

Bulletin for January 2026

Mass Intentions

Deceased marked with †

Sunday, December 28
 (8:30 am) Glen Hastings †
 (10 am) all parishioners

Tuesday, December 30
 (8:30 am) Karen Glaser †

Wednesday, December 31
 (8:30 am) Cathy Bettinzoli †

Thursday, January 1
 (10 am) all parishioners

Friday, January 2
 (8:30 am) Demetria Cava and
 Tess Nailog †

Sunday, January 4
 (8:30 am) Roberta Berrens †
 (10 am) all parishioners

Tuesday, January 6
 (8:30 am) Lynden Smithson †

Wednesday, January 7
 (8:30 am) Sharon Lincoln †

Thursday, January 8
 (8:30 am) Pat Guida †

Friday, January 9
 (8:30 am) Sheila Haniger †

Sunday, January 11
 (8:30 am) all parishioners
 (10 am) Vena Sele †

Tuesday, January 13
 (8:30 am) Dr. Antonio Cava
 and Danny Cava †

Wednesday, January 14
 (8:30 am) Cathy Bettinzoli †

Thursday, January 15
 (8:30 am) students of
 Holy Rosary
 Bilingual Academy

Friday, January 16
 (8:30 am) Betty Burgi †

Sunday, January 18
 (8:30 am) David Williams †
 (10 am) all parishioners

Tuesday, January 20
 (8:30 am) James Falasca, Jr. †

Thursday, January 22
 (8:30 am) students of
 Holy Rosary
 Bilingual Academy

Sunday, January 25
 (8:30 am) Max &
 Norma Jaquez †
 (10 am) all parishioners

Tuesday, January 27
 (8:30 am) Julius &
 Anna Nido †

Thursday, January 29
 (8:30 am) Lynden Smithson †

Friday, January 30
 (8:30 am) Ray Carlisle †

Call (253) 922-7882
 for Intentions



ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

Catholic Church

2303 54th Ave E - Fife, WA 98424

Weekly Mass schedule

Tuesday to Friday, 8:30 am

*Solemnity of Mary Masses: December 31
 (7 pm) and January 1 (10 am only);
 Confessions and Adoration after Friday
 Masses (no Mass on December 26)*

Sunday, 8:30 am and 10 am

Homebound Ministry

Unable to attend Mass due to health
 or other reasons? Call (253) 922-7882
 to receive Communion at home

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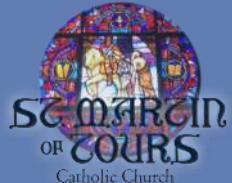
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Our Parish Family



All Saints Parish



St. Martin
 of Tours
 Catholic Church



Parish events and updates

Winter weather notice

Should weather during these colder months make roads unsuitable for driving to St. Martin of Tours Parish for any class or program, it is recommended to stay home until conditions improve. The cancellation of Faith Formation programs (Youth Group, OCIA and OCIC) follow updates provided by the Fife School District—for example, if Fife schools are closed on a given day, Parish programs that same day will not take place. Please stay safe this season!

Friday, December 26

Reminder: no morning Mass at St. Martin of Tours
No Masses on this day at other Parishes within our Family (All Saints and Sacred Heart)

Sunday, December 28

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Blessing of Parish families during 8:30 and 10 am Masses; all visitors seeking Anointing of the Sick may remain in church following each Mass on this day for group Anointing



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (holy day of obligation)

Masses on December 31 (7 pm) and January 1 (10 am; no 8:30 am Mass)

A blessed 2026 to the St. Martin of Tours community!

Tuesday, January 6 (10 am; Social Room in Parish Hall)

Altar Society monthly meeting

All ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend!

January 14, 21 and 28 (Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 pm)

Youth Group

Learn more on next page

January 14, 21 and 28 (Wednesdays from 7 to 8 pm)

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Turn page for additional details

Sunday, January 18 (during 8:30 and 10 am Masses)

Collection for the Church in Latin America

This campaign celebrates our Latin American brothers and sisters in the Church and the revitalization their fervor brings to the Faith; please consider making a donation to support the Catholics of this region—find collection envelopes at church

Monday, January 19 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Parish Office and Holy Rosary Bilingual Academy closed

Both to reopen on Tuesday, January 20

Wednesday, January 21 (5 pm; Parish Hall)

Confirmation prep for youth begins

Turn the page to learn more

Pastor's Message

[first appeared in December 11 Parish e-Newsletter]

Dear Parish Family,

[During the week of December 8] we celebrated with our Hispanic communities at All Saints, Sacred Heart, and at St. Martin's with Holy Rosary Bilingual Academy, the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe. In this Feast, we commemorate the historical event when, in December of 1531, our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Juan Diego and miraculously appeared on his tilma (a cactus fiber tunic). This original image is still on display in the Basilica of Guadalupe in Mexico City, which receives millions of pilgrims each year.

