

SAINT MARTHA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Caring Community

MAY 3, 2026 | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

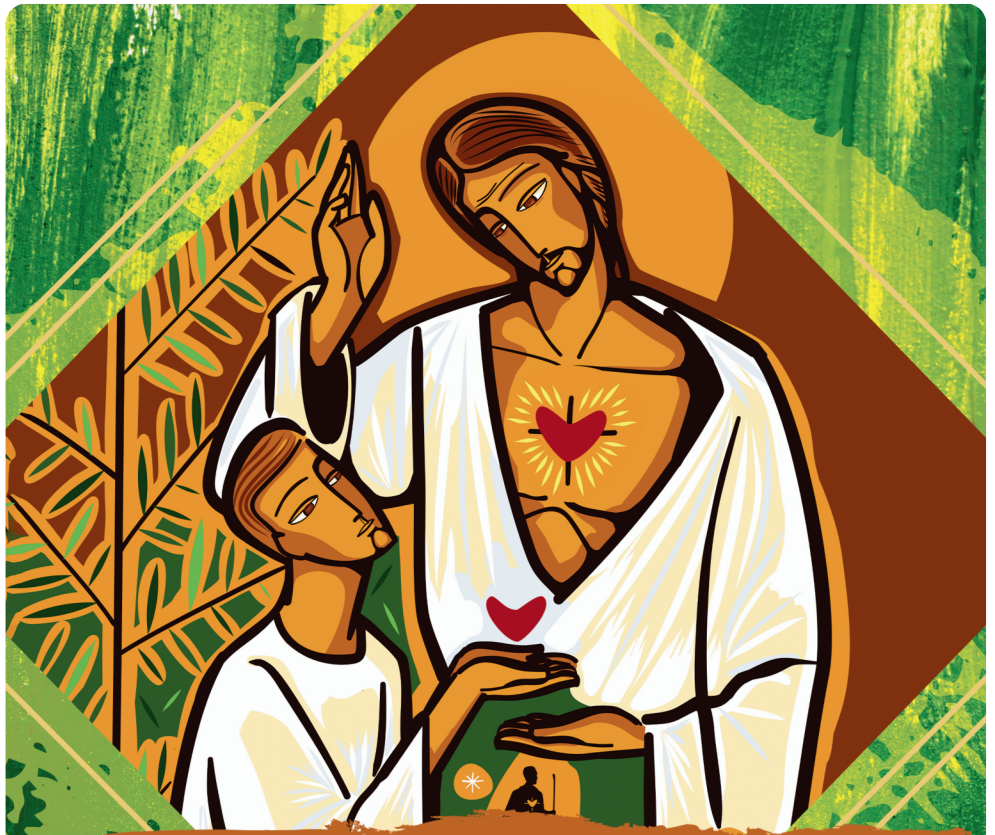
Saint Martha Catholic Church

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:00am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-4:00pm



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father.” - Jn 14:6-7

5° DOMINGO DE PASCUA

“Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida. Nadie va al Padre si no es por mí. Si ustedes me conocen a mí, conocen también a mi Padre.” - Jn 14, 6-7

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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, May 2

5:00pm | Luisa Garmsen †

5:00pm | Jonel Har Guihama †

Easter Sunday, May 3

7:15 am | Deacon Patrick Necerato †

7:15 am | Darlene Necerato †

9:00am | Keith Putnam †

9:00am | Herminio Reyes †

11:00am | Nora Colima †

11:00am | Joven Valiente †

1:00pm | Leslie Yanira Rivera †

1:00pm | Gabriel Mercado (Sp. Int.)

5:00pm | Mass for the People

NEXT SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 9

5:00pm | Mass for the People

Sunday, May 10

7:15 am | Mother's Day Novena

9:00am | Mother's Day Novena

11:00am | Mother's Day Novena

1:00pm | Mother's Day Novena

5:00pm | Mother's Day Novena



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 4

Michael McFadden †

Marge Nocera †

Tuesday, May 5

Cheryl Hedlund (Sp. Int.)

Raymond Badger †

Wednesday, May 6

Donald Halloran (Sp. Int.)

