ST. MARTIN DE PORRES
CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASSES
Saturday 5:30 PM
Sunday 7:15 AM, 8:45 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM, 5:30 PM
For CHILDREN During 8:45 & 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES
8:00 AM & 6:30 PM
Saturdays 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Tuesdays 7:15 PM, Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
24 Hours a Day, Every Day

CLERGY
Pastor: Fr. Sy Nguyen
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Jeff Droessler
Parish Director/Deacon: Denis Zaun
Deacon: Nick Sherg

OUR PARISH MISSION & VISION
St. Martin de Porres is a Stewardship and Hospitality parish. As Catholic Christians guided by the Holy Spirit, we are Christ’s disciples dedicated to faith formation, worship, community life, and service. All are welcome as we use our unique gifts to serve the world as a visible sign of God’s love.
FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION

Eucharist I & II

Eucharist I: Classes are on Monday, January 11th. We will be studying Unit 3 in their books, starting with chapter 15, “We Belong to a Parish”. Take some extra time this week to visit our parish and explain to your children about our St. Martin’s Family.

Eucharist II: Classes are on Tuesday, January 12th. We will be studying chapter 7, “Showing Love”. This chapter explains all about God’s Love and how we should love others as Christ loves us.

Listen carefully for the priest to announce the “Word of the Week”. Keep it a secret, don’t tell anyone!

SUNDAY PRESCHOOL

3/4 Class: This Sundays lesson, Jesus Is Born, dives into the joy of the Christmas season as even the angels sang at Jesus’ arrival to the world.

4/5 Class: This Sundays lesson, God Made Me to be Special, looks at the unique differences between all people and the beauty found in these differences.

For more information please contact Colleen Picou at ColleenP@smdpvl.org.

FREE SUNDAY CHILDCARE

Childcare for children 6 months through 2 years of age is now open! Registration forms can be found in the parish office or Childcare room. Please complete and submit a registration form to the parish office.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation 1 next class is January 19th
Confirmation 2 next class is January 12th and 26th

For questions: gerardob@smdpvl.org or marym@smdpvl.org

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES YOUTH MINISTRY YORBA LINDA, CA

Middle school meets January 11th—Safety Training
High school meets January 10th
Middle School First Eucharist meets January 17th
High school winter retreat is January 29-31st.
We still have spots available. You need to email Gerardo or Mary

For questions contact: Gerardo Butalid: gerardob@smdpvl.org or Mary McDevitt: marym@smdpvl.org

SENIORITY CLUB NEWS

Happy New Year! It's January 2016 and not too late to make New Year’s resolutions! For your "simple enjoyment in a faith-filled environment," please consider coming to our Seniority Club meeting on Sunday, January 17 from 2 - 4 pm in the Sts. Paul and Elizabeth Meeting Rooms.

Our speaker, Mrs. Debbie Wesseln, will address the topic of New Beginnings in the New Year! Let’s get together to hear her inspirational talk while we greet familiar faces and welcome new friends! For more information, call Irene Gonzalez at (714) 779-1812.

WELCOME HOME!

Have you been thinking of coming home to the Catholic Church? Do you look forward to receiving Holy Communion again?

Please give us a call: Curtis Keddy 714-970-2771 x133 curtisk@smdpvl.org or Kathryn Landry 714-866-9549

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

Please join us starting January 6, 2016 and every 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm for a celebration of the mass and the Mother of Perpetual Help Novena lead by Fr Ian.
“Moments of Mercy”

“I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.”
Psalm 89:1

Be a Part of a Small Christian Community

St. Martin de Porres “Small Christian Communities” (SCC’s) provide a welcoming small group home-based forum where we reflect on the Word of God, explore and share our Catholic faith, engage in fellowship and pray together, and connect more deeply with the larger parish community. For more information please contact Mark or Kris Jablonski at (714) 524-9757 or mark.jablonski@stjoe.org

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is the largest lay apostolic organization in the world with a program of prayer and work, in union with the Holy Spirit as he operates through Mary, Mother of the Church. The purpose of the Legion is to help the members grow in Holiness and the purpose of all work is Evangelization.