According to the story, our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Juan Diego four times. On December 12th, Juan Diego was looking for a priest to celebrate the last rites for his dying uncle. As he passed Tepeyac hill, the Virgin Mary appeared for the 4th time and called out to him. As he approached her, he found a wide variety of exquisite Castilian roses that were in full bloom. This was truly a miracle, as there were no roses growing naturally in Mexico at that time, and most certainly not in December! Juan Diego picked all the roses he found and folded his tilma over to carry them to the Bishop: this was the sign she had promised.

When he arrived at the bishop's residence, he opened his tilma and the roses dropped out onto the floor. Immediately, the bishop dropped to his knees, not because of the flowers, but because of what was miraculously grafted on his tilma, the image of our Lady. Nearly 500 years later, this very image is on display at the Basilica of Guadalupe.

Within ten years following the apparitions, nearly the entire population of Mexico converted to the Christian Faith, a powerful fruit of this miraculous event. It is the single most successful evangelization event in the Church's history.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of all of the Americas, pray for us!

*Blessings and peace,
Fr. Cal*



One Parish Planning update

In fall 2025, households from our 3 communities of faith (St. Martin of Tours, Sacred Heart and All Saints) were invited to participate in the One Parish Planning process by completing a Parish Family Survey. The process also included parishioners' involvement in Synodal Listening Sessions (hosted across our Parish Family), which concluded in mid-December. At Christmastime, we shared a document that highlighted Survey results, a synthesis of thoughts and ideas collected at the Sessions, and more.

We look forward to continuing with you our discovery of who we are as a Parish Family in this new year!

Reminder about fraudulent communications

Should members of our community receive emails or texts asking for direct financial assistance (for example, buying gift cards) from senders identifying themselves as a Parish priest or staff person, such messages are fraudulent and should be ignored. The Parish values everyone's safety and security, and will never request gift cards from individuals. Should questions arise, call the Parish Office at (253) 286-0021.

Growing our faith together

Opportunities to give

Youth Group

Grades 7 to 12 can join us on Wednesdays at 6 pm for faith, food and fun! (Required for teens seeking Confirmation)

Reminders:

- Weekly Youth Group resumes on January 14 -

- Confirmation classes begin January 21 at 5 pm -

Questions? Email Ms. Terri: faith@stmartinoftoursfife.com.

OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation of Children)

Reminder for enrolled families:

- OCIC resumes on January 11 -

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

We welcome all who wish to refresh their Catholic Faith or seek Sacraments to be in Full Communion with the Church.

Sessions are in the Parish Hall on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 pm. To get started, call the Parish Office: (253) 922-7882.

Reminder: Weekly OCIA resumes on January 14

Baptism for children

Parents and godparents seeking Baptism for their child(ren) can find dates of upcoming preparation classes (hosted by Deacon Pat and Lory Kelley) by contacting the Parish Office:

(253) 922-7882 or faith@stmartinoftoursfife.com.

Families are asked to be registered with St. Martin of Tours Parish—find Registration Cards at church, or a form may be completed online here:

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

A limited quantity of 2026 calendars were made available in our church vestibule in mid-December. They are no charge and can be picked up by visitors while supplies last. The theme is "Rejoice, O Earth," with an inspiring Bible verse and stunning natural photography from a different American diocese featured each month.



A look back

Advent



Altar Society Advent potluck (December 2)



Mass & school visit with Bishop Schuster (December 4)



Mass with school for Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 11)



2026 Stewardship (and 2025 giving letters)

We are deeply grateful for all 2026 Stewardship pledges received; your financial commitment helps our Parish thrive through vibrant liturgies, outreach to those in need, and more. If considering a gift for the new year, please find and complete a Pledge Card at church.

Last year's Parish donors year will receive (via email or postal mail) a 2025 giving letter in late January.

Fife-Milton Community Food Bank

The Food Bank (located behind St. Martin of Tours Church) appreciates all food and/or monetary gifts provided throughout the year to support those in need. A container inside the Children's Room at church is available for dropping off non-perishable donations. Contributions can also be made at [Pushpay.com/g/stmartinoftoursfife](https://pushpay.com/g/stmartinoftoursfife) (select 'Fife Milton Food Bank' under Fund).

St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Thank you for supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree this Christmas season! Your generosity has helped this ministry assist members of our community with rent and utilities during the winter months. Blue SVDP donation envelopes are available year-round at church (or to give online, select 'St Vincent de Paul' under Fund at the Pushpay link shown above).

Collecting socks for the homeless

Through January, our Parish's Youth Group is asking for new men's socks for distribution to the local homeless community. Socks may be left in the designated basket located in the main vestibule of the church.



This ministry is grateful to all at the Parish who showed their support in 2025. Because of your donations, we accomplished the following last year:

- new tables for the Parish Hall
- \$500 gift to an Archdiocesan seminarian, Pietro Tran
- gifts for our entering and exiting priests, and albs for visiting priests
- special lunch for Parish school students
- \$2,000 for youth Confirmation retreat and supplies
- donations to Food Bank and St. Vincent de Paul
- hosts and wine for Masses

From the Altar Society members who kindly give their time, to parishioners who leave donations at our monthly Coffee Hours and treasures for our annual Rummage Sale—you truly keep us going! To get involved with Altar Society, visit stmartinoftoursfife.com/parish-life.

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