

SAINT MARTHA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Caring Community

MARCH 08, 2026 | 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday | 5:00pm Vigil
Sunday | 7:15am, 9:00am (ASL
Interpreted for the deaf), 11:00am,
1:00pm Spanish, 5:00pm

Daily Masses

Monday | 7:30am
Tuesday | 7:30am
Wednesday | 7:30am
Thursday | 7:30am
Friday | 7:30am
Saturday | 7:30am

Confession

Saturday | 8:00am–9:30am
Or By Appointment

GET IN TOUCH

Saint Martha Catholic Church

37200 Whitewood Road
Murrieta, CA 92563
(951) 698-8180
stmarthamurr.com

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday

8:00am–12:30pm, 1:30pm–4:00pm



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one
speaking with you." - Jn 4:24-26

3ER DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

Jesús le dijo: "Soy yo, el que
habla contigo". - Jn 4, 24-26

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OUR MISSION

We the people of St. Martha Catholic Church, are called to conversion of our entire person in Jesus Christ and His compassion for others. Our community life and worship is based on the Bible, the sacraments, and the teaching of the Catholic Church. Living the love of Christ impacts our moral, intellectual, and religious life and makes us a caring community that brings hope to our families, neighborhood and society.

02 • PRAYER & READINGS

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 7

5:00pm | Mass for the People

Sunday, March 8

7:15am | Blythe & Baby Domingo †

7:15am | Rosie Perez †

9:00am | Salgado Family †

9:00am | George & Veronica
Schad †

11:00am | Frances Franklin †

11:00am | Camilo Sr. & Corazon M.
Tagulao †

1:00pm | Eleuterio & Maria Ceja †

1:00pm | Ma. Josephina &
Heriberto Hurtado †

5:00pm | Lydia Flordelis †

5:00pm | Alexandra & Hector
Lopez & Family (Sp. Int.)

NEXT SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 14

5:00pm | Juanita Lara †

5:00pm | Lee & Ellie
Fenstermaker †

Sunday, March 15

7:15 am | Mass for the People

9:00am | Betty Fluck †

9:00am | Emmanuella
Camastra †

11:00am | Donald Hanggie †

11:00am | Charles Vandegrieff †

1:00pm | Victor M. Perez †

1:00pm | Alexandria & Hector
Lopez (Sp. Int.)

5:00pm | Estefania Peralta †

5:00pm | Margaret Kramer †



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 9

Ellen de Guzman †

Severa Gutierrez †

Tuesday, March 10

Anastacia Legaspi †

Eva & Jesus Perez (Sp. Int.)

Wednesday, March 11

James Quirk †

Anna Tomasso †

Thursday, March 12

Maria Lomeli †

Devin Maldonado (Sp. Int.)

Friday, March 13

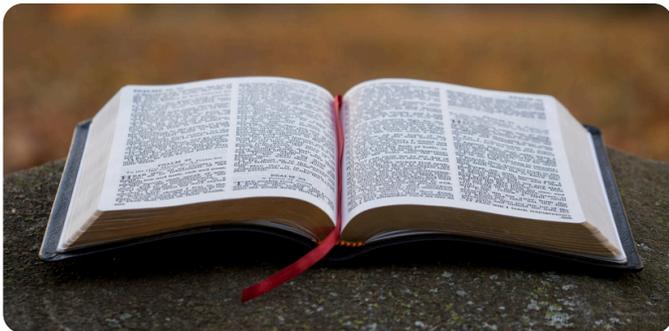
Suzanne Pino (Sp. Int.)

Engracia Tamayo †

Saturday, March 14

Mike Torretti †

Orlando Santos †



WEEKLY READINGS

For the Week of March 08, 2026

Sunday

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2
Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk
6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21
and 23/Mt 23:1-1

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt
20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19,
20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-4

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk
15:1-3, 11-3

Next Sunday

Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-
8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

ASL INTERPRETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

ASL Interpreting is now available on Sundays at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please note that there will be no ASL Interpreting at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

03 • GOSPEL MEDITATION

QUINCEAÑERA MINISTRY

Contact the Parish Office to pick up the parish policy on quinceañera celebrations. Group quinceañeras only. Registrations requirement: 6 months.

MINISTERIO DE QUINCEAÑERA

Comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial para obtener una copia de la póliza. Necesita estar registrado por 6 meses. Celebraciones solo en grupo.