Contact: Tom Copenhaver
Phone: 714-225-7736
Email: tcopenhaver@tbccontractors.com

Ministry of Moms (M.O.M.)

Our Next Meeting is:
Thursday, January 14
6:30-8:00pm - Mary and Joseph Room
Free Child Care is provided.
Contact mom@smdpyl.org for any questions

Are You Interested in Being an Us In The Son Summer Camp Director/Assistant Director during Summer 2016?

A director/assistant director for Us In The Son Day Camp at St. Martin de Porres will provide direction in the creation of a camp program for the community of St. Martin’s to spread the love of Jesus and promote Catholic values.

Requirements and Responsibilities:

- Practicing Catholic
- Must be at least 21 years or older.
- Conduct oneself as a moral person, community leader, and faithful citizen.
- Be an example to the staff as a leader in spirituality and work related matters.
- Direct counselors in the daily tasks of camp.
- Be the point person for parents, campers, and volunteers.
- Form a budget for the summer and work within the budget.
- Organize and input all camp registration and paperwork.
- Plan and organize all day camp, leadership camp, and family camp schedules.

Applications are available in the parish office and online at www.smdpyl.org and the deadline is to submit is Friday, January 22, 2016.

Welcome Newly Baptized Lucas Joseph Walls
COMMUNITY LIFE

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARTIN DE PORRES,

I have been overwhelmed by the love, support, generosity, and friendship that so many of you extended to me on the occasion of my golden anniversary celebration in the priesthood. It has been an incredible fifty years for me to be offering Mass, hearing confessions, and officiating at baptisms, weddings, and funerals. From my own baptism into the Catholic Faith at the age of twenty-one to my eightieth birthday last March has been quite a journey, to say the least. I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for your generous gifts and so many acts of kindness. You are all in my daily prayers. I know that I am in your prayers as well. Please God that I may have many more years in serving our Lord and this devoted community.

With much love, Fr. John Bradley

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: THE BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD

St. Martins offers free NFP classes one Saturday a month in the St. Elizabeth room for couples who want to either postpone or achieve pregnancy. Couples are asked to attend 4 consecutive classes.

The first class consists of a two-hour Introduction to the Billings Ovulation Method. The couple must attend together. The Intro begins at 10:30am and ends at 12:15pm. The three other classes consist of fifteen minute follow-ups to review charting and the use of the Method.

All classes are taught by certified instructors and are designed to fully acquaint couples in the use of the Billings Method of Natural Family Planning. NFP is simple, natural & effective in planning or postponing pregnancy, and is fully accepted by the Catholic Church. Open to all engaged and married couples. The next class is on Saturday, February 20th.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

RING IN THE NEW YEAR

Ring in the New Year by Celebrating Consecrated Life: Past, Present, and Future as seen through the eyes of three Sisters at the Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women’s (ODCCW) general meeting and luncheon at San Francisco Solano Parish in Rancho Santa Margarita on Tuesday, January 19. Sister Eymard Flood, OS, will speak on the PAST, Sister Mary Teresa Parker, OP, will speak about the PRESENT, and Sister Rita Paul, MC, will speak about the FUTURE. For your donation of $15, you will enjoy a continental breakfast, lunch, and a great speaker. Mass 8:30 AM, followed by registration and continental breakfast. Meeting 9:30 AM. Adjournment 1:30 PM. For reservations call Pat Martin at 714-892-5219 or send email to: jimandpatmartin@gmail.com.
SERVICE & OUTREACH

SKID ROW MINISTRY

“What so ever you do, for the least of my brothers – that you do unto me”

Sunday, January 17th @ 7:00am Leaving from Saint Martin de Porres Church. Help us make lunches and fold clothes Saturday, January 16th @ 10:00am Parish Hall, St Martin de Porres. Lunch for volunteers served. All Family Members Welcome. Call Brendan for donations of food and clothing 714.420.4528

POPE FRANCIS TALKS ABOUT CONSERVATION MEASURES

Pope Francis talks about the different decisions we could make, whether through our purchasing power or energy conservation measures. “There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions,” he writes. “We must not think that these efforts are not going to change the world. They benefit society, often unbeknownst to us, for they call forth a goodness which, albeit unseen, inevitably tends to spread.”


