

SAINT MARTHA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Caring Community

MARCH 15, 2026 | 4TH 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



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.
He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I
washed, and now I can see.” - Jn 9:15

4° DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

También los fariseos le preguntaron cómo había
adquirido la vista. El les contestó: “Me puso lodo
en los ojos, me lavé y veo”. - Jn 9, 15

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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 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 †

NEXT SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 21

5:00pm | Regino & Esther Rosales (Happy Birthday)
5:00pm | Ngan Cao Hien Pham Maria (Sp. Int.)

Sunday, March 22

7:15am | Joshua and Jenna Levesque (Happy Birthday)
7:15am | Domingo Monponbanua Taduran †

9:00am | Catalina Jordan (Happy Birthday)
9:00am | Jose Alvarez †

11:00am | Alexandria & Hector Lopez & Family (Sp. Int.)
11:00am | Robert Molinar (Sp. Int.)

1:00pm | Andrea Aguilar (Happy Birthday)
1:00pm | Rafael Rocha †

3:00pm | Marcelo Maximus Aniles †
3:00pm | Elpidio Lumabam †

5:00pm | Mass for the People



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 16

Joan Larocca †
Hiren Erandio Baltazar †

Tuesday, March 17

Raymond Patio †
Arlyn Viray Saldana †

Wednesday, March 18

Rose Christy †
Salvador Mares †

Thursday, March 19

David Joseph Angelo †
Anna Tomasso †

Friday, March 20

Mary & Tawig Rezuk †
Chuck Tillotson †

Saturday, March 21

Patricia Hames (Sp. Int.)
George Hames †



WEEKLY READINGS

For the Week of March 15, 2026

Sunday

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-5

Tuesday

1Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-5

Next Sunday

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 15, 2026

John 9:1-41

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light. Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you not see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark. Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.



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

Alma Lorena Grijalva

04 • PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH CLERGY

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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, 08 2026

DDF 2026



Plate \$10,790.58
Envelope \$23,761.00
Flowers \$868.00
Online Giving \$22,113.50

Diocese Goal \$204,100.00

Gifts Received \$113,332.00

Goal: 55%

Total: \$57,533.08

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



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

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.



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.

Stations of the Cross

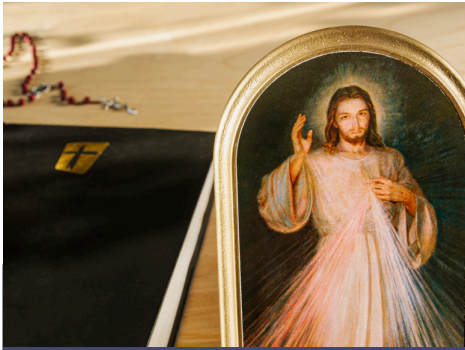


Fridays during Lent
starting at 7:00pm
in the Church

CONGRATULATIONS ELECT!

We are proud to welcome them into the Catholic Church this Easter Vigil





DIVINE MERCY MEETING & CENACLE

**Next Meeting: March 28
8:30 am-12pm,
Straling Hall**

Did you know...St. John Paul II fulfilled Jesus' request by declaring the Sunday after Easter to be celebrated worldwide as Divine Mercy Sunday. Extending a special invitation to join this guided prayer study through St. Faustina's Diary. Journey through the what, why, and how.

Hemet Vicariate Penance Services Lent 2026

PARISH

**St. Martha
MURRIETA**

**St. Anthony
SAN JACINTO**

**St. Frances of Rome
WILDOMAR**

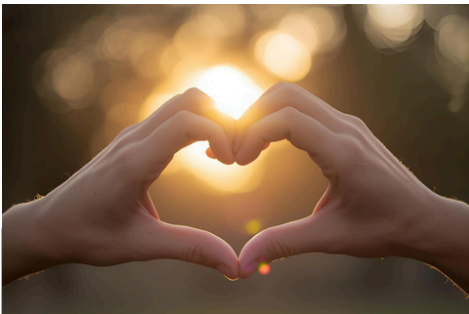
PENANCE SERVICE

March 18th 6:30pm

March 19th 6:30pm

March 26th 6:30pm

**Please note that these are the Last Penance Services
in the Vicariate before Lent*



HEARTS & HANDS QUILTERS GROUP

**Meet Wed. March 18
9:30 am - 12pm in
Straling Hall**

If you are interested in sharing your time and talents in making quilts for those who are sick or in need in our community we encourage you to join us. For questions contact Liz Ludwig at 951-551-1165 or email ludgoofy@aol.com