Sandra Farrington †

Thursday, May 7

Roberto Pabalate de la Cruz †

Ruby & the Lies Family (Sp. Intention)

Friday, May 8

Leslie Grimes †

Karen Teran (Happy Birthday)

Saturday, May 9

Nancy Chalupnik †

Latif Kassab †



WEEKLY READINGS

For the Week of May 3, 2026

Sunday

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday

Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

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



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2026

John 14:1-12

We generally approach life with the question, “What can this do for me?” We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I’ll eventually reap some benefit, or I won’t do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful? But in today’s Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn’t present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God’s own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— Father John Muir@LPi



**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**

Gloria Manly †

Maria Salgado †

Mckenna Dean †

Raymond Eugene Badger †

Elizabeth Ann Shelton †

04 • PARISH CONTACTS

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SACRAMENTOS Y FORMACION

SACRAMENTS & FORMATION

SACRAMENTOS DE INICIACION



BAUTISMO

Infantes: Padres y Padrinos asistir a clase.

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



PRIMERA COMUNION

Niños: Asistir a clases.

Info: stmarthaformation.com
Adultos: Prepararse in OICA
Info: rnoel@sbdiocese.org



CONFIRMACION

Jóvenes: Programa *Journey*
Info: stmarthaformation.com

Adultos: Prepararse en OICA
Info: angeleslopez@sbdiocese.org

SACRAMENTOS DE SANACION



RECONCILIACION

Sábados 8am-9:30am o por cita.

Preparación: Niños asistir a clases

Info: stmarthaformation.com

Adultos: Prepararse en OICA.



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 OF INITIATION



BAPTISM

Infants: Parents & Godparents attend class.

Info: stmarthamurr.com/baptisms
Adults: Prepare in OCIA
Info: rnoel@sbdiocese.org



FIRST COMMUNION

Children: Attend classes.

Info: stmarthaformation.com
Adults: Prepare in OCIA
Info: rnoel@sbdiocese.org



CONFIRMATION

Teens: Journey Program
Info: stmarthaformation.com

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

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING



RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 8am-9:30am or by appointment.

Preparation: Children attend classes Info:

stmarthaformation.com

Adults: Prepare in OCIA.

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 April 26, 2026

DDF 2026

Weekly Envelopes \$22,959.50
Plate \$10,223.34
Easter Envelopes \$305.00
Flowers \$357.00
Online Giving \$12,930.50
Total: \$46,775.34

Diocese Goal \$204,100.00
Gifts Received \$173,864.00

Goal: 85%

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



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

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Catechetical Sunday

Question:

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

Answer:

The mission of the Church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The Church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who, by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.

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CELEBRATE LIFE WITH YOUR RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

**Meeting May 6 at 10:30am
in St. Cecilia Room**



Learn how you can support Family Life with your time and talents by attending the Respect Life Ministry. We support life at all stages, through prayer, baby showers, fundraising, Christmas gift-giving and sharing information about life issues that affect our Catholic faith. For questions please call Anita at 949-842-4873

LEGION OF MARY

**Meets every Friday
8:30am-10am, in 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!

Words undertaken: Conversion, Conservation, Consolation. Our Spiritual director is Father Carlos. Contact Helen Smith for more information 951-796-9739.



BAPTISM CLASS

**Next Class: Thursday, May 21st
at 7pm in the Family Life Center**

Register at the door.
Email Angeles Lopez for more information
angeleslopez@sbdioocese.org
or call 951-698-8180 ext. 219



CONNECT WITH US

St. Martha Youth Social Media

Youth Ministry: @STMARTHALT
Young Adult: @STMARTHAYA



THE DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO
JOYFULLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE
ORDINATION OF



Larry Curtis

TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIEST THROUGH THE IMPOSITION
OF HANDS AND THE INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BY HIS
EXCELLENCY

THE MOST REVEREND ALBERTO ROJAS
BISHOP OF SAN BERNARDINO

————— MAY 16 —————
SATURDAY AT 10 AM

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
12704 Foothill Blvd., Rancho Cucamonga,
CA 91739

Father Larry will celebrate Mass at St. Martha on
May 30th & 31st at the 5pm Vigil, 9am, 11am, and
1pm Spanish

Move from pain &
loneliness to hope &
healing!

For men and women seeking healing
from separation or divorce.



NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY, MAY 7TH, 6 PM-8 PM
IN STRALING HALL

If you have any questions contact:

Gus Nuño 951-837-1627 or Joshua Ventura 773-823-6950

ENGLISH
CHARISMATIC
Prayer Group



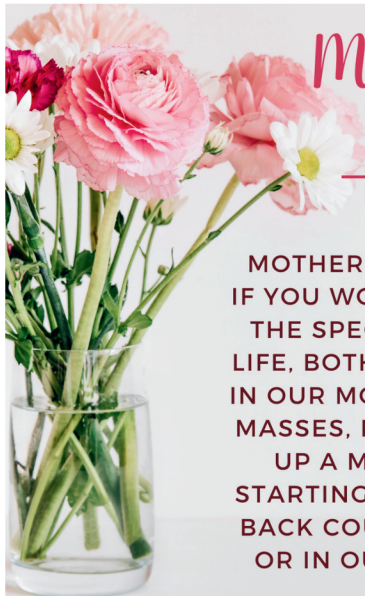
We welcome you to join us on the following dates
for Praise, Prayer, Worship and Fellowship

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH, 2026

7PM-9PM IN STRALING HALL

For questions: stmarthaprayergroup@verizon.com
or text 951-404-9908

Mother's Day
Novena



MOTHER'S DAY IS ON MAY 10TH.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REMEMBER
THE SPECIAL MOTHERS IN YOUR
LIFE, BOTH LIVING AND DECEASED,
IN OUR MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA OF
MASSES, PLEASE BE SURE TO PICK
UP A MASS INTENTION CARD
STARTING THIS WEEKEND, ON THE
BACK COUNTER OF THE NARTHEX
OR IN OUR PARISH OFFICE THIS
WEEK.

Hearts & Hands
QUILTERS GROUP

Next Meeting:
May 6th at 9:30am
Straling Hall



Filipino Mass

May 24th at 3:00pm
St. Martha Catholic Church



St. Martha Mothers & Others Ministry

END-OF-YEAR *Luncheon*

Tuesday, May 12th

9:30 - 11:30 AM
St. Martha Family Life Center

Join us for a special end-of-year luncheon as we gather in gratitude, celebrate all that God has done this year, and look ahead to what's to come.

RSVP for Childcare



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
**DIVINE MERCY MEETING
AND CENACLE
FORMATION**

**NEXT MEETING: MAY 9, 2026
8:30AM - 10AM
STRALING HALL**

We welcome you to join us, come as you are. Together we can spread God's Merciful promise.

Divine Mercy Meditation: *"I have come out to meet you, to lavish new graces on you. I am looking for souls who would like to receive My grace." Diary, 1705*

No Confessions,
Saturday, May 16

Due to Priest
Ordination

No Habrá
Confesiones,
**el Sábado,
16 de Mayo**
Por razón de la
Ordenación
Sacerdotal

SEASONS of HOPE

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

**JUNE 6, 2026
3PM-4:30PM - WORSHIP CENTER**

WE WILL BE MEETING 1ST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH. OFFERING CONSOLATION AND FAITH CENTERED HELP FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE.


QUESTIONS: CALL VALERIE HART AT 951-287-5040



EL FUEGO DEL ESPIRITU SANTO

GRUPO de Oracion

6:30 PM | TODOS LOS VIERNES
En el Salon Worship Center
Todos son bienvenidos!



CLASE DE BAUTISMO

21 de Mayo 2026

Jueves | 7pm | Family Life
Center
Correo electronico,
Angeles Lopez
angeleslopez@sbdiocese.org
Regístrese en la puerta

GRUPO DE JÓVENES

EDADES: 14 AÑOS A HIGHSCHOOL



ENSEÑANZAS | DINAMICAS | JUEGOS

PRÓXIMA
REUNIÓN ES EL
LUNES, 4 DE
MAYO
6:30 PM EN
ST. HILDEGARD

Para más información, favor de llamar a:
Oscar Arroyo 951-757-9376

LA DIÓCESIS DE SAN BERNARDINO ANUNCIA
CON ALEGRÍA LA ORDENACIÓN DE



Larry Curtis

AL SAGRADO ORDEN DEL SACERDOCIO, MEDIANTE LA
IMPOSICIÓN DE MANOS Y LA INVOCACIÓN DEL ESPÍRITU
SANTO POR SU EXCELENCIA

EL REVERENDÍSIMO ALBERTO ROJAS,
OBISPO DE SAN BERNARDINO

MAYO

SABADO **16** A LAS 10AM

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
12704 Foothill Blvd., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739

El Padre Larry celebrará la Misa en Santa Martha los días
30 y 31 de mayo, en la Vigilia de las 5:00 p. m. y a las
9:00 a. m., 11:00 a. m. y 1:00 p. m. (en español).