Want to know more?
Contact Pat Wong:
pwong12@roadrunner.com
or Elena Zuniga:
zuniga.elena@gmail.com

ST. MARTIN’S OUTREACH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR HELP AT THE OUTREACH CENTER

Please consider helping out just a few hours at the St. Martin’s Outreach Center (located right here on the church grounds). These are the shifts in desperate need of volunteers: Tuesdays, 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM, Thursdays, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
The Orange Diocese’s screening process is quick & easy, and you’ll be a tremendous blessing to those in need. For further questions or volunteer details, please contact John Messina at 714/970-0147.

NEW YEAR’S EVE WITH INTERFAITH SHELTER NETWORK

New Year’s Eve at St. Martin de Porres with our Interfaith Shelter Network guests. We rang in the new year at 9 pm, New York style, with lots of food fun and fellowship. It was a wonderful time.
PERPETUALADORATION

Need a place to refresh and renew? Looking for Guidance with all your problems? We are in need of a few dedicated Adorers to fill some specific Adoration time slots. Can you give one hour to spend time with Our Lord? Join the many who have already discovered the joy of Adoration and experienced the peace of time alone with Our Savior. Try it... You will be amazed!! To sign up email: adoration@smdpyl.org or call: (657) 888-4631

SACRAMENTS/rites

Anointing of the Sick
Call the Parish Office with your request.

Baptism for Infants
Come to the Parish Office to pick up an information packet (3 months ahead).

Funeral Rite
Call the Parish Office at your earliest convenience after the death of a loved one for our Bereavement services.

Marriage
Call the Parish office for an appointment with a priest/deacon at least six months prior to the planned date of marriage.

Reconciliation
Tuesdays 7:15 PM, Saturdays 4-5 PM

Scripture

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 9:
8:00AM (Fr Jeff) Matthew Payan, Ruth Manista †, Sarah Welsh †
5:30PM (Fr Jeff) Mass for the People

Sunday, January 10:
7:15AM (Fr John) Margie Loose †
8:45AM (Fr Jeff) Shin Dong Kwack †
10:30AM (Fr Sy) Gregorio Cho †
12:15PM (Fr Sy) Susana Pak
5:30PM (Fr Sy) Drana Gjurashaj

Monday, January 11:
8:00AM (Fr Jeff) Ken Kinton
6:30PM (Fr Jeff) All Souls †

Tuesday, January 12:
8:00AM (Fr Jeff) Bridget Ballas†
6:30PM (Fr Jeff) Priests Intentions

Wednesday, January 13:
8:00AM (Fr Jeff) Len Wickson†
6:30PM (Fr Jeff) Carol Francis Bollinger†

Thursday, January 14:
8:00AM (TBD) Fred † & Margaret Lopez†
6:30PM (TBD) Lino Bustinera†

Friday, January 15:
8:00AM (Fr Jeff) Everett Emmons†
6:30PM (Fr Jeff) Joseph Thinh-Trinh†

Saturday, January 16:
8:00AM (Fr Jeff) Dempsey Family & Vincenzo Finaldi†
5:30PM (Fr Sy) Manuel Gonzales

Sunday, January 17:
7:15AM (Fr Sy) Mass for the People
8:45AM (Fr Sy) Kurt Gensicke†
10:30AM (Fr Jeff) Linda Shanahan
12:15PM (Fr Jeff) Heather Shanahan
5:30PM (Fr Jeff) Beverly Kearns

Prayers for the Sick

Kevin Nguyen
Kathy Broki
Efren Terrible
John Paoletti
Jesus Espique
Arlene Lepek
Frank Amato
Al Hanna

Marie Nussle
Debbie Mc Keehan
Eleanor Stevens
Martin & Marion Vertson
Ester Tabasco
Ling Shiang

Additional names are in the Book of Remembrance Petitions along the back wall of the church.

