



Saint Martha Catholic Parish Community

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Welcome! ~ ¡Bienvenidos! ~ Mabuhay!

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent ~ Tercer Domingo de Adviento

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Bienvenidos a Santa Marta...

Si esta visitándonos o nuevo en nuestra comunidad, ***estamos bendecidos de que usted este aquí para adorar con nosotros y le damos la bienvenida.*** Nuestro Pastor, Sacerdotes Asociados, Personal y Familia Parroquial extender la hospitalidad de Jesucristo a usted. Si desea obtener más información acerca de nuestra parroquia, por favor llame o pase por nuestra oficina parroquial.

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Welcome To St. Martha Church...

If you are visiting or new to our community, ***we are blessed that you are here to worship with us and we welcome you.*** Our Pastor, Associate Priest, Staff and Parish Family extend the hospitality of Jesus Christ to you. If you would like more information about our Parish, please call or stop by our Parish Office.

E-mail: receptionstmartha@la-archdiocese.orgWeb Site: www.stmarthavalinda.org**Office Hours**

Monday - Friday / Lunes - Viernes:8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sat. & Sun. / Sáb. y Dom.:9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Weekdays: 7 - 9 p.m. by appointment only.**Mass Schedule / Horarios de Misas**

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00 p.m. (English), 7:00 p.m. (Español)

Sunday: 6:15, 9:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon (English)

7:30, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. (Español)

12:00 noon (First Sunday: English with Tagalog Hymns)

5:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass (English)

Weekdays / Entre Semana

Mon., Wed., Thurs., 8:00 a.m.; Sat.: 8:00 a.m. (English)

Martes y Viernes: 8:00 a.m. (Español)

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. (English)

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena after Mass.

Holy Days / Días de Precepto

Vigil: 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

Feast: 8:00 a.m. (Bilingual), 7:00 p.m. (English)

First Friday / Primer Viernes

8:00 a.m. (Español) & 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

ADORATION Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Confessions / Confesiones

Wed., / Mié.,

6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri.

NO CONFESSIONS

Sat./ Sáb.

4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism / Sacramento de BautismoParents must register at the Rectory, well in advance. Parents and Sponsors ***must*** attend a class before booking ceremony.

*Los padres deben registrarse en la rectoría, con anticipación. Los padres y padrinos ***deben*** atender una clase antes de reservar la ceremonia.*

Sacrament of Matrimony / Sacramento de Matrimonio

By appointment only. Couples should see priest at least 6 months prior to wedding. Date is discussed at your meetings with a priest/deacon.

Solo con cita. La pareja debe ver al sacerdote por lo menos 6 meses antes de la boda. Se hablara sobre la fecha en sus reuniones con el sacerdote/diácono.

Pareja de Encuentro Matrimonial

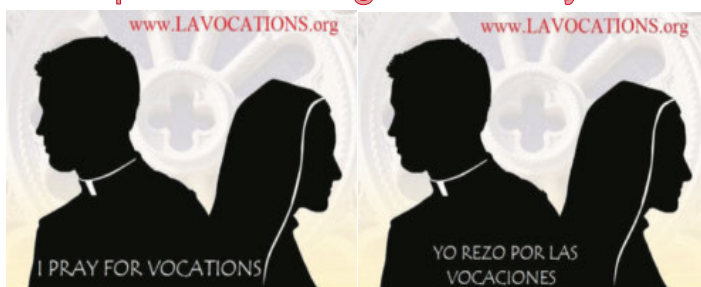
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REMINDERS.

**NO FAITH SHARING SESSION –
UNTIL JANUARY 2024**

**YESTERDAY'S CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE WAS WELL
ATTENDED. MANY, MANY THANKS FOR YOUR
TREMENDOUS SUPPORT. WE COULD NOT AC-
COMPLISH THIS WITHOUT YOU.**

UPDATE

**Our Youth Minister, Ed Macalalad,
is recovering gracefully.**

Ed is deeply grateful for your prayers, it has brought him comfort and solace during this challenging time. Your prayers have given him strength and hope.

