



ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH





WELCOME FROM OUR RECTOR

"Welcome to the St. Martin's Family..."

I take great delight in offering these words to visitors and new members of our beloved St. Martin's. But really, they are words for long-time members as well...for every time we open our doors, in a sense, we are inviting you into the organic life that is the St. Martin's Family – a wonderful place...with so much to offer.

I often describe St. Martin's as a *"family."* Here you will find people from every walk of life, in every stage of life – but what binds us, what *"makes us"* a family is not the differences we bring to the table, but our unity – our common and shared commitment to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, and to His Body, the Church and its mission to make Jesus' Good News of love and salvation for all those enveloped by His amazing grace and love.

St. Martin's is a very big place, with lots of things to do. Virtually every hour of the day, most days of the week, you will find energy, excitement, solace and community pouring out of the opportunities for worship, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, outreach and more. Our family prays together – we laugh and weep together; we eat and celebrate; we sing and listen; and we comfort and support one another. We do all of this, however, not for our own sakes but with the open and joyful purpose of making and growing disciples of Jesus Christ.

If you wish to become one of Jesus' disciples, or if you are already a follower and want to continue to grow in your faith – we invite you to join us as pilgrims on what our early Church forebears used to call, *"The Way."*

Scripted in stone, above the main doors of our Church are the open arms of our Lord Jesus with the words, *"Come unto me..."* (Matthew 11:28) We stand with Him in offering those same words of welcome. So again, *"Welcome to the St. Martin's family!"*

The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.
Rector, St. Martin's Episcopal Church

ABOUT ST. MARTIN'S

Founded in 1952, St. Martin's is the largest Episcopal Church in the United States with more than 9,500 members. With an emphasis on beautiful liturgy, thought-provoking messages and excellence in music, St. Martin's provides numerous opportunities to give thanks and praise to God. Six services are offered Sundays, and three services are available Wednesdays. In addition to The Church, the beautiful campus is home to St. Martin's Episcopal Preschool, The Island youth center, Activity Center, and the Hope and Healing Center & Institute. More than 18,000 events are held at St. Martin's each year, including worship services, small group meetings, concerts, receptions and more.

OUR MISSION

To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.

OUR CORE VALUES

To glorify God in all we do, St. Martin's Episcopal Church affirms and values:

THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

As affirmed by the worldwide Anglican Communion, which emphasizes the Holy Scriptures as the primary authority and guide for individual faith and practice

WORSHIP

Based on traditional Anglican theology, liturgy and the Christian Sacraments, always striving to offer God our very best in prayer, preaching and music in an inspirational setting

DISCIPLESHIP

Bringing as many people as possible into a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ and enabling each of us to be transformed into disciples of Jesus Christ through participation in the ministries of St. Martin's

MINISTRY

Ministering to those in spiritual, emotional and physical need through Pastoral Care and Outreach programs designed to serve the St. Martin's Church family and our entire community

STEWARDSHIP

Becoming faithful stewards of our time, talent and treasure for the ultimate glory of God, the growth of His Kingdom and as an example to others

FELLOWSHIP

Providing a Christian home for individuals and families seeking to experience and share Christian fellowship and community



WORSHIP SERVICES

With an emphasis on beautiful liturgy and excellence in music, worship at St. Martin's provides an opportunity to give thanks and praise to God. Rite I is the form regularly used. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist in the Episcopal Church.

SUNDAY

8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
The Church
Spoken service with sermon

9 a.m., Holy Eucharist (first, third and fifth Sundays)
or Morning Prayer (second and fourth Sundays)
The Church
Family service with hymns, anthems and full Choir; feast days and other special events may affect the 9 a.m. worship schedule.

9:15 a.m., *Family Table*, Holy Eucharist
Bagby Parish Hall
Family-friendly contemporary worship

11:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist
The Church
Traditional service with hymns, anthems and full Choir

11:15 a.m., the Altar, Holy Eucharist
Bagby Parish Hall
Contemporary worship for all ages

6 p.m., Holy Eucharist
The Church
Traditional service with hymns, anthems and Choir; casual attire

WEDNESDAY

7 a.m., Holy Eucharist
The Church

Noon, Holy Eucharist followed by the Sacrament of Healing
(Holy Unction)
The Church

6 p.m., Holy Eucharist
The Church
The Order of St. Luke the Physician offers a Healing Prayer service from 5 – 6 p.m. at The Island on the first Wednesday of each month.

HEALING PRAYER

Healing prayer, or prayer for any need, is offered after each service in The Church in the Patron's Chapel located to the left of the altar.

Child care is available for infants – pre-K for all Sunday morning services.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every parishioner is encouraged to become a part of an Adult Sunday School offering. St. Martin's adult classes emphasize education and fellowship, and provide a community in which you can develop your Christian understanding, a sense of belonging and lasting friendships. Sunday School for adults is offered 10:15 – 11 a.m. on most Sundays.

SUNDAY MORNING FOR STUDENTS

Student Ministries at St. Martin's are designed to facilitate creative, life-changing experiences for middle school and high school students. The ministry includes service projects, mission trips, leadership training, Sunday School and Confirmation classes that both comfort and challenge our youth. Come and experience Christ and his unconditional love! Sunday morning for students is offered 10:15 – 11 a.m. at The Island on most Sundays.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

This ministry is designed to provide a safe and loving environment for young children. Appropriately appointed spaces for each age group allow children to grow and be nurtured in their faith through Bible stories, engaging music and movement, and lessons adapted from a curriculum designed to help children and families learn about Jesus together.