Pulpit Announcements

Send to pulpitan@smdpyl.org plus a copy to ParishOffice@smdpyl.org by the Tuesday prior to the weekend. Contents are to be only 1-2 sentences.

Bulletin Deadline

Submit articles 10 days before the weekend. (Holiday submissions vary.) Send to Becky Fautch at: bulletineditor@smdpyl.org or leave a printed copy at the parish office.

Facility Reservation Requests

For requests which includes tables in the outdoor Gathering Plaza, please click on this link: smdpyl.org/reservations. Requests must be submitted two weeks in advance. After your request has been approved and entered, you will receive a confirmation from the parish office secretary.

Donate From Your Smartphone

St. Martin de Porres offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smartphone. It’s a fast and easy way to donate to St. Martin’s!

Parish Weekly Tithe Report

December 19—January 3

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Memoriam

Wendell Long
Adelaida Fernando
Marsha Fenwick
Martha Siekierski
St. Francis of Assisi
Catholic School

"Where Faith, Education and Community Meet to Inspire Tomorrow’s Leaders."

Welcome All! Open House!
Sunday, January 31st • 9:00am - 1:00pm

• Strong Catholic high school preparatory program.
• Rigorous Academic and Catholic Faith Curriculum.
  • 21st Century Technology Skills.
• Preschool & Pre-K Programs that emphasize a whole child approach to education.
• After School Sports and Extracurricular Activities.

Find out why St. Francis of Assisi has earned:

“★★★★★” - GreatSchools.org

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COMMUNITY LIFE

CONTACTS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS:
(ALL PHONE NUMBERS ARE AREA CODE 714 EXCEPT AS NOTED)

PASTORAL STAFF
714.970.2771
Pastor: Fr. Sy Nguyen
(5YOP@smdpyl.org) Ext. 113
Parochial Vicar:
Fr. Jeff Droessler Ext. 115
Deacon/Parish Director:
Denis Zaun Ext. 110
Deacon: Nick Sherg Ext. 116
Business Manager:
Elena Chupinsky Ext. 141
Parish Secretary:
Cathy Fitzpatrick Ext. 110
AP/Payroll:
John Avery Ext. 125
Adult Confirman:
Adults 970‐0514
Deacon Denis Zaun
Advancement Committee:
St. Francis of Assisi School
Hours: MWTh 1:30‐4:00, Tu 4:00‐6:30 PM,
St. Martin Outreach 970‐0147
Stewardship:
Ruben Barron 970‐0076
Parish Pastoral Council:
Rob Lam 970‐2771
Stewardship:
Mark Haas 970‐2771x113
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COMMUNITY LIFE

Alcoholics Anonymous
Parish Office 970‐2771
American Heritage Girls Scouts
Eloise de Santos
Band of Brothers Men’s Group
Tim Garvey 651‐8550
Bible Studies
Curtis Keddy 970‐2771x133
Becoming Catholic: R.C.I.A.
Curtis Keddy 970‐2771x133
Confirmation:
Mary McDevitt 970‐2771x131
Confirmation:
Mary McDevitt 970‐2771x131
 Confirmation:
Rafael Muro Ext. 121
Faith Formation:
Curtis Keddy Ext. 133
Youth Ministry: Direct 970‐0514
Main Office Line: 970‐2771 Ext. 119
Asst: Mary McDevitt Ext. 131
Confirmation Assistant:
Roz Odion Ext. 116
Music Director:
Mark Haas Ext. 114
St Martin Outreach 970‐0147
Hours: MWTh 1:30‐4:00 PM,
Tu 4:00‐6:30 PM
St. Francis of Assisi School
(Tri‐Parish) Tom Waszak,
Principal 695‐3700