CHALLENGE

**SUNDAY'S GOSPEL – JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28
JOHN THE BAPTIST'S TESTIMONY TO JESUS
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B**

The Third Candle of Advent symbolizes JOY.

As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. This third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men. This is why we also call this candle "The Shepard's Candle". It is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy.

In these times of economic hardship and budget cuts that are endlessly debated, we need to remind ourselves of the many blessings we have in our lives, our reasons to be joyful. For example, the love we enjoy with our family and friends, the pleasure of meeting new people, discovering a new talent, the solidarity we feel when people willingly help others in need; the consolation that is achieved in prayer.

Finding our personal truth: We keep trying to come closer to the truth, the truth about our world, about each other, about ourselves as individuals, and about God. We keep questioning, in the hope that our questioning will bring us closer to the truth. Yet we have to be faithful to the search for this truth, even if along the way we find ourselves making painful discoveries that involve letting go of our long-held and cherished beliefs.

In our search for our own personal truth, two of the big questions that drives us are, 'Who am I?' and 'Why am I doing what I am doing?' We seek after our identity. We try to clarify for ourselves the ultimate purpose that drives all we do and say. In today's gospel, those two big questions are put to John the Baptist by the religious authorities, 'Who are you?' and 'Why are you baptizing?' →

In answer to the first question, John began by declaring who he was not. He was clear that he was not the Christ. John did not try to be more than what he was.

'Who are you?' is a question we can answer at many different levels. We can simply give our name, or give our parents' names; we can answer it by naming the role or position we have in life. Yet, the deepest level, the most fundamental level, at which we can answer that question is the spiritual level. Who am I at that deepest, most spiritual level of my being? Who am I before God? Who is God calling me to be? Here, John the Baptist can be of help to us. He articulates for us who each one of us is in virtue of our Baptism, who God is calling us to be. No more than John the Baptist, we are certainly not the light. We know only too well the areas of darkness in our lives and in our hearts. However, like John the Baptist, we are a witness to the Light. Even though we are all far from perfect, we are, nonetheless, called to be a witness to Christ.

We too are asked to use our voice to make Christ known. We allow the Lord to communicate through us, by how we communicate to others. **The Word** shapes how we live and explains why we live the way we do. The answer to the question, 'Who are you?' grounds the answer to the other question, 'Why are you doing what you are doing?'

Advent is a good time to reclaim our fundamental identity, our Christ identity. If Jesus is to be born anywhere today, it will be in each one of us.

Pray for the Sick
of our Parish



Recen por los
Enfermos de
nuestra Parroquia

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Advent
Thursday:	St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	St. John of Kanty, Priest

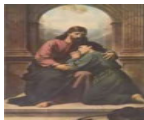


READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Sun/Dom:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Mon/Lun:	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-2
Tue/Mar:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25
Wed/Miér:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Thurs/Jue:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Fri/Vier:	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Lk 1:46-5
Sat/Sáb:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Lk 1:57-66

Spanish Healing Mass

Here at St. Martha's
On Friday, December 22 at 7:00 p.m.
Everyone is invited.



Misa de Sanación en Español

Aquí en Santa Martha
El Viernes, 22 de diciembre a las 7:00 p.m.
Todos están invitados



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You are Cordially Invited to the
Simbang Gabi / Misa de Gallo (Dawn Mass)

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JOIN
US!

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THE GREATEST
GIFT OF ALL,
TRULY PRESENT
IN THE EUCHARIST!



HESUS,
PINAKADAKI-
LANG REGALO
SA LAHAT,
TUNAY NA NASA
EUKARISTIYA!