INFANTS – PRE-K

Sunday School and child care

8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Founders' Hall

KINDERGARTEN – 5TH GRADE

Choristers Children's Choir: A music ministry for children

8:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Payne Education Center, Room 207/209

Sunday School: Spiritual growth for children

10:15 – 11 a.m.

Payne Education Center (second floor)





PASTORAL CARE

Each member of the St. Martin's Parish family can receive support, assistance and comfort from our Clergy staff during life's joys and sorrows through our caring ministries.

- Baby Blessings
- Baptisms
- Funerals and Memorial Services
- Marriage Preparation
- Weddings
- Prayer Request Line

MEMBERSHIP 101

Seeking membership is a very important step. It is our goal to support your understanding of St. Martin's, its ministries and your role in the life of the Parish by offering this class to all prospective members. The two-part class, which informs you about the Parish and your purpose as a Christian, is a requirement for anyone seeking membership and also is open to present members. You will learn how to move through the stages of Christian growth that lead to a rich and full level of maturity and discipleship. Child care is available with advance reservation.

We hope you will become a part of the St. Martin's family and join one of our Christian education classes, or a small or large group:

- Bible Studies
- Fellowship
- Volunteering
- Prayer Groups
- Worship
- Sunday School



For more information about membership at St. Martin's, contact Kathy Johnson, Lay Minister of Membership Ministries. 713-985-3834 kjohnson@stmartinsepiscopal.org



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF TEXAS

The Diocese of Texas was the first mission field of The Episcopal Church. The Diocese of Texas is one of 109 domestic dioceses in the Episcopal Church and operates independently within the canons of the Church. It comprises 153 congregations (76,000+ members) in 57 counties spread over nearly 50,000 square miles and is one of six dioceses in the state of Texas.

The Episcopal Diocese of Texas is led today by the Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop. In addition to the Diocesan Center in downtown Houston, there are regional centers at the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin and All Saints Episcopal School in Tyler. Bishop Suffragan Kathryn M. Ryan offices in Austin, Bishop Suffragan Jeff W. Fisher is in Tyler and Bishop Hector Monterroso is an assistant bishop with offices in Houston.



PARISH LIFE

There are many opportunities for you to serve in and through St. Martin's. We will help you find the ministry where you can feel comfortable and be able to enhance your spiritual life.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) OF ST. MARTIN'S

ECW is open to all women of the Episcopal church over age 21. Their mission is to: encourage the women of St. Martin's in their life in Christ; promote spiritual growth through fellowship in their Christian faith; and foster active participation in the mission of the Church.

MEN OF ST. MARTIN'S (MOSM)

The MOSM group is open to all men of the Episcopal church over age 21. Guests and visitors are always welcome to MOSM events that include a weekly Bible study, Outreach activities and social events.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Service to the community, nation and world is a vital calling of our Parish. We support programs that care for the spiritual, emotional and physical concerns of those in "any need or trouble" regardless of who or where they are.

SMALL AND LARGE GROUPS

These groups provide the opportunity to use our gifts and talents to help build God's kingdom on earth. Groups may meet weekly, every other week or periodically. Participating in a group can help you get to know other parishioners with similar interests and grow spiritually.

ALSO ON CAMPUS

St. Martin's is an active place every day of the week. Parishioners, guests, family members and friends also come to our campus to enjoy a meal at Café St. Martin's or exercise in the Activity Center.

CAFÉ ST. MARTIN'S

Located in St. Elisabeth's Refectory in Bagby Parish Hall, Café St. Martin's offers a welcoming place where guests enjoy food and fellowship with friends old and new. Breakfast and lunch are served most Sundays. Lunch is served Monday through Wednesday, 11 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

ST. MARTIN'S BOOKSTORE & GIFT SHOPPE

The Bookstore & Gift Shoppe offers Bibles and inspirational books, and lovely and unique gifts, such as crosses, religious jewelry and St. Martin's commemorative items.

WELCOME CENTER

The Welcome Center is located between The Church and Bagby Parish Hall. The Welcome Center is a place for visitors and new members to connect with membership staff and other parishioners.

THE ACTIVITY CENTER

The Activity Center lives up to its name and is a beehive of activity in this very busy Parish. A variety of programs and amenities are offered, including after-school classes for young children, classes for adults, a weight room, and locker rooms for men and women.

ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL PRESCHOOL



St. Martin's
Episcopal Preschool

St. Martin's Episcopal Preschool, which is accredited by the Southwestern Association of Episcopal Churches, offers a curriculum that follows a developmental, play-based approach to learning. Our faculty focuses on four domains: social-emotional, cognitive, spiritual and physical. The weekday preschool program for ages 15 months to pre-K/bridge consists of a school day from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., with an optional extended day until 3:30 p.m. For more information, visit smepreschool.org.

HOPE AND HEALING CENTER & INSTITUTE



HCCI
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Transforming Lives Restoring Hope

The Hope and Healing Center & Institute is a comprehensive mental health resource dedicated to transforming lives and restoring hope through education, training, clinical services and research. It is an expression of St. Martin's vision to minister to those broken by life's circumstances and a direct response to the compassionate Great Commission of Jesus. For more information, visit hopeandhealingcenter.org.