ADMINISTRATION
Advancement Committee:
Deacon Denis Zaun 970‐2771x130
Finance Committee:
Don Del Besse 970‐2771x140
Parish Pastoral Council:
Ruben Barron 970‐0076
Stewardship:
970‐2771
PSA
Tom Arendt 281‐3980

FAITH FORMATION
Adults
Adult Confirmation:
John Avery 686‐2168

WORSHIP
Liturgy
Altar Care:
Jackie Turk 227‐6252
Altar Servers:
Susan Sandoval 695‐1729
Bereavement Ministry:
Mike Shanahan 970‐2771
Environment Committee:
Terry Schultz 528‐0531
Extraord. Min. Holy Communion:
Mary Coulter 692‐2201
Ginny Bennett 970‐8913
Hospitality Ministry:
Rob Lam 602‐7771
Lectors:
Roz Odion 970‐2771x116

Music Ministry:
Mark Haas 970‐2771x114
Wedding Preparation:
Shannon Danenberg 970‐2771
Prayer Groups
Exposition/Blessed Sacrament
Pat Tormey 777‐4344
Filipino Federation Rosary Group
Efrin/Celia Terrible 779‐7374
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena Group:
Deanna Mancenido 714‐970‐0571
St. Martin’s Rosary Group:
Audrey Vargas 577‐5356
St. Philomena Novena Group
Pat/Carolyn Tormey 777‐4344

SERVICE
Grief Support (Transitions):
David LaPane 996‐3415
Peggy Squires 777‐2312
Knights of Columbus:
Scott Mosher 396‐1527
Respect Life Ministry:
Jackie Turk 227‐6252
Sick & Homebound Ministry:
Jackie Turk 227‐6252
St. Martin’s Outreach:
Tom Prior 970‐0147
Off‐Site Outreach
Birth Choice Health Clinics:
Megan Kerr 516‐9045
Corazon:
Nick Vanhoogmoed 943‐2899
Craig Park:
Joe Garcia 693‐1860
Crittenton Services:
Peggy Squires 777‐1714
Higher Ground:
Joe Balo 777‐1825
Interfaith Shelter:
Jim Thomas 970‐5665
Isaiah House/Catholic Worker
Olga Diaz 471‐8295
Project Rachel:
800‐722‐4356
Soup Kitchen:
Laura Hemann 469‐8947
Gretchen Heyman 401‐8637
Touch of Dignity:
Outreach Center 970‐0147
Women’s Transitional Living Ctr.
Outreach Center 970‐0147

COMMENTS
CRITTENTON THANK YOU!

Dear Angels of St Martins, 

Jan 4, 2016

What a fabulous year! As I try to capture the sheer joy your kindness brings to the kids of Crittenton, I am without words to convey what you really accomplish through your caring and generosity. Our kids could not believe their wishes really came true. They screamed. They cried or were in stunned silence when they saw their gifts. “I really got it!” echoed in so many homes. You have never seen so many kids thrilled to receive hygiene items or a sweatshirt or warm socks. Nearly 700 kids received the basics and beyond because you cared. Our parish provided over 600 gifts, a new record. $1763 in financial donations came from parishioners, Knights of Columbus members, and clergy.

Children’s’ identities are kept confidential but Santa Pat receives a profile on each child, telling why they are in service. Tender spirits are victimized by those entrusted to care and love them. One after another, I downloaded hundreds of stories, needing to scan them for errors or omissions. Shorthand phrasing by their social worker for domestic violence, human trafficking, mental illness, sexual abuse etc. reminded me of how commonplace these tragedies are in our community.

