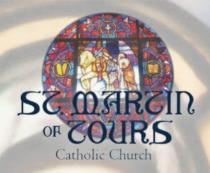
Our Parish Family







Bulletin for September 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday to Friday, 8 am

8:30 am on August 28 and all weekday Masses beginning
September 2

Friday Masses followed by Adoration and Reconciliation
Sundays, 8:30 am and 10 am

CHURCH ADDRESS

2303 54th Ave E; Fife, WA 98424

MASS INTENTIONS

Call (253) 922-7882 to request Intentions
When known, deceased individuals are noted with †

Wednesday, August 27 (8 am) Marge Murray †

Thursday, August 28 (8:30 am) John Dean †

Friday, August 29 (8 am) Colin Emett †

Sunday, August 31 (8:30 am) all parishioners (10 am) Tess Cava Nailog and Demetria Cava †

Wednesday, September 3 (8:30 am) Adelaide †

Thursday, September 4 (8:30 am) Angie Novak †

Friday, September 5 (8:30 am) Irena Chang †

Sunday, September 7 (8:30 am) Ted Balagot † (10 am) all parishioners

Tuesday, September 9 (8:30 am) James Yzabell †

Wednesday, September 10 (8:30 am) Nick Serdar †

Thursday, September 11 (8:30 am) all veterans and their families

Friday, September 12 (8:30 am) Tess Cava Nailog † Sunday, September 14 (8:30 am) Pat Guida † (10 am) all parishioners

Tuesday, September 16 (8:30 am) Jacob Wolf †

Wednesday, September 17 (8:30 am) Mariann Neville †

Thursday, September 18 (8:30 am) Litfredo Lopez †

Friday, September 19 (8:30 am) Cathy Bettinzoli †

Sunday, September 21 (8:30 am) Wallace Eng † (10 am) all parishioners

Tuesday, September 23 (8:30 am) Angie Novak †

Wednesday, September 24 (8:30 am) Francisca †

Thursday, September 25
(8:30 am) all deceased members
of St. Vincent de Paul
Conference †

Friday, September 26 (8:30 am) David Williams †

Sunday, September 28 (8:30 am) Delores Walling † (10 am) all parishioners

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HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Unable to attend Mass due to health or other reasons? Call our Parish Office to receive Communion at home

Parish events and updates

Thursday, August 28 (8:30 am)

First Mass with Holy Rosary Bilingual Academy Join our celebrant, Father Cal, in welcoming back students, teachers and staff

Friday, August 29—Monday, September 1

Holy Rosary Bilingual Academy closed for Labor Day Parish Office also closed on September 1; school and office reopen on September 2

Tuesday, September 2

Start of new weekday Mass schedule
All weekday Masses (Tuesday to Friday) now begin at 8:30 am

Tuesday, September 2 (10 am; Parish Hall's Social Rm.) Altar Society monthly meeting

All ladies of the Parish welcome; light lunch provided

Sunday, September 14 (during 8:30 and 10 am Masses)

Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development Donations fund grants for community-controlled, self-help organizations that address the root causes of poverty in America—Find collection envelopes in the church vestibules

Sunday, September 14 (after all Masses; Parish Hall) Coffee Hour

All invited for refreshments and fellowship

Wednesday, September 24 (6—7:30 pm; Parish Hall)

Kickoff of 2025-2026 Youth Group *Turn to next page for more details*

Sunday, September 28 (after all Masses; Parish Hall) Coffee Hour

Sunday, September 28 (10:05—10:55 am; All Saints)

2025-2026 Faith Formation begins

Registration open for St. Martin of Tours families; learn more at the bottom of this page

Sunday, September 28 (after 10 am Mass; inside church)

Baptism class with Deacon Pat and Lory Kelley *Please see the next page for additional information*

Wednesday, October 8 (7-8 pm; Parish Hall's Social Rm.)

First session of OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Turn the page to discover more about this program

A look back: Parish Rummage Sale

We thank our Parish Family for their donations and support of the annual Rummage Sale on August 1 and 2. 150 people waited to get in the door, which is the largest turnout we've ever had!

The money we raise supports several lunches and a scholarship for Holy Rosary Bilingual Academy; hosts, wine and other church items; gifts for our priests; new tables for the Parish Hall; a yearly stipend for a Mount Angel Seminary student; and monthly Coffee Hours, including a Father's Day breakfast and Mother's Day lunch. We're already planning the next Sale!

- With Gratitude, Sadie, Patti and their "busy bees"

Message from our Pastor

[first published in August 21 Parish e-Newsletter]

Dear Parish Family,

In this weekend's Gospel [for August 24], someone approaches Jesus and asks Him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Jesus answers in the following way: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." In other words, no, not everyone will be saved. Jesus says something similar in the 25th chapter of Matthew with the parable of the sheep and the goats, and how they will be separated at the end of time: "He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left." If we take Jesus' words seriously, He says that salvation is not guaranteed and that it is through a "narrow gate."

The question of salvation is a discipline within theology called soteriology, the study of salvation. It is a study that dives deeply into both Scripture and sacred tradition. We know that there are three essential dimensions of salvation that include, first and foremost, God's grace, which is free and unmerited; secondly, faith, which acknowledges and accepts God's offer of salvation through Jesus Christ; and lastly, cooperation with that grace through good works and participation in the sacramental life of the Church.