Contact Andrea Lopez x218
andrealopez@sbdiocese.org



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 08 , 2026

John 4:5-42

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, “Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way.” That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds – week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else – his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself – was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: “One sows and another reaps” (John 4:37). He is helping them – and us – understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing – raising children, praying for someone, mentoring – be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping – seeing someone come alive in faith – be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.



BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Open Daily 6am-8pm

Please call the parish office to receive the access code to enter into the Blessed Sacrament chapel.

CAPILLA DEL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO

Abierta Diario de 6am-8pm

Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para recibir el código de acceso a la Capilla del Santísimo.



UPCOMING FUNERALS PROXIMOS FUNERALES

John Santos Sr.

04 • PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH CLERGY

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cmartinez@sbdiocese.org

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fgrant@sbdiocese.org

Parochial Vicar

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SACRAMENTOS Y FORMACION

SACRAMENTOS DE INICIACION



BAUTISMO
Infantes: Padres y Padrinos asistir a clase.

Info: angeleslopez@sbdiocese.org
Adultos: Prepararse en RICA
Info: rnoel@sbdiocese.org



PRIMERA COMUNION
Niños: Asistir a clases.
Info: stmarthaformation.com

Adultos: Prepararse in RICA
Info: rnoel@sbdiocese.org



CONFIRMACION
Jóvenes: Programa Jornada

Info: stmarthaformation.com
Adultos: Prepararse en RICA

SACRAMENTOS DE SANACION



RECONCILIACION
Sábados 8am-9:30am o por cita.
Preparación: Niños asistir a clases
Info: stmarthaformation.com

Adultos: Prepararse en RICA.



UNCION DE LOS ENFERMOS
Para pedir este sacramento o para más información llame a la oficina parroquial
951-698-8180.

SACRAMENTOS DE SERVICIO



MATRIMONIO
Comuníquese a la oficina parroquial 6 meses antes de la fecha deseada.

Info: andrealopez@sbdiocese.org
951-698-8180 Ext. 218



ORDENES SAGRADAS
Comuníquese a la oficina parroquial para hacer una cita con alguien del clero 951-698-8180.

SACRAMENTS & FORMATION

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION



BAPTISM
Infants: Parents & Godparents attend

class. info: stmarthamurr.com/baptisms
Adults: Prepare in RCIA
Info: rnoel@sbdiocese.org



FIRST COMMUNION
Children: Attend classes.
Info: stmarthaformation.com

Adults: Prepare in RCIA
Info: rnoel@sbdiocese.org



CONFIRMATION
Teens: Journey Program
Info: stmarthaformation.com

Adults: Prepare in RCIA
Info: rnoel@sbdiocese.org

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING



RECONCILIACION
Saturdays 8am-9:30am or by appointment. Preparation: Children attend classes
Info: stmarthaformation.com

Adults: Prepare in RCIA.
Info: rnoel@sbdiocese.org



ANOINTING OF THE SICK
To inquire about or request this sacrament, please call the parish office at 951-698-8180.

SACRAMENTS OF SERVICE



MATRIMONY
CONTACT PARISH OFFICE 9 MONTHS IN ADVANCE. Registration required 6 months in advance.
Contact: andrealopez@sbdiocese.org
951-698-8180 ext. 218



HOLY ORDERS
Contact parish office to schedule a meeting with one of our clergy
951-698-8180

ST. MARTHA PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday Collection March, 01 2026

DDF 2026



Plate \$10,885.25
Envelope \$26,776.00
Flowers \$780.00
Ash Wednesday Env. \$65.00
Online Giving \$20,610.70

Diocese Goal \$204,100.00
Gifts Received \$106,885.00



Goal: 52%

Remember: Every dollar over our goal comes back to our parish assesment free!

Total: \$59,116.95

Thank you for your generous support to St. Martha Catholic Church!

HAPPENING THIS MONTH • 05

ST. MARTHA'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FISH FRY IS BACK!

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Menu: Fish Dinner with coleslaw and potatoes, drink and dessert. Fish tacos or fish sandwich also available with sides. Grilled or fried fish.

