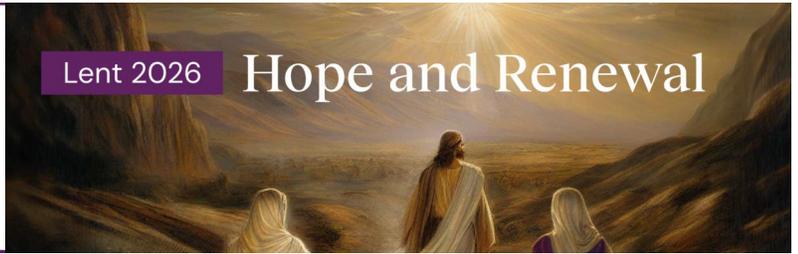


Bulletin for March 2026

Lent 2026 Hope and Renewal



Weekly Mass schedule
Tuesday to Friday, 8:30 am
(*Holy Week schedule on next page*)
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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Our Parish Family



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Mass Intentions

Names of deceased marked with †

Sunday, March 1
(8:30 am) all parishioners
(10 am) Demetria Cava and
Tess C. Nailog †

Tuesday, March 3
(8:30 am) Judy Harris (spiritual
healing)

Wednesday, March 4
(8:30 am) Connie Wrightson †

Thursday, March 5
(8:30 am) Cliff Kusler †

Friday, March 6
(8:30 am) Ed Mathews †

Sunday, March 8
(8:30 am) all parishioners
(10 am) Lynden Smithson †

Tuesday, March 10
(8:30 am) Betty Pasinetti †

Wednesday, March 11
(8:30 am) Betty Burgi †

Thursday, March 12
(8:30 am) Kathryn & Louis David †

Friday, March 13
(8:30 am) Michael Tight †

Sunday, March 15
(8:30 am) Steve Kober †
(10 am) all parishioners

Tuesday, March 17
(8:30 am) Gaylord Fabre †

Wednesday, March 18
(8:30 am) Joan Barnowe

Thursday, March 19
(8:30 am) students of
Holy Rosary Bilingual Academy

Friday, March 20
(8:30 am) David Williams †

Sunday, March 22
(8:30 am) Pat Guida †
(10 am) all parishioners

Tuesday, March 24
(8:30 am) Litia Ortquist
(physical healing)

Wednesday, March 25
(8:30 am) Betty Burgi †

Thursday, March 26
(8:30 am) Penny Mueller †

Friday, March 27
(8:30 am) Cathy Bettinzoli †

Sunday, March 29
(8:30 am) all parishioners
(10 am) Demetria Cava and
Tess C. Nailog †

Tuesday, March 31
(8:30 am) Connie Wrightson †

Call (253) 922-7882 to add Intentions

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Parish events and updates

Inclement weather notice

Should these colder months make roads unsuitable for driving to St. Martin of Tours Parish, it is recommended to stay home until conditions improve. The cancellation of faith formation programs (Youth Group, OCIA and OCIC) follow updates from the Fife School District—for example, if schools close on a given day, Parish programs that same day will not occur. Your safety matters!

Our Parish Family's *Journey to Easter*

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Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent (February 20 to March 27) St. Martin of Tours (English) 7:50 am & 6 pm Sacred Heart 4 pm (English) 6:30 pm (Spanish) All Saints (English) 7 pm (Soup Supper at 6 pm) 5-to-7-pm 'Fish Frys' on February 27 and March 27	Penance Services (bilingual; inside church) All Saints Wednesday, March 11 6:30 pm St. Martin of Tours Saturday, March 14 9 am Sacred Heart Wednesday, March 18 6:30 pm

Abstinence (no meat) on Fridays for ages 14 and older

March 3 (10 am)

Altar Society monthly meeting
All ladies of the Parish welcome! Light lunch served

March 4 and 18 (10 am—noon)

St. Vincent de Paul Conference meetings
Ages 18 and older may attend; more on next page

March 4, 11, 18 and 25 (6— 7:30 pm)

Youth Group
Learn more on next page

March 4, 11, 18 and 25 (7—8 pm)

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Turn page for additional details

March 8 and 22 (after 8:30 and 10 am Masses)

Coffee Hour and greeting card sale
Refreshments in the Parish Hall; purchases of cards (\$0.25 each, or 5 for \$1.00) support Altar Society

March 26 (7 pm; St. James Cathedral)

Chrism Mass
Parishes receive oil used in Sacraments; all invited!

