 31
People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19: 1-8; Ps 68 (67): 2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16: 29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20: 17-27; Ps 68 (67): 10-11, 20-21; Jn 17: 1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20: 28-38; Ps 68 (67): 29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17: 11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23: 6-11; Ps 16 (15): 1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17: 20-26

Friday: Acts 25: 13b-21; Ps 103 (102): 1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21: 15-19

Saturday: Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31; Ps 11 (10): 4, 5, 7; Jn 21: 20-25



Guidelines for Observing Social Distancing and other Health Requirements for the Celebration of Mass

GENERAL GUIDELINES/REMINDERS

- **Dispensation of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues until further notice.**
- **Parishioners who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to another with the virus should not come to church, in accordance with national, state and local health directives.**
 - Attendees should take their temperature at home before determining whether they should attend Mass.
- Anyone over 60 years-old and those with underlying health complications are encouraged to participate in Masses *via live-stream only*.

CLEANING, SANITIZING AND HYGIENE

- Appropriate cleaning of high-use areas within the church is completed before and after each service.

CAPACITY/ATTENDANCE

- Gathering of congregants where Mass is celebrated is *limited to* the following:
 - For churches of less than 10,000 sq. ft., the number of all those present at each Mass is limited to 25% or less of the fire or building code maximum occupancy.
 - For churches of 10,000 or more sq. ft., the number of all those present at each Mass is limited to 10% or less of the fire or building code maximum occupancy.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

- The faithful are obliged to wear a mask during the celebration of Mass, except for the brief moment of receiving Communion.
- Ushers and other volunteers will wear masks and gloves (when gloves are not available, frequent handwashing will be necessary) throughout the celebration of Mass.
- Specific PPE practices are required for Eucharistic ministers. More details are included under "Holy Communion" below.

OFFERTORY

- **Stationary baskets** will be used for donations from the assembly and are to be monitored by the ushers until the donations are collected
- Collection baskets should not be passed, nor will ushers take up the collection from the congregation.
- **Please consider giving your offertory online.**

SIGN OF PEACE IS SUSPENDED



Guidelines for Observing Social Distancing and other Health Requirements for Holy Communion

HOLY COMMUNION

- **Communicants are to receive the Host in the hand** in keeping with the advice of state health officials and thereby to avoid the Communion minister's fingers coming into contact with saliva or particles exhaled from the communicants' mouth onto the ministers' fingers.
- **Communion ministers must be masked**, must sanitize their hands immediately before and after distributing Communion, and when at all possible, should utilize a disinfectant wipe or purificator dipped in a sanitizing solution (at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropyl alcohol) to sanitize their fingers when incidental contact is made with the communicant.
- Distribution of **Holy Communion from the chalice is prohibited** to the assembly. For those who suffer from celiac disease, special arrangements are to be made with the pastor.
- When approaching the Communion minister, the communicant is to pull their mask below their chin in order to prepare to receive Communion as above. The communicant immediately replaces their mask after consuming the Host.
- Ushers or other volunteers who are masked and gloved will ensure six-foot distancing in the Communion line.
- Floor markings shall be placed six feet apart in the aisles in which the congregation approaches the sanctuary for Communion to facilitate proper social distancing.
- Maintaining a single-file is necessary for the distribution of Holy Communion for each Communion minister and communicant to maintain social distancing. Multiple Communion ministers may be used as long as one-way traffic patterns are observed.

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

May 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 <i>Adoration begins 8:30 a.m.- 12 Noon</i>	21	22	23
24	25 <i>Memorial Day Mass @ 9:00am Parish Office Closed</i>	26	27 <i>Adoration begins 8:30 a.m.- 12 Noon</i>	28 <i>Parish Council 7:00 p.m.</i>	29	30
31			<i>June 3 Adoration begins 8:30 a.m.- 12 Noon</i>	<i>June 4 Adoration continues</i>	<i>June 5 Adoration continues Benediction @ 3:00 p.m.</i>	

DASH'S DEN

When you play Bingo, everyone gets the middle space ... for Free! But ... the question is: Is it *really* "free" if *everyone* gets the middle space?



Since the Bingo balls are numbered 1 through 75, I guess that makes the Free Space number ... 0? But zero = nothing! See? We proved it! Nothing in life is Free.

NOTICE:

Some of you may have heard that because of concerns about spreading the coronavirus, the Bandwagon Bingo Hall is set to close.

Is St. Martin of Tours Bingo coming to an end? Not if Ken Harangozo, Larry Skaggs, and I can help it! Our Bingo has lasted 35 years. Even if we are prevented for a few months, here's our goal: "Open up Bingo again!"

Along with some others affected (for example, St. Mark's situation is similar to ours) we are being proactive, looking for other venues for our Bingo. Once we do, we will need to await for the go-ahead from the State, the County, and the Archdiocese.

We would like to thank sincerely all the hard workers and Bingo supporters over the years. We will keep you informed of any developments.