Also available:
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Tomato Soup
Clam Chowder Soup

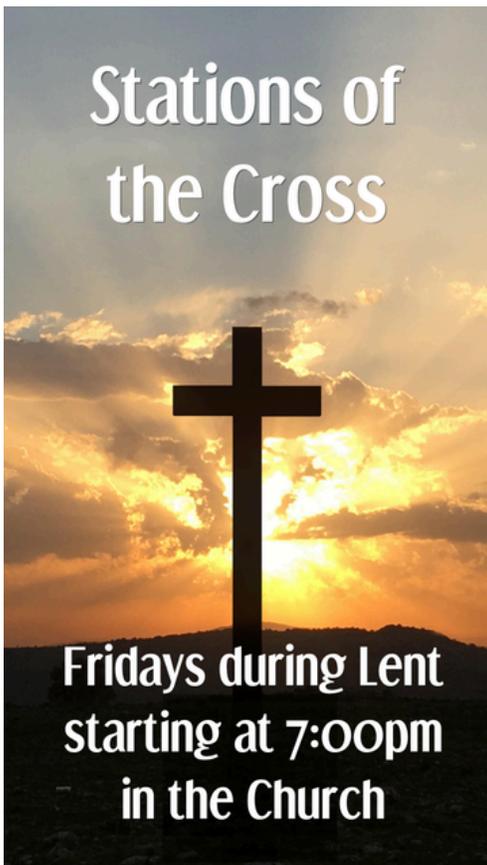
*Discount Available for Families of 4+

Electric Guitar Raffle tickets available for \$10! All proceeds from the raffle go to St. Martha Church for liturgical items and vestments.

**Hemet Vicariate Penance Services
Lent 2026**

PARISH	PENANCE SERVICE
Our Lady of the Valley HEMET	March 10th 6:30pm
Holy Spirit HEMET	March 11th 6:30pm
St. Vincent Ferrer MENIFEE	March 12th 4pm-6pm
St. Martha MURRIETA	March 18th 6:30pm
St. Anthony SAN JACINTO	March 19th 6:30pm
St. Frances of Rome WILDOMAR	March 26th 6:30pm

Stations of the Cross



Fridays during Lent starting at 7:00pm in the Church

MOTHERS & OTHERS MINISTRY BOARD & MEMBERS MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH

9:30AM - 11:30AM

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

*Light refreshments served.
*Childcare available.

JOIN OUR TEAM

BOARD NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR

We warmly invite the incredible Catholic women of our community - mothers, aunts, grandmothers - to prayerfully consider sharing your gifts and talents with us. Your voice matters. Your leadership matters. Your presence makes a difference.

Be a part of our 26 years tradition of serving our growing parish family.

- EASTER EGG HUNT
- TRUNK OR TREAT
- ALL SAINTS DAY
- FAMILY BINGO NIGHT
- WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

STMARTHAMO@GMAIL.COM



SEASONED SINGLES
Next Meeting Tues, March 10
11am-2pm in Straling Hall

This group is for men and women ages 60 and older who are single, widowed, or widowers. We host many outings and events! Please be sure to bring your own lunch. There are no dues, and carpooling is available. For more information, please contact Elena Olmo at 805-798-4600 or email her at ebimbi@sbcglobal.net.



06 • NEWS & EVENTS



BIBLE STUDY

Next Meeting March 10 at
6pm - 7:30pm
in Straling Hall

You are invited to join! We meet twice a month on Tuesdays. Whether you are new to Bible Study or would just like to learn more about Jesus as seen through Sacred Scripture, you are more than welcome! To sign up or for more information, email: stmarthabiblestudy@gmail.com or visit our website: <https://stmarthabiblestudy.netlify.app/>



SUNDAY YOUTH MINISTRY

March 1st - 22nd
in the Family Life Center

NEW: PARENT SESSION
W/ CHRIS MUELLER
IN THE WORSHIP CENTER

INTO THE PASSION

AFTER THE 5PM MASS

PARENT SESSION
(AND ANY OTHER ADULTS)

TRAVELING THROUGH LENT TOGETHER

FT. CHRIS MUELLER

SUNDAYS | March 1st - 22nd | 6:15-8:15pm
Worship Center
During The 45, Edge, & Life Night



Parents of students in the 45, Edge, and Life Teen - as well as other adults - are invited to a **scripture-centered Lenten series** offering reflection, connection, and fellowship as we prepare for Easter together.

PRAY FOR LIFE THIS LENT!

Respect Life Ministry invites you this Lent to offer a Pro-Life Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament for the protection and support of life from conception to natural death.

For more information contact:
Anita (949) 842-4973

Yoli (Spanish) (619) 379-3673

Happy Lent!

DISCOVER GOD'S PEACE

If abortion has left you broken, we can help you find healing.