In addition, there are three approaches to viewing salvation: exclusive, inclusive, and pluralistic. **Exclusivism** holds that salvation is only possible through one specific religion. **Inclusivism** holds that while one religion (like Catholicism) is the truest path, God can save those who haven't explicitly followed it. **Pluralism** proposes that all religions offer valid paths to salvation. The Church officially holds to the inclusive model, thus maintaining a balance between the other two extremes, which say either a very few will be saved or essentially everyone will be saved. It affirms that while salvation may be possible outside of the Church, it is still Christ and His grace who saves.

So, will only a few people be saved? Ultimately, while there are no guarantees, we all ought to leave that question in God's hands and pray and hope for the mercy and love of Christ to be poured out in abundance upon all.

Blessings and peace, Fr. Cal

Faith Formation and Sacramental Prep

Faith Formation classes (Preschool - Grade 6) begin on September 28 at All Saints Parish from 10:05 to 10:55 am. Discuss this program and/or Sacramental Prep (First Reconciliation and Communion) with Kathryn at All Saints: (253) 845-7521, ext. 006.

Families can register today for Faith Formation here: AllSaintsParish.com/Grow-In-Faith/Childrens-Ministry

Growing our faith together

Youth Group

The 2025-2026 season begins on Wednesday, September 24, at 6 pm. All teens in Grades 7 to 12 can join us in the Parish Hall each week for food, fellowship, fun...and faith! Find a registration form at any gathering (also available in the church vestibule).

Families with teens seeking Confirmation are encouraged to attend Youth Group as part of their preparation. If you have questions about the sacrament or Youth Group, please email Ms. Terri: faith@stmartinoftoursfife.com.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The first class of 2025-2026 OCIA takes place at 7 pm on Wednesday, October 8, in the Parish Center. All who wish to refresh their Catholic Faith or receive sacraments to be in Full Communion with the Church are welcome.

To get started, please call the Parish Office: (253) 922-7882.

Baptism for children

Deacon Pat and Lory Kelley invite parents and godparents seeking Baptism for their child(ren) to a class inside church following the 10 am Mass on Sunday, September 28. Attendees will be provided the necessary forms to complete.

Families of the baptized must first be registered with the Parish, which can be done by returning a Registration Card (found in the church's main vestibule) to the Parish Office, or submitting your information on our website:

stmartinoftoursfife.com/join-us/register-with-parish.

Staff are available to answer questions—call (253) 922-7882 or email faith@stmartinoftoursfife.com.

TNERS PFAC update IN THE GOSPEL (first published in August 14

ArchSeattle.org/Partners Parish e-Newsletter)

Greetings from your Parish Family PFAC [Parish Family Advisory Council]! This group of volunteers, comprised of parishioners from all 3 Parishes, has been hard at work following the suggested steps and timeline of Partners in the Gospel. One of the first things to tackle has been to create a survey for all parishioners to determine "Who Are We?" as a Parish Family. We will be distributing this survey to our Parish communities in September. We are very excited about what we will learn from you, and we sincerely hope that everyone will take this anonymous survey, because your voice matters. We will then conduct listening sessions to hear more directly from individuals.

After this "Who Are We?" phase, we will transition to determining "Who Do We Want to Become?" It is an honor and privilege to do this work on behalf of All Saints, Sacred Heart, and St. Martin of Tours. We look to the future with faith, trust, open hearts, and joy as we work to unite ourselves as 1 canonical Parish by 2027. We know the Holy Spirit is with us! May God bless you, and please know that our prayers are with all of you. - Vivian Shannon, PFAC Chair

Support the Parish

Fife-Milton Community Food Bank

Please help fill the shelves at the Food Bank on campus at St. Martin of Tours—Donations throughout the year are always needed...and appreciated!

A container inside the room next to the church's main vestibule is available for drop-offs. Thank you for joining the Food Bank in its mission to serve the hungry.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference

We appreciate everyone who is able to leave monetary gifts inside the blue envelopes at church. (Checks can be made to 'Fife St. Vincent de Paul.') Your essential support aids this ministry in securing assistance with rent, utilities and more for our neighbors in need.

Now hiring: Pastoral Assistant for **Youth and Young Adult Ministry**

With over 2,800 families, Parish Family #34 - comprised of All Saints (Puyallup), St. Martin of Tours (Fife), and Sacred Heart (Tacoma) - seeks an experienced and energetic person to serve in our 3 Parishes and 2 schools. A successful candidate will be an active and participating member of a Catholic parish community; possess recent experience in youth catechesis; demonstrate an ability to recruit, train, and support volunteers; able to work evenings and weekends; successfully pass a background check and complete ongoing Safe Environment training; and have fluency in both English and Spanish.

This candidate would be joining a high-functioning team of professional ministers and active consultative bodies. Collaboration and communication skills are a must.

We are looking for a developer of programs for junior and senior high students (as well as young adults through age 30) in the areas of catechesis and formation, social justice opportunities, recreational events, and prayer experiences.

This position would also include an annual program for Confirmation preparation in accordance with Archdiocesan guidelines. The candidate would join teachers in our K-8 schools to develop and support religious education opportunities for middle schoolers.

This person would work alongside the volunteer leaders of our young adult program developing spiritual formation, religious education, community service, and socials. We seek opportunities to identify and involve young adults in the liturgical life of the Parish.

The successful candidate would be fiscally responsible with the youth program budget. (S)he would maintain a level of knowledge and skills required for this ministry through regular updating, reading appropriate materials, and participating in workshops and conventions both locally and regionally.

> To apply, please contact Carmen: carmenb@allsaintsparish.com.



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