After more than 20 years as Santa, I have seen the violent stories, of kids who cannot even read yet witnessing adult situations, drug use and murder. We see the tragedy of human trafficking not overseas, or “in ugly crime ridden communities” but right here in our neighborhood. Forget Microsoft and Wal-Mart. According to The California Child Welfare Council, the commercial sex trafficking of children is the third largest business in the world, right after drugs and counterfeiting. It is a 32 billion dollars global business, and affects over 100,000 children in the United States. Crittenton has special residential programs for these children. Their PTSD is at the same level as soldiers returning from war. You gifted many of these survivors and their children in some cases. You provided for them in a caring way that no one ever has. They did not understand why strangers would do something so kind for no reason.

This year we had more abandoned children than ever before. These were not parents with identifiable mental health or drug problems, but, for example, a mom who simply dropped her seven year old off at school and never came back. I could not sleep thinking of Andrew. How long did he sit there with his little backpack and homework, waiting for someone who never came? Did he try and walk home? Did a teacher finally take him to the office and dial a number that would not answer? How could a child heal from that? I could not believe how many suicidal children we cared for this year- and so young. You were there for them all.

So many of you helped our families in the community with basic needs. Laundry soap, diapers, basic hygiene items, roach spray. I would pick up a box with a tag that said “toothbrush/toothpaste” or “a hairbrush” and it would be so big and heavy, I would have to use two hands. A bag labeled “pajamas size 3 toddler” was enormous and filled with every kind of clothing imaginable and a toy as well. This happened over and over.

It was your enthusiasm and generosity that shined through it all. I could not keep the tree stocked with cards. Many parishioners called me. The family sleeps in a garage on the cement? Can we get a blow up mattress and maybe a space heater along with the child’s blanket? What about the mom in the family? Can I get her something?” You were not just generically buying a gift. You were caring about the people. It is the one to one connection that is at the soul of any healing. Indeed, healing happens one child at a time, over time. You are part of that.

We never know how things will go with finding donors for our older clients. We have a new program for young people who aged out of the foster system at 18. They were found to be homeless or in special need. Their requests were basic-food gift cards, laundry soap etc. You took them all. Gift cards were snuck into gifts and lovely cards were attached. They accepted your kindness with a special humility that comes from being homeless or having no family. School backpacks or an alarm clock were gifts that help them better their situations through education.

I wish you all could receive feedback from your individual child or see them opening their gifts. It is hard to paint a picture for you of what your kindness means. In perhaps the lowest point in their lives, they will remember Christmas 2015 when strangers went out of their way to provide their newborn with a warm outfit or that teen in the group home who got her new special tennis shoes, or the homeless family who got warm jackets.

This year was the craziest one our elf team has ever experienced. We received perhaps thirty new kids in the week before Christmas, each with individual needs, sizes, and wishes. I don’t know what we would have done without your financial donations to plug the holes on lists and provide for late-arriving children. Last minute shopping and work in Santa’s Workshop went on through Christmas Eve to make sure every child knew that someone knew his special request and shopped just for him. Our unusually small workspace this year meant that sleighs were constantly in motion, sorting, re-bagging for the specific caseworker, and going out again.

All that joy came from you, our angels actively loving your faith. We are His hands and feet on earth. You never asked about a child’s race, background, or religion. You just wanted their size and their wish. Your values and actions show our kids and families a different side to their world. People can be kind for no reason and want nothing in return. Beyond your beautiful wrappings, the bows, and decorative bags, love was your biggest gift. I am sending nearly 700 smiles your way. All of us at Crittenton wish you a peace-filled and wonderful New Year. Thank you for being a blessing to our clients.

