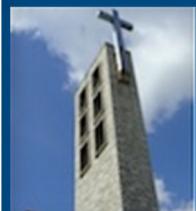


Welcome to  
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# The Most Holy *Body and Blood* of Christ

Jesus said:  
“I am the living bread  
that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

John 6:51



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**SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS**

General	\$5830
Special Collections	\$ 511
Loose	\$ 510
Subtotal	\$6851
On-Line Giving	\$2290
(June 1-June 6)	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$9141</b>

*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

Dear St. Martin of Tours Family and Friends,

We continue to live during times of great uncertainty. Things change so quickly that we don't know what's coming next, when the troubles will end, and what kind of resolution will be attained.

We are told we shall know the times and the seasons to prepare ourselves for Our Lord's coming (1 Thessalonians 5:1). Quite frankly, these times in our nation and throughout the globe seem unprecedented. But are they?

Almost every post-Resurrection generation tends to think it is the ultimate, the one that will see the Second Coming. A drama normally has five acts. The temptation is to believe we living near the drama's end, in the fifth act. Yet it is a temptation. There is tremendous distance between what is real and what the mind has constructed.

During the American Civil War, among both the Confederacy and the United States there was an eerie sense that the end was approaching. *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* begins with the words, "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord..." 750,000 thousand men and women total died in that war – 2 ½% of the population our nation at the time. (Put into perspective, that would be nearly 8 million U.S. citizens today.)

During the years 1917 and 1918, the world was experiencing a pandemic far worse than the one we are experiencing today with 1/3 of the world infected, 10% of which died. No less terrifying, Europe and the U.S. were fighting a war that resulted in the loss of 20 million souls. In the U.S. alone, when we add up the 675,000 who died from the flu and the 116,000 soldiers who died in the war, we arrive at a figure amounting to roughly 1% of U.S. population. Let's not also forget that in 1917, Holy Mother Russia was overthrown by atheistic communists.

However, it is not my place to tell you what will and will not happen. I tend to think things will get worse before they get better. Please pray, most especially to the two apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary which pertain to these times: Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of America.

These prayers were taught by the angel and by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima, Portugal, 1917:

***My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.***

***Most Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit- I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifferences whereby He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners.***

Sincerely,



**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".

## ACA

*Goal:* \$28,815

*Amount received  
as of June 7:* \$ 9,978

*Please be as generous as possible!*

## ADORATION IN 2020

Would you be willing to commit an hour of adoration time from **Wed., July 1**

following the 8:00 a.m. Mass until **Fri., July 3** 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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## LECTORS

Saturday, June 13 at 4:00 p.m. Dale Bachle

Sunday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m. Mike Ackermann

## MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 a.m. - Monday June 15  
Joan Brinkmeyer+

8:00 a.m. - Tuesday June 16  
Julius & Rose Mueller+

8:00 a.m. - Wednesday June 17  
Nikki Howe+

8:00 a.m. - Thursday June 18  
Eileen Dittrich+

8:00 a.m. - Friday June 19  
MaryJo Mattison+

4:00 p.m. - Saturday June 20  
People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. - Sunday June 21  
Walter Joseph Smith+

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7;  
Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16;  
Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24;  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

**Friday:** Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10; 1  
Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

**Saturday:** 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34;  
Lk 2:41-51

# *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*

## Opening Hymn (Stand)

PRIEST: Most holy and Immaculate Virgin and our Mother Mary, you are our Perpetual Help, our refuge and our hope.

ALL: We come to you today. \* We thank God for all the graces received through your intercession. \* Mother of Perpetual Help, we promise to love you always \* and to do all we can to lead others to you.

PRIEST: Mother of Perpetual Help, confident of your powerful influence with God, obtain for us these graces:

ALL: The strength to overcome temptation, \* a perfect love for Jesus Christ, \* and a holy death \* so that we will live with you and your Son for all eternity.

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PRIEST: Let us kneel to pray as a community of faith. Mary, all generations have called you blessed, and the Almighty has done great things for you.

ALL: Mother of Perpetual Help, \* we call upon your most powerful name. \* Your very name inspires confidence and hope. \* May it always be on our lips, \* especially in time of temptation \* and at the hour of our death. \* Blessed Lady, help us whenever we call on you. \* Let us not be content with merely pronouncing your name. \* May our daily lives proclaim \* that you are our Mother and our Perpetual Help.

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PRIEST: Let us pray for our temporal wants:

ALL: Mother of Perpetual Help, \* with the greatest confidence we kneel before you. \* We implore your help in the problems of our daily lives. \* Trials and sorrows often depress us; \* misfortunes and privations bring misery into our lives; \* everywhere we meet the cross. \* Comforter of the Afflicted \* beg your Son, Jesus, \* to strengthen us as we bear our burdens \* and to free us from our sufferings. \* Or if it be the will of God \* that we should suffer still longer, \* help us endure all with love and patience. \* May we follow the example of your Son, \* and through him, \* with him,

\*and in him, \* commend ourselves to the care of our heavenly Father.

PRIEST: Let us stand now to present our petitions and our thanks. Lord Jesus Christ, at a word from Mary your Mother, you changed water into wine at Cana of Galilee. Listen now to the People of God gathered here to honor Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Grant our petitions and accept our sincere thanks.

PRIEST: Grant wisdom and guidance to our Holy Father, Pope our Bishop our priests, and all the leaders of our nation, state, and community.

ALL: Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.

PRIEST: Grant peace and unity throughout the world, especially in our homes and families.

ALL: Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.