2023
Simbang Gabi

2023 Misa de Gallo @ 5:00AM

December 16, 2023 (Saturday) ~ 5:00 AM

Fr. Thomas Frederick Ma. Asia ~ Pastor, Saint Martha, La Puente

December 17, 2023 (Sunday) ~ 5:00 AM

Fr. Thomas Frederick Ma. Asia ~ Pastor, Saint Martha, La Puente

December 18, 2023 (Monday) ~ 5:00 AM

Fr. Michael Montoya ~ Administrator, Our Lady of the Assumption, Claremont

December 19, 2023 (Tuesday) ~ 5:00 AM

Fr. Joy Lawrence Santos ~ Pastor, Saint Genevieve, Panorama

December 20, 2023 (Wednesday) ~ 5:00 AM

Fr. Mauricio Goloran, III ~ Pastor, Saint Catherine of Siena, Reseda

December 21, 2023 (Thursday) ~ 5:00 AM

Fr. Dominic M. Deniña, MMHC ~ Ass. Pastor, Holy Family, Artesia

December 22, 2023 (Friday) ~ 5:00 AM

Fr. Joseph Pilotin, MS ~ Pastor, Saint Paul The Apostle, Chino Hills

December 23, 2023 (Saturday) ~ 5:00 AM

Fr. Albert Avenido ~ Ass. Pastor, Sacred Heart, Covina

December 24, 2023 (Sunday) ~ 5:00 AM

Fr. Thomas Frederick Ma. Asia ~ Pastor, Saint Martha, La Puente

Fellowship Right After the 5:00AM Mass

For more information and to be a Mass sponsor please contact:

The Filipino Ministry of Saint Martha Catholic Church

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RIC FLORES (626) 688-5687; WILLIE ALMANZOR (909) 680-2002.

Maligayang Pasko* Merry Christmas

Wedding Banns

Marriage Bann

Mr. Jose Pascual

from the parish of St. Martha, Valinda CA

Wishes to contract **Holy Matrimony** with

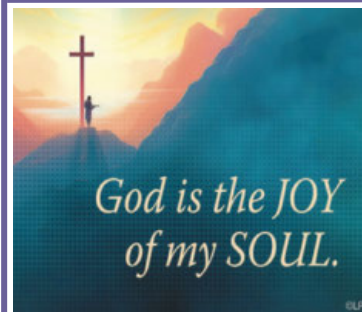
Ms. Marilyn Ramos

from the parish of St. Martha, Valinda CA

Date of Marriage: January 2024

Place of Marriage: St. Martha Church, Valinda CA

Remarks: Whoever has the knowledge of any impediment or hindrance to the Proposal Marriage of the above mentioned couple, kindly contact the Parish Office at (626) 964-4313



God is the JOY
of my SOUL.



Dios es el GOZO
de mi ALMA.

NINE FILIPINO VALUES

As our parish celebrates *Simbang Gabi* this year, we would like to share with you something very beautiful:

NINE FILIPINO VIRTUES for the *Simbang Gabi*.

This list comes from a workshop given by Fr. Francisco Manoling, S.J. of Manila. We have summarized his list for all of us and hope that you and your family enjoy these wise and beautiful insights.

The *NINE FILIPINO VIRTUES* for the *Simbang Gabi*, are:

1. Hospitality
2. Respect of Elders
3. Remembering the Dead
4. Hope amidst Despair / Trust in God's Providence
5. Compassion for the Small and Weak
6. Family Solidarity
7. Communal Solidarity
8. Gratitude
9. Forgiving and Asking for Forgiveness

These are most beautiful insights into our Catholic faith and into the Filipino culture and expression of our shared faith. Our love and prayers to all as we prayerfully celebrate *Simbang Gabi*.

1 JANUARY, 20th, 2024
WALK FOR LIFE
CELEBRATING THE BEAUTY AND DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN LIFE
FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH

10 YEARS TOGETHER AS ONE

11:00 AM Kick- Off Event @ Olvera Street
12:00 PM Walk for Life
01:00 PM OneLife LA Festival @ LA State Historic Park
05:00 PM Requiem Mass for the Unborn
@ Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

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1 SÁBADO, 20 DE ENERO, 2024
CAMINATA POR LA VIDA
CELEBRANDO LA BELLEZA Y DIGNIDAD DE TODA VIDA HUMANA DESDE
LA CONCEPCIÓN HASTA LA MUERTE NATURAL

10 AÑOS JUNTOS

11:00 AM Evento Inicial @ Placita Olvera
12:00 PM Caminata por la Vida
01:00 PM Festival OneLife LA @ LA State Historic Park
05:00 PM Misa de Réquiem por los No Nacidos
@ Catedral de Nuestra Señora de los Angeles

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
IN JOY, WE WAIT

3ER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO
ESPERAMOS CON ALEGRÍA

WEDDING BODA

With faith in Christ Jesus and faith in each other the following couples have pledged their love in Holy Matrimony.
May their lives always bear witness to the reality of that love.

