



ST. MARTIN OF TOURS
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Letter from the Pastor Rev. David Wells



NOVEMBER 1ST, 2020

Dear St. Martin Parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of All saints, and Monday we commemorate the souls of the faithful departed. These two celebrations remind us that we are part of a Communion of Saints. The Church is made up of the saints in heaven, the souls being purified and perfected in purgatory, and the Church militant on earth. All of us share merits among ourselves and offer prayers and sacrifices for the salvation of all. St. Therese of Lisieux said she would “spend her heaven in doing good upon earth.” All of the saints spend themselves for us in that way, though, because the salvation of just one person is worth the whole of Christ’s passion and death. The souls in purgatory rely upon our own prayers for their salvation, and the Mass is the most efficacious way for us to help them. This is one of the beauties of the Catholic faith: our life is a constant interchange between heaven and earth.

Outdoor Mass for St. Martin

On Sunday, November 8 we celebrate the Feast of St. Martin of Tours (we have the custom of transferring his Nov. 11 feast day to the nearest Sunday, so the whole parish can celebrate). In honor of St. Martin in our centennial year, we will celebrate a trilingual Mass on Fr. Meyer’s Field at 12:00pm. This Mass will replace the two noon Masses in the church that day. Please see the bulletin for information on reserving your space for the Mass.

Urgent Pantry Needs

Over the past two weeks, the pantry has seen some of its largest turnouts in its history! Please continue to rally behind this vital resource for our community. There are some items that are urgently needed for this upcoming week. Please see the webpage for the detailed list of pantry needs.

Mass and Confessions Time Change

Starting on Saturday, Nov. 7, the 5:00pm Vigil Mass will move to 4:00pm (note: this is the Saturday evening Mass, not to be confused with the 5:00pm Sunday Mass!). Saturday evening confessions will be heard from 2:30-3:45pm.

Cardinal Wilton Gregory Visit

I’m excited to share that Cardinal-Elect Wilton Gregory is visiting the parish to celebrate a special Centennial Year Mass on December 5 at 4:00pm. He will be elevated to the College of Cardinals on Nov. 28 in Rome, and his first stop after returning to the States will be our parish! More information to come, but be aware that reservations for the Mass will be done by lottery.

In Christ,
Fr. Dave