For many, the decision to have an abortion is followed by deep emotional pain—feelings of shame, guilt, and a struggle to feel forgiven are not uncommon. Just know this: you are not alone. Healing is possible. Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. During the weekend, we gather as the suffering Body of Christ and minister to each other in his name. Through prayerful spiritual exercises and sacred rituals, we help you face the pain of losing your unborn child. Our mission is to guide you toward healing - offering space to grieve, to bring your sorrow before the Lord, and to receive the full mercy and forgiveness found in Christ. The retreat is presented in the Catholic tradition and welcomes all faith denominations.

For registration, cost, location, and more information:

Please call Dolores at (951) 325-7702 or email rvtemecula@verizon.net (or) Jeanette at: rvdirtem@gmail.com. Scholarships are available and given on a case-by-case basis. Retreat and registration are strictly private. All inquiries are answered confidentially, and return calls are made with discretion. Local website: www.atimeformercy.org National website: www.rachelsvineyard.org

Retreat Dates: March 13-15, 2026

WANTED

EASTER EGG DONATIONS

BY **MARCH 12TH!** PLEASE DONATE PRE-FILLED EGGS OR EMPTY EGGS AND CANDY TO FILL THEM WITH, IF YOU'RE ABLE.

LABEL YOUR DONATION "SMMO EASTER"
DROP OFF IN THE OFFICE: M-TH
8am - 4pm

VENDOR OPPORTUNITY



FOR MARCH 28TH EASTER EGGHUNT. LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE. FEE DUE AT TIME OF SIGN-UP.



thank you

STMARTHAMO@GMAIL.COM

EASTER EGG HUNT & FAMILY CELEBRATION

28 MARCH

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

FAMILY LIFE CENTER GROUNDS (OUTDOORS ONLY)

STMARTHAMO@GMAIL.COM

Activities: GAMES, CRAFTS, VENDORS, MUSIC

QR codes for: VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP, VENDOR SIGN-UP



LEGION OF MARY

Meet every Friday

8:30am-10am

Straling Hall

Please join us in our Mission to raise faithful followers of Jesus. We inspire to follow our humble handmaiden of Our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Works undertaken: Conversion, Conservation, Consolation
Spiritual Director: Fr. Carlos
Contact Helen Smith for more information 951-796-9739

Lenten Penance Service

MORE THAN 15 PRIESTS WILL BE PRESENT TO HEAR CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18TH | 6:30PM

37200 Whitewood Rd. Murrieta, CA 92563

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA (GOSPEL MEDITATIONS)

8 de Marzo de 2026

III Domingo de Cuaresma

Juan 4:5-42

Durante la Cuaresma se tiene la oportunidad de un encuentro más profundo con Dios por medio de los Sacramentos, especialmente el de la Reconciliación. Las parroquias ofrecen diferentes servicios de reconciliación y en diversos horarios, para que toda persona pueda acercarse y reconciliarse. Hoy, en este tercer domingo de Cuaresma, se nos presenta la sed como fuente de vida. El diálogo entre Jesús y la samaritana nos lo demuestra: "Si conocieras el don de Dios, si supieras quién es el que te pide de beber, tú misma le pedirías agua viva y él te la daría" (Juan 4:10). El comportamiento de Jesús al pedir agua a una mujer no era bien visto y contradecía las costumbres de su tiempo. Sin embargo, ese diálogo entre ambos no tiene nada de desperdicio: fue un diálogo perfecto, al grado que la mujer samaritana se convierte en misionera.

Este personaje, la mujer samaritana, no tiene nombre. De tal manera que yo puedo poner el mío y entablar mi propia conversación con el Señor en la oración. ¿A qué pozo voy por agua? ¿Dónde está Jesús, cansado y sediento? ¿Qué me pide que haga? ¿Dónde debo anunciarlo? Señor, como a la samaritana, hazme testigo de tu Evangelio. Para lograrlo, recordemos que el Espíritu Santo, desde nuestro Bautismo, ha sido derramado en nosotros como fuente de agua viva. No hay excusa para no participar como discípulos misioneros en nuestras parroquias, en la familia y en la sociedad. ¡Señor, dame de esa agua, y así ya no sufriré más sed! ©LPi

Las Estaciones de la Cruz (Vía Crucis)



Todos los Viernes
durante la Cuaresma en
la Iglesia a las 7 pm

Servicio Penitencial Cuaresmal

CON MÁS DE 15 SACERDOTES
ESCUCHANDO CONFESIONES

MIÉRCOLES 18 DE MARZO | 6:30PM

37200 Whitewood Rd. Murrieta, CA 92563

CABALLEROS DE COLÓN DE SANTA MARTHA

¡VUELVE NUESTRA VENTA DE PESCADO FRITO!