*Con fe en Jesucristo y con fe de uno al otro las siguientes parejas juraron su amor eterno en el Santo Matrimonio.
Que sus vidas sean un testimonio de la realidad de ese amor.*

Satinder Pal Singh ♥ Tania Vargas de la Rosa (8/13)
Fernando Flores Ortega ♥ Clara Lima Valerio (8/19)
Rafael Barraza ♥ Francisca Carrillo Del Villar (9/16)
Jose Manuel Grijalva Olivera ♥ Shyela Joanna Islas Franco (9/16)
Jonald Abzar ♥ Dyanne Rose Zapanta (10/24)
Richard A. Macias ♥ Ashley M. Beaulac (10/28)

Congratulations... Felicidades...

Bautismo Baptism

Baptisms/Bautizos

**Welcome to our Catholic Community...
Bienvenidos a nuestra Comunidad Católica...**

October 7, 2023
Bryson Ezekiel Valenzuela Millangas

7 de Octubre, 2023
Matzo Alvarez Pimentel
Isaiah Bibiano Aparicio
Kathalina Lolita Camacho
Susanna Connie Camacho
Norah Jane Mendez
Andrea Mia Ruiz Mendez
Elias Valenzuela

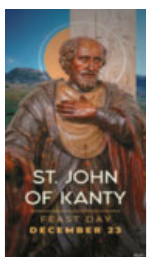
October 8, 2023
Nash Alexandro Pangilinan Quiambao
Johan Apollo Danan Tamayo

October 14, 2023
Rylie Annabell Novero

October 21, 2023
Ruby Trinity Brown
Natalie Yetzali Vazquez Palacio

28 de Octubre, 2023
Danna Anahi Romero Garcia

**May the Lord Bless you...
Que el Señor los bendiga...**



DECEMBER

** Mass Intentions **

SATURDAY/SÁBADO, DECEMBER 16

5:00PM English

Arnold Tucker †

Robert De Leon (3rd Death Anniversary) †

7:00 PM Español

Ed Macalalad (Sanación)

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, DECEMBER 17

6:15AM English

World Peace

7:30 AM Español

A/G: Martha Baca Perez (Cumpleaños)

A/G: Catalina Gonzalez (Cumpleaños)

Familia Lopez Gonzalez (Conversión)

Senorio Arias †

David Raya y Familia †

9:00AM English

Ireneo I. Glorioso (40th Day) †

Samantha Jane Antonio †

Sally S. Ortaleza †

Rosemarie Nofuente Escalona †

Demetrio Ubando †

10:30AM Español

Jesus Zuniga †

Angelina Diaz †

Manuel Cabral †

Socorro Delgado Hurtado (1^o Aniversario de Fallecida) †

12:00PM English

Jane Francisco †

Gaudencia & Manuel Borromeo †

Teresita San Juan †

Victoria Separa †

1:30PM Español

Maria Victoria y Juan Antonio Barrios y Familia

Por la conversión y necesidades de Bryan Jesús Sanchez y Familia

Maria Figueroa Gabiño †

Teresa y Martin Rosales †

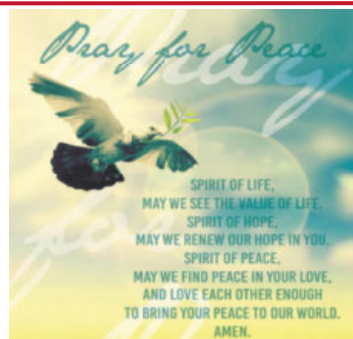
Leonarda Avalos Ulloa (Cumpleaños) †

Leslie Corona †

Rosa Ursua Perez

5:00PM English

Ed Macalalad (Healing)



A note from:

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

DID YOU KNOW?