Liturgy schedule on Holy Week

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 29 (8:30 and 10 am)

Holy Thursday

April 2 (5 pm; no morning Mass)

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

April 3 (5 pm; no morning Mass, Reconciliation or Adoration)

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

April 4 (8:30 pm)

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 5 (8:30 and 10 am)

Growing our Faith together

Youth Ministry

Grades 7 to 12 can join us on Wednesdays at 6 pm in the Parish Center for faith, food and fun!

Reminder for teens in Confirmation program:

Retreat at Camp Arnold on March 21 and 22

For details about Youth Ministry, please email Ms. Terri: faith@stmartinoftoursfife.com.

OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation of Children)

Reminders for families of participants:

- **Reconciliation for First Communion**
Candidates inside church at 9 am on Saturday, March 14 (due date for Baptismal Certificates) - parents to remain with child
- **First Holy Communion Day inside church**
during 10 am Mass on Sunday, April 19

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This program is for all who wish to refresh their Catholic Faith or seek Sacraments for Full Communion with the Church. Sessions are in the Parish Hall on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 pm. Call the Parish Office to learn more: (253) 922-7882.

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.

Paperwork is provided at each class.

Families are asked to register with our Parish—Registration Cards are at church, or find an online form at stmartinoftoursfife.com/join-us.

Pastor's Message

(first appeared in February 19 e-Newsletter)

Dear Parish Family,

It has been a joy to be back with our Parish Family this week after completing my annual retreat and a few days of vacation in Mexico. While it was an amazing and deeply enriching experience from beginning to end, the highlight was celebrating Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. I offered my Mass for each of our Parishes and prayed for Our Lady's intercession for you. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of the Americas, pray for us!

So much happened during my time away, like the Seahawks winning Super Bowl LX—go Hawks! I, like many fellow 12s, feel the collective healing of the memory of the last Super Bowl's loss to the same team in the final seconds of the game. While most of us can share the excitement of the Hawks winning another Super Bowl, the halftime show with Bad Bunny was highly controversial: some calling it the worst halftime show of all time, while others celebrated it as one of the best. With over 100 million viewers, there were many opinions.

While I in no way condone or recommend Bad

Bunny's music (which often centers on hedonism, overt sexual promiscuity, substance abuse, and other themes often associated with reggaeton music), I believe, in my personal opinion, that there are a few kernels of wheat among the weeds in the halftime performance. With Latinos forming nearly 40% of Catholics in the U.S., I appreciated the overall tone of a celebration of Latino culture (although certainly not all that was being portrayed!). The importance of daily life and family, with its multigenerational interactions (called *lo cotidiano* in Spanish, or "everyday life"), was certainly emphasized, which I appreciated. The actual wedding that occurred was meaningful!

Lastly, the call to unity and the focus on the common good (such an important dimension of Catholic Social Teaching) were highlighted, showing that the U.S. was not isolated but part of a community of nations that make up North, Central, and South America—another kernel of wheat that I took from the halftime show. If we sift through the weeds enough, the seeds of the Gospel sometimes show up in the most unexpected places!

Wishing each of you a blessed and fruitful Lenten Season,

Fr. Cal

Opportunities to give this Lent

St. Martin of Tours collection totals (as of January 31)

Fiscal year to date	Budget to date	Percentage to budget
\$206,860	\$208,872	99%

Your financial commitment helps our Parish thrive through vibrant liturgies, outreach to those in need, and more. Making a one-time or recurring gift is simple and secure online at [Pushpay.com/g/stmartinoftoursfife](https://pushpay.com/g/stmartinoftoursfife).

Fife-Milton Community Food Bank

Here are a few ways to support us!

- ⇒ give at the Pushpay link above
 - ⇒ bring non-perishables to the container inside the Children's Room at church
 - ⇒ join our all-volunteer team
 - ⇒ Food Bank members may attend the March 13 meeting at 9 am in the Parish Hall's Social Room
- Call us today at (253) 922-0960 or visit [FMCFB.org](https://fmcfb.org).

St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Individuals 18 and older are welcome to attend meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Gatherings in March will take place on the 4th and 18th from 10 am to noon in the Parish Hall's Social Room.

We thank all who generously provide donations! Blue SVDP envelopes are available year-round at church (or to give online, visit the Pushpay link shown to the left). Messages may be left at the ministry line: (253) 970-9037.

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

Our Parish received its most recent 2025 Appeal rebate for \$1,716.19, bringing our total to **\$5,207.49!** These funds will go towards essential projects on our campus. Thanks to all who have paid - and continue to pay - their 2025 pledge.

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