TODOS LOS VIERNES DE CUARESMA A LAS 5-7PM EN EL FAMILY LIFE CENTER

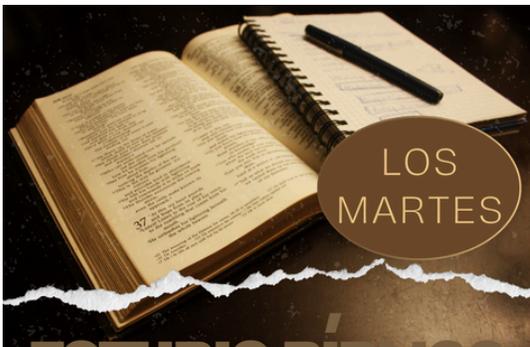
Menú: Cena de pescado con ensalada de col y papas, bebida y postre. También disponibles tacos de pescado o sándwich de pescado con guarniciones. Pescado a la parrilla o frito. También disponibles: sándwich de queso a la parrilla, sopa de tomate y sopa de almejas (clam chowder).

*Descuento disponible para familias de 4 o más

¡Boletos para la rifa de una guitarra eléctrica disponibles por \$10! Todos los ingresos de la rifa se destinan a la Iglesia Santa Marta para artículos litúrgicos y vestimentas.

Servicios Penitenciales del Vicariato de Hemet – Cuaresma 2026

PARROQUIA	SERVICIO PENITENCIAL
Our Lady of the Valley HEMET	10 de marzo / 6:30 p. m.
Holy Spirit HEMET	11 de marzo / 6:30 p. m.
St. Vincent Ferrer MENIFEE	12 de marzo / 6:30 p. m.
St. Martha MURRIETA	18 de marzo / 6:30 p. m.
St. Anthony SAN JACINTO	19 de marzo / 6:30 p. m.
St. Frances of Rome WILDOMAR	26 de Marzo / 6:30 p. m.



LOS MARTES

ESTUDIO BÍBLICO

TODOS LOS MARTES



9 AM A 12PM
WORSHIP CENTER

Ya sea que seas nuevo en el estudio bíblico o simplemente quieras aprender más sobre Jesús tal como se ve a través de las Sagradas Escrituras, ¡eres más que bienvenido!

PARA MAS INFORMACIÓN FAVOR DE MANDAR UN CORREO ELECTRÓNICO A: APASTRANA@SBDIOCESE.ORG



GRUPO DE ORACION "EL FUEGO DEL ESPIRITU SANTO"

Te invita todos los Viernes a las 6:30pm en el Worship Center
Todos son bienvenidos!



SOCIEDAD DE GUADALUPANOS Martes, 10 de Marzo a las 6:45 pm -9pm in Worship Center

La sociedad de Guadalupanos tiene el honor de invitarlos a su reunion mensual. Para mas informes comuniquese con Claudia Arroyo 951-634-2012

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Your generosity helps our parish continue its mission of faith, service, and community. Scan the QR code to make a secure online donation. Every gift, big or small, makes a difference! Thank you for your support!



Are you **NEW** to the area or visiting for the first time? If so, St. Martha would like to extend a warm welcome! If you would like more information on registering and/or more information about our Parish ministries, please contact the Parish Office at (951) 698-8180 or visit stmarthamurr.com

TO REPORT THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD by a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer, call the toll-free Sexual Misconduct Hotline 1.888.206.9090 or call your civic authorities.

PARA REPORTAR EL ABUSO SEXUAL DE UN NIÑO por un sacerdote, diácono, empleado o voluntario, llame a la línea gratuita de conducta sexual inapropiada. Línea directa 1.888.206.9090 o sus autoridades locales.

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 facebook.com/stmarthamurrieta

 [@stmarthamurr](https://instagram.com/stmarthamurr)

Community Food Pantry of Murrieta

Food Distribution Hours: Weds. & Thurs. 6:30am-10am
Office Hours: Weds. & Thurs. 6:30am-9:30am
Food Donations: Mon.-Thurs. 7:00am-1:00pm
Emergency Food: Call 951-677-6347

39493 Los Alamos Rd. Ste A
Murrieta, CA 92563
951-677-6347



St. Martha 2ndhand Treasures

STORE HOURS:
Wednesday-Saturday 10 am-4 pm

DONATION HOURS:
Tuesday-Saturday 9 am-3 pm

Please call first for large items.

39793 Avenida Acacias, Murrieta, CA 92563
951-677-0078