Keeping children safe in holiday crowds

This Christmas, your family will likely be in a crowd or two — at school functions, visiting Santa at the mall, Christmas Eve Mass. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, over 400,000 children go missing every year in the US. Crowds are a perfect opportunity for a perpetrator to take advantage of chaos and distraction. Before you head out into the holiday frenzy, talk to your children about some ground rules: Stay together and communicate about where you are headed if you change directions or plans. Consider the “two big steps” rule, which tells your child not to be more than two steps away from you at all times. That way, you can easily keep eyes on each other. For more tips, visit nationwidechildrens.org.



Una nota de:

La Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

¿SABE USTED?

Mantener a los niños seguros en las multitudes durante las fiestas de fin de año

Esta Navidad, su familia probablemente estará entre una multitud o dos —en las funciones escolares, visitando a Santa en el centro comercial, Misa de Nochebuena. Según el Centro Nacional para Niños Desaparecidos y Explotados, más de 400 mil niños desaparecen cada año en Estados Unidos. Las multitudes son una oportunidad perfecta para que un perpetrador aproveche el caos y la distracción. Antes de lanzarse al frenesí navideño, hable con sus hijos sobre algunas reglas básicas: permanezcan juntos y comuniquen hacia dónde se dirigen si cambian de dirección o de planes. Considere la regla de los “dos grandes pasos”, que le dice a su hijo que no debe estar a más de dos pasos de usted en todo momento. De esta manera podrán vigilarse mutuamente con mucha facilidad. Para obtener más consejos, visite nationwidechildrens.org.

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FROM 12:00PM TO 3:00PM**

**OFICINA CERRADA EL
VIERNES, 22 DE DICIEMBRE
DE 12:00PM A 3:00PM**



Food Sale

Nueva Vida Matrimonial will be selling Food on Sunday, December 17 in the parish Hall from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Join us!



Venta de Comida

Nueva Vida Matrimonial tendrá venta de Comida el Domingo, 17 de diciembre, en el salón parroquial de 8:00am a 3:00pm. ¡Acompañenos!

CATHOLIC CALENDARS

Catholic Calendars for the year 2024 (Bilingual) are now available at the Rectory front desk. All \$2.00 Love Offerings will be used to help Saint Martha.



CALENDARIOS CATOLICOS

Calendarios Católicos para el año 2024 (Bilingüe) están ya disponibles en la oficina de la Rectoría. Todas las Ofrendas de Amor de \$2 serán usadas para ayudar a Santa Martha.

Merry Christmas
Schedule

CHRISTMAS MASSES *Feast of the Nativity*

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th

6:30 pm Program with Christmas Carols
7:00 pm Family Vigil Mass (English)

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th

Feast of the Nativity (Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00 a.m. English
12:00 p.m. English
5:00 p.m. English



Holyday Office Hours

Rectory + Life Teen + Religious Education

For Christmas:

Sun., Dec. 25 CLOSED all day
Mon., Dec. 26 Regular Office Hours



Navidad
Horario

MISAS DE NAVIDAD *Fiesta de la Natividad*

Víspera de Navidad, domingo, 24 de Diciembre

9:00 pm Programa con Villancicos
9:15 pm Misa Familiar de Vigilia (Español)

Día de Navidad, lunes, 25 de Diciembre

Fiesta de la Natividad (Día de Obligación)

7:30 a.m. Español
10:30 a.m. Español
1:30 p.m. Español



Horario de la Oficina

Rectoría + Vida Juventud + Educación Religiosa

Para Navidad:

Dom., 25 de Dic. CERRADO
Lun., 26 de Dic. Horario Regular



Christmas Flowers



If you like to donate a Potted Poinsettia of any color, you are asked to please bring it on Friday December 22. You are also asked to please attach a note stating in whose memory the plant is given and if the person is *living or deceased*.



Flores Navideñas

Si usted gusta donar una Maceta de Noche Buenas le pedimos que la traiga el **viernes 22 de Diciembre**. Por favor, también pongan una nota con el nombre de la persona por la cual están donando la planta, y también si la persona esta *viva o difunta*.