Warmly,

Pat Williams - President, Kids Matter Auxiliary, Crittenton Services for Children & Families
Craig Park Ministry Report – September 2015: Blessings, the Craig Park Ministry took place on Sunday, September 13th, at the La Habra Hills Presbyterian Church in the city of La Habra. Team Leaders and a group of SMdP Volunteers served a hot lunch to 60 hungry family members (52 adults and 8 children). Lunch consisted of Sloppy Joe’s, golden corn, fresh fruit, cookies and cold lemonade. After the meal, weekly groceries were distributed to our family members. Thanks to all the SMdP Volunteers—YOU ARE A BLESSING!!

Isaiah House Ministry Report – September 2015: On September 2nd, the St. Martin de Porres group of volunteers finally got to prepare a warm meal for the ladies of Isaiah House. It was a delicious spaghetti with meat balls dinner, which included tasty garlic bread, a green salad, and a cantaloupe fruit bowl. For dessert we provided a choice of three types of cookies. The ladies of Isaiah House loved the spaghetti sauce and were asking Tom Prior for the ingredients as well as asking for seconds throughout the dinner. In addition to preparing dinner for Isaiah House, we again supported the volunteers taking food to the Civic Center by loading food into their van. We were a small team (5) but again very efficient in the preparation of the night’s dinner. Each volunteer took responsibility for a part of the meal preparation. Truly great teamwork!

After the meal was served and we cleaned up, the ladies thanked us for sharing our time and dedication to serve them. We all felt good for our time there and seeing the ladies enjoy their spaghetti dinner. The number of ladies at Isaiah House is still about 20-plus. Maybe this will increase in the fall and winter months ahead. We will find out later this year.

With God’s blessings we continue to serve and receive many blessings in return for serving the ladies of Isaiah House.

Skid Row Ministry Report – September 2015: We are so happy and blessed to be a part of Outreach. On the weekend of September 19th and 20th, 100 volunteers participated in helping the homeless of Los Angeles. Several of these volunteers were first timers who came to us through the Ministry Expo.

On Saturday, while preparing sack lunches and folding/sorting the donated items, the volunteers were served a delicious chicken cacciatore lunch—A big hit! Sunday morning started off with some socializing over coffee and pastries while 13 vehicles were loaded and ready to head to Skid Row. After praying, we left St. Martin’s Parish and were in Los Angeles by 8:30 AM, ready to help over 350 homeless.

In addition to the clothing and usual sack lunches (ham & cheese sandwiches, crackers, cookies, juice & milk), we had an extra blessing when a first timer, working for a lotion manufacturer, donated several hundred samples. Another first timer donated 100 pairs of reading glasses. Always something new! One parishioner and a few others had the opportunity to visit the Midnight Mission.

Soup Kitchen Ministry Reports – September 2015: St Martin’s Soup Kitchen Ministry served 85 hungry souls at the Southwest Community Center (home of the Soup Kitchen) for the month of September, thanks to our ever-giving Team Leaders and their fantastic volunteers! YEAH Soup Kitchen Ministry!

Saturday, September 19th, we served about 40 guests. The visit went smoothly, thanks to our dedicated volunteers. The menu consisted of: pulled chicken with barbecue sauce; dinner rolls, watermelon, and salad on the side; cakes and cookies for dessert; and iced tea. For the first time—and maybe we should do it more often—we paused in the middle of the meal to say grace, a short prayer giving thanks for the food and the people that came together to make it possible.

Sunday, September 27th, we were blessed to serve 45 hungry souls and had enough to provide seconds to all. We had a wonderful volunteer crew, and we served fried chicken, a loaded fresh-veggie salad, sliced watermelon, and ice cream for dessert. All our guests left with full tummies and warm hearts.
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DO YOU FEEL AN INTERIOR CALL TO GROW IN HOLINESS?

These classes, offered at St. Peter Chanel in Hawaiian Gardens and given over an 11-Week period, will greatly intensify your spiritual life and your desire to go to Heaven. Come and learn the real purpose of your life, and how to achieve it through self-knowledge, self-discipline, deep prayer, and discernment of spirits. You’ll see miracles happen in your life!