PRIEST: Grant that young people respond generously to the call of the Holy Spirit in deepening their faith and choosing their vocation in life.

ALL: Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.

PRIEST: Grant us continued health of mind and body, and help the sick, especially to regain their health according to your holy will.

ALL: Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.

PRIEST: Grant eternal rest to all our deceased, especially and to the souls of all the faithful departed.

ALL: Hear us, Lord, through Mary our Mother.

PRIEST: Let us pause now to silently present our own petitions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

PRIEST: Lord, accept our thanks for the new life of grace you gave us.

ALL: We thank you, Lord, through Mary our Mother.

PRIEST: Accept our thanks for all the graces received through the sacramental life of the Church.

ALL: We thank you, Lord, through Mary our Mother.

PRIEST: Accept our thanks for the spiritual and material blessings we have received.

ALL: We thank you, Lord, through Mary our Mother. PRIEST: Let us pause now to silently thank Our Mother of Perpetual Help for our own favors received.

PRIEST: Please kneel as we pray for the sick:  
ALL: Lord, look upon your servants \* laboring under bodily weakness. \* Cherish and revive the souls \* which you have created \* so that, purified by their sufferings \* they may soon find themselves healed by your mercy. \* We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRIEST: May the Lord Jesus Christ be with you that he may defend you, within you that he may sustain you, before you that he may lead you, behind you that he may protect you, above you that he may bless you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. ALL: Amen.

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PRIEST: Let us renew our confidence in Mary as a perpetual help.

ALL: Mother of Perpetual Help, \* you have been blessed and favored by God. \* You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, \* but the Mother of the redeemed as well. \* We come to you today as your loving children. \* Watch over us and take care of us. \* As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, \* so take us in your arms. \* Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. \* For God who is mighty \* has done great things for you, \* and his mercy is from age to age \* on those who love him. \* Our greatest fear is \* that in time of temptation, \* we may fail to call out to you, \* and become lost children. \* Intercede for us, dear Mother, \* in obtaining pardon for our sins, \* love for Jesus, \* final perseverance, \* and the grace always to call upon you, \* Mother of Perpetual Help.

*The following Act of Consecration is to be said the first week of the month.*

PRIEST: Let us renew our Act of Consecration. ALL: United with the members of your confraternity \* here and throughout the world, \* we consecrate ourselves to your service. \* We promise to renew this dedication once a month \* and frequently to receive the sacraments. \* We beg you to obtain for us \* the grace to imitate your great servant, St. Alphonsus, \* in his love for you and your Son.

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PRIEST: Let us stand now and unite with the Christians of all ages in praising Mary and in committing ourselves to her powerful protection:

ALL: Hail Mary, etc.

PRIEST: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

ALL: That we may become worthy of the promises of Christ.

PRIEST: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, who gave us your Mother Mary, whose image we venerate, as a mother ready at every moment to help us; grant, we beg you, that we who call on her help may always enjoy the fruit of your redemption. This we ask through you who live and reign forever. ALL: Amen

Closing Hymn

O Mother of Perpetual Help  
To thee we come imploring help  
Behold us here from far and near  
To ask of thee our help to be.

# EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

# June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <i>Adoration begins @ 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon</i>	4 <i>Adoration continues</i>	5 <i>Adoration continues Benediction @ 3:00 p.m.</i>	6
7	8	9	10 <i>Adoration @ 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon</i>	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 <i>Adoration @ 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon</i>	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 <i>Adoration @ 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon</i>	25 <i>Parish Council @6:30 p.m. ZOOM</i>	26	27
28	29	30	<i>July 1 Adoration begins 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon</i>	<i>July 2 Adoration continues</i>	<i>July 3 Adoration continues Benediction @ 3:00 p.m.</i>	

# DASH'S DEN

Dash is on vacation at this time to encourage all of us to offer this special prayer to Our Lady.

*O Immaculate Mother, Queen of our country, open our hearts, our homes, and our land to the coming of Jesus, your Divine Son, with Him, reign over us, O heavenly Lady, so pure and so bright with the radiance of God's Light shining in and about you. Be our Leader against the powers of evil set upon wresting the world of souls, redeemed at such a great cost by the sufferings of your Son and of yourself, in union with Him, from that same Savior, Who loves us with infinite charity.*

*We gather about you, O chaste and holy Mother, Virgin Immaculate, Patroness of our beloved Land, determined to fight under your banner of holy purity against the wickedness that would make all the world an abyss of evil, without God and without your loving maternal care.*

*We consecrate our hearts, our homes, our Land to your Most Pure Heart, O great Queen, that the kingdom of your Son, our Redeemer and our God, may be firmly established in us.*

*We ask no special sign for us, and we place in you our entire confidence. We promise to honor you by faith, love, and the purity of our lives according to your desire.*



*Reign over us, then, O Virgin Immaculate, with your Son Jesus Christ. May His Divine Heart and your most chaste Heart be ever enthroned and glorified among us. Use us, your children of America, as your instruments in bringing peace among men and nations. Work your miracles of grace in us, so that we may be a glory to the Blessed Trinity, Who created, redeemed, and sanctified us.*

*May your valiant Spouse, St. Joseph, with the holy Angels and Saints, assist you and us in "renewing the face of the earth." Then when our work is over, come, Holy Immaculate Mother, and as our Victorious Queen, lead us to the eternal kingdom, where your Son reigns forever as King. Amen*

(Written at the behest of Our Lady of America, October 5, 1956)

“By thy Holy and Immaculate Conception, O Mary, deliver us from evil.”