¿POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? - VIDA CATÓLICA EXPLICADA

Domingo Catequético

Pregunta:

¿Por qué celebramos el Domingo Catequético?

Respuesta:

La misión de la iglesia refleja la misión de Jesús de enseñar, predicar, sanar y perdonar. A través de estos actos, Jesús comparte las buenas nuevas de la salvación e invita a todas las personas a compartir la vida y el amor de Dios. La iglesia continúa esta misión en todos sus ministerios, pero especialmente, y quizás lo más importante, a través de la catequesis.

El domingo catequético se celebra el tercer domingo de septiembre. La tarea de transmitir el Evangelio está confiada a toda la comunidad, que, con la palabra y el ejemplo, forman a los jóvenes y nuevos miembros en el camino del Evangelio. Los programas parroquiales ayudan a los padres a enseñar los conceptos básicos de la fe a través de la experiencia litúrgica, la instrucción y la formación en la fe. Este ministerio es esencial para que la parroquia crezca, para que las personas se desarrollen como creyentes y para la formación espiritual continua de toda la comunidad. Le recuerda a la iglesia que predicar el Evangelio y crecer en la fe son esenciales para nuestra práctica sacramental y nuestra oración litúrgica. ©LPi

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO - ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA (Gospel Meditations)

3 de mayo, 2026

V Domingo de Pascua

Juan 14:1-12

El amor de Jesús es tan grande por nosotros que quiere que estemos donde Él está. Cada una de sus palabras está llena de esperanza. Él se va a preparar un lugar para cada uno de nosotros: "Y después de ir a prepararles un lugar, volveré para tomarlos conmigo, para que donde yo esté, estén también ustedes" (Juan 14:3-4). Luego sigue mostrando su amor al decir: "Yo soy el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida". No tenemos ninguna excusa para decir que no sabemos por dónde ir en la búsqueda de ser mejores. El único Camino es Jesús. Sin embargo, también existe la oportunidad de preguntar, como lo hicieron Tomás y Felipe. La tarea de Jesús es conducirnos al Padre; sus palabras nos dan serenidad y esperanza en la vida futura.

Es importante aprender, en nuestra vida cotidiana, que para llegar al Padre es por medio de Jesús. Jesús y el Padre son uno. Entonces, como bautizados, ¿cuál es nuestra tarea? Desde el tiempo de las primeras comunidades cristianas hasta nuestros días, la Iglesia ha tratado de seguir las enseñanzas de Jesús. Tenemos un Padre que nos ama, y confiar en Él nos da paz, aunque haya guerra y mucho sufrimiento en el mundo. Estamos llamados a luchar por la justicia y la paz, con acciones concretas cuando sea posible y con la oración, como nos lo recuerda el Papa León XIV: "En verdad les digo: el que crea en mí hará las mismas obras que yo hago, y como ahora voy al Padre, las hará aún mayores" (Juan 14:12). ©LPi

NOVENA DEL DIA DE LA MADRE

Celebraremos el Día de las Madres el 10 de mayo. Si le gustaría recordar a las madres en su vida, vivas o difuntas, en nuestra novena de misas en honor a nuestras madres. Las tarjetas para sus intenciones estarán disponibles en el vestíbulo de la entrada principal de la Iglesia y también durante la semana en nuestra Oficina Parroquial.



MINISTERIO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

Próxima reunión – 6 de mayo a las 7pm en el Salón Straling

También se les invita a rezar el rosario de la Divina Misericordia todos los domingos después de la misa de la 1pm. Para más información, favor de llamar a Nelli Gordillo al 951-348-2288.



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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 [@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