There is no charge for the program and all materials are provided. Donations are accepted. Each meeting lasts 2-2.5 hours. To register online, go to www.spcomv.com. For more information, please contact Fr. Ed Broom, OMV at St. Peter Chanel, Mary Martorana at lovegodsavesouls@gmail.com or Veronica Ayson at (562) 924-7591.

Attention Married Couples!

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Reconciliation - Sacrament of Mercy Lenten Retreat for Adults

The Retreat for Adults is at the Heart of Jesus Retreat Center On Tuesday, February 16th, 5:30pm – 9pm, or Wednesday, February 17th, 9:30am-12 Please call or email for more details. Space is limited, RSVP by February 10th 714-557-4538 or heartojesusrc@sbcglobal.net 2927 S Greenville St. Santa Ana, CA 92704

Meals On Wheels are Available

Do you know someone who would benefit from having meals delivered? We at Placentia Yorba Meals On Wheels deliver to citizens in Placentia, Yorba Linda, and Anaheim Hills. Three meals a day, Monday through Friday. Those who cannot pay are subsidized by MOW. MOW is non-profit, depending 100% on local contributions from citizens, organizations, and the business community, as well as annual fundraisers. While the food is cooked and packaged at a state-of-the-art kitchen in Anaheim and brought to our office for distribution, we welcome volunteers to help make the deliveries to the clients. Please give us a call! 714/524-5056. Placentia Yorba Meals on Wheels, 1130 Yorba Linda Blvd., Placentia, CA 92870-3828.

Be a Child’s Voice in Court!

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Orange County is seeking volunteers to serve as advocates and mentors for abused, abandoned and neglected children. A CASA volunteer visits with a child they are matched with on a regular basis, interacts with all professionals involved in the case and makes recommendations directly to the court, ensuring the child’s best interests are not overlooked. Volunteers must be 21 years old and be able to dedicate 10-15 hours per month. For more information about volunteering, please call 714/619.5155 or visit our website: www.casaoc.org
**HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS**

Hospice Volunteers are needed in our community to provide supportive services to terminally ill patients and their families. VITAS Innovative Hospice Care® is seeking interested individuals who can commit an average of two hours per week to make a difference with patients or in our offices – you can volunteer around your schedule and in the area you live or work. The only necessary qualifications are a caring heart, the ability to listen, and a willingness to learn. Please contact Judy Andoe, Volunteer Manager at 714/921-2273 or email Judy.andoe@vitas.com

**CATHOLIC DETENTION MINISTRY IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

Every day nearly 5,000 Catholics call Orange County jails and juvenile facilities home! The Bible calls us to visit those in prison (Matt 25:36). How about you! Can you spare a couple hours each month to visit our incarcerated brothers and sisters, sons and daughters? If you would like to learn more or to join our ministry, please sign up for our Overview presentation. For dates, times and more details, go to www.rcbo.org/restore or call us at 714/634-9909.

**HOW DOES SOMEONE BECOME CATHOLIC? THEY JOIN THE RCIA!**

What is the RCIA? RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults but, according to a young man who recently went through the process, it should also stand for Righteous, Compassionate, Inspirational and Amazing. He speaks for the hundreds of individuals who have been a part of this challenging, exciting, and life-changing experience at St. Martin’s.

Have you or a friend ever considered joining the Catholic Church? The RCIA process will give you the opportunity to ask questions, learn about the Church’s teaching, and be part of a community who will walk with you on your journey of faith. Those who are not baptized, were baptized in other Christian denominations, or were baptized Catholic but have not been Confirmed or received the Eucharist are led by a team made up of clergy, staff and volunteers through an unforgettable one to two year process. RCIA meets mostly on Sundays after the 8:45 AM Mass, culminating with Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. If you would like to have a Righteous, Compassionate, Inspirational and Amazing experience leading to full communion with the Catholic Church, call Curtis Keddy at 714/970-2771 or email curtisk@smdpyl.org.