DONUT SUNDAY

March 22

**AFTER ALL MORNING
MASSES!**

**\$2 PER DONUT
\$3 DONUT & COFFEE
\$4 DONUT AND JUICE
\$5 LATTE BAR**

Filipino Mass

March 22 at 3:00pm
St. Martha Catholic Church



EASTER EGG HUNT & FAMILY CELEBRATION

28 MARCH

10:00AM – 1:00PM

FAMILY LIFE CENTER GROUNDS (OUTDOORS ONLY)

STMARTHAMO@GMAIL.COM

Activities listed: GAMES, CRAFTS, VENDORS, MUSIC.

QR codes for: VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP and VENDOR SIGN-UP.

BAPTISM CLASS

March 19th, 2026

Thursday | 7pm | Family Life Center

Email: angeleslopez@sbdiocese.org

Sign-Ups at the door

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)

15 de Marzo de 2026

IV Domingo de Cuaresma

Juan 9:1-41

El evangelista Juan presenta a Jesús como el hombre que da luz, que es la luz. Describe paso a paso el proceso de fe del ciego de nacimiento. Jesús cura al ciego y lo envía a que se lave en la piscina de Siloé, que significa "Enviado". Él obedece y queda curado. Después del milagro, surge mucho desasosiego: si realmente era el mismo hombre, cómo fue curado, y otros cuestionamientos más. Él lo explica con lujo de detalles, pero no le creen. Luego interrogan también a sus padres. Finalmente, el hombre enfrenta a los fariseos, y lo expulsan de la sinagoga. A continuación, nos narra el Evangelio: "Jesús se enteró de que lo habían expulsado. Cuando lo encontró, le dijo: '¿Tú crees en el Hijo del Hombre?' Le contestó: '¿Y quién es, Señor, para que crea en él?' Jesús le dijo: 'Tú lo has visto; es el que está hablando contigo'. Él entonces dijo: 'Creo, Señor', y se arrodilló ante Él" (Juan 9:35-38).

¡Qué felicidad! El ciego ve la luz, mientras que los fariseos, aunque ven a Jesús, quedan ciegos al rechazar al que es la luz. La fe nos saca de las tinieblas. Veamos cómo el ciego, en su proceso de fe, primero dice que el hombre que lo curó se llama Jesús. Luego afirma que es un profeta. Más adelante declara que es un hombre de Dios, y finalmente se postra ante Él en adoración. ¿Qué debemos aprender de este ciego? ¿Qué nombres damos a Jesús en nuestro propio camino de fe? ¿Cómo podríamos describir la manera en que Dios ha curado nuestras enfermedades y perdonado nuestros pecados, como lo hizo con el ciego de nacimiento? ¡Jesús, que vea! ©LPi

Las Estaciones de la Cruz (Vía Crucis)



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

Servicios Penitenciales del Vicariato de Hemet – Cuaresma 2026

PARROQUIA

SERVICIO PENITENCIAL

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.

*Favor de tomar en cuenta que estos son los últimos Servicios de Penitencia en el Vicariato antes de la Cuaresma.

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.

Servicio Penitencial Cuaresmal

CON MÁS DE 15 SACERDOTES
ESCUCHANDO CONFESIONES

MIÉRCOLES 18 DE MARZO | 6:30PM

37200 Whitewood Rd. Murrieta, CA 92563



CLASE DE BAUTISMO

19 de Marzo 2026

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



Iglesia Católica de Santa Martha te invita al

Retiro Pre-Cana

Preparación Matrimonial para Parejas
Preparándose para casarse por la Iglesia

**Próxima fecha de retiro:
21 de Marzo 2026**

Ultimo día para registrarse será el
18 de Marzo, 2026.

Si desea más información sobre este retiro y/o desea registrarse, favor de comunicarse con Andrea Lopez
951-698-8180 x218
andrealopez@sbdiocese.org



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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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'S 2ND HAND TREASURES

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