

Daily Parish Communication

February 13, 2023

Good Morning!

Parish Mission - Today's Topics

10:00 AM ***As It Was Above, So It Is Below***

4:30 PM ***Mass***

7:00 PM ***Authority Structure***

1. Today's Readings: [Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: Our next 3 popes are designated as saints. Today we look at Pope St. Martin I. If you remember, the last several popes were struggling against the heresy of Monotheism. Martin called a council to deal with it. Following his biography is a letter he wrote.

3. Quote of the Day:

~"If anyone does not in accord with the Holy Fathers acknowledge the holy and ever virgin and immaculate Mary was really and truly the Mother of God, inasmuch as she, in the fullness of time, and without seed, conceived by the Holy Spirit, God in the Word Himself, who before all time was born of God the Father, and without loss of integrity brought Him forth, and after His birth preserved her virginity inviolate, let him be condemned."

Pope St. Martin I

Pope St Martin I, Pray for Us!

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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Kyle Clement returns to St. Joseph Catholic Church to present a 5 Day Parish Mission on living our Catholic faith.

Mr. Clement instructs the lay faithful with practical information on different aspects of Christian life. He is an acclaimed speaker for Liber Christo.

Join us for Presentations on the Theme:

“AS IT WAS ABOVE, SO IT IS BELOW”

MISSION SCHEDULE

Feb 13 Monday	10:00 - 11:30 AM	Topic: As It Was Above, So It Is Below
	4:30 PM	Mass
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Topic: Authority Structure
Feb 14 Tuesday	10:00 - 11:30 AM	Topic: Medium of Grace
	5:30 PM	Evening Mass
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Topic: Introduction—Flow of Grace
Feb 15 Wednesday	8:30 AM	Morning Mass (No Adoration)
	9:15 - 9:45 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	10:00 - 11:30 AM	Topic: Flow of Grace, continued
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Topic: Faculties of the Human Person
Feb 16 Thursday	10:00 - 11:30 AM	Topic: Faculties of the Human Person, continued
	5:30 PM	Evening Mass
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Topic: Virtues
Feb 17 Friday	8:30 AM	Morning Mass
	9:15 - 9:45 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	10:00 - 11:30 AM	Topic: So It Is Below

Free Event ~ Donations are gratefully accepted.

74 Pope St. Martin I

When Martin I became pope in 649, Constantinople was the capital of the Byzantine empire and the patriarch of Constantinople was the most influential Church leader in the eastern Christian world. The struggles that existed within the Church at that time were magnified by the close cooperation of emperor and patriarch.

A teaching, Monothelism, strongly supported in the East, held that Christ had no human will. Twice emperors had officially favored this position, Heraclius by publishing a formula of faith and Constans II by silencing the issue of one or two wills in Christ.

Shortly after assuming the office of the papacy (which he did without first being confirmed by the emperor), Martin held a council at the Lateran in which the imperial documents were censured, and in which the patriarch of Constantinople and two of his predecessors were condemned. Constans II, in response, tried first to turn bishops and people against the pope.

Failing in this and in an attempt to kill the pope, the emperor sent troops to Rome to seize Martin and to bring him back to Constantinople.

Martin I lay too sick to fight on a couch in front of the altar when the soldiers burst into the Lateran basilica. He had come to the church when he heard the soldiers had landed. But the thought of kidnapping a sick pope from the house of God didn't stop the soldiers from grabbing him and hustling him down to their ship.

He was then submitted to various imprisonments, tortures and hardships. Although condemned to death and with some of the torture imposed already carried out, Martin was saved from execution by the pleas of a repentant Paul, patriarch of Constantinople, who was himself gravely ill.

There he spent three months in a filthy, freezing cell while he suffered from dysentery. He was not allowed to wash and given the most disgusting food. After he was condemned for treason without being allowed to speak in his defense he was imprisoned for another three months.

From there he was exiled to the Crimea where he suffered from the famine of the land as well as the roughness of the land and its people. But hardest to take was the fact that the pope found himself friendless. His letters tell how his own church had deserted him and his friends had forgotten him. They wouldn't even send him oil or corn to live off of.

Martin died shortly thereafter, tortures and cruel treatment having taken their toll. He is the last of the early popes to be venerated as a martyr.

Source: catholic.com

THE LORD IS CLOSE, AND WHY AM I ANXIOUS?

A letter from St. Martin I, Pope.

Our constant desire in our letters to you, my beloved brethren, is to console you and to relieve the anxiety you have for us. And this applies to all our brethren and the holy men who are worrying about me for the sake of the Lord. I am writing now at the moment to you about the difficulties that are pressing in on me. In the name of Christ our God, I am telling the truth.

We are not only far removed from all the turmoil of the world and destroyed by our sins, but we have been deprived even of the means to live. For the natives of this region are all heathens and those who account themselves resident here have also all adopted heathen customs; they are completely lacking in that human kindness which even among barbarians human nature always leads men to display in frequent acts of compassion.

I have been, and am still, amazed at the lack of sensitivity and compassion among all those who once had to do with me — both my friends and relations. They have so completely forgotten me in my misfortune, and do not want to know how I am faring, whether indeed I am alive or not. What sort of defence will we have to show at the tribunal of Christ, when all men will be mutually accusing and defending themselves, all of them of the same stuff and clay? What fear was it which fell on men to prevent them carrying out God's command, a groundless fear? Or is it that evil spirits make me a forgotten man by removing me to such a remote place? Have I appeared such an enemy to the whole Church, so hostile to them?

However, may God, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, make their hearts firm in the orthodox faith by the intercession of Saint Peter; may he strengthen them against every heretic, and anyone who is an enemy of our Church. May he keep them unmoved, especially the pastor who has now emerged as their leader, so that they may not fall directly away, or even incline to do so; may they forsake none of those things which they have professed in the sight of the Lord and of his holy angels in their writings, even in the slightest degree. So may they receive, along with me in my lowliness, the crown of righteousness of the orthodox faith from the hand of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

As for this, my lowly body, it will be the concern of the Lord, to direct it as it pleases him, whether my troubles continue unbroken or I enjoy some measure of relief. The Lord is near. Why then am I anxious? I put my hope indeed in his mercies that the Lord will not delay to bring my course to an end in whatever way he has commanded. Greet then all those who are yours for the sake of the Lord, and all who for the love of God have pity on me in my bonds. May God in heaven protect you with the power of his hand from every temptation, and bring you to salvation in his kingdom.

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