

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF May 5, 2024

This Week

First Sunday with Pop-Up Choir, Rogation Sunday, Scout Sunday

Sunday at 10am is a First Sunday, meaning the service is a more informal, shorter, and intergenerational service. Rev. Pamela will be offering a special message for all ages in place of a sermon. This month, children who come will get to help with the Prayers of the People. First Sundays also mean that we have a Pop-Up Choir. Anyone who wishes can come sing the offertory anthem with the choir. It is helpful if those singing come to a short rehearsal with Suzanne, our choir director, at 9:30am in the church, but it's not required. Come add your voice on First Sundays!

May 5 is also Rogation Sunday, which is part of a time set apart by the Church to pray for farms, gardens, and church grounds. In addition, we will welcome our Boy Scout troop and hear a few words from the Scouts. It's sure to be a great Sunday at St. Martin's!

Music Notes for Sunday, May 5

In times past, Rogation Sunday was celebrated with a priestly blessing on all crops and fields within the parish boundaries; the boundaries themselves were reinforced by a religious procession halting for prayer at important landmarks. Our music honors Rogation Sunday with hymns honoring the abundance of creation, including "All things bright and beautiful" and "All creatures of our God and King." The Pop-Up Choir will sing "The Blue Green Hills of Earth," a chorus from Paul Winter's *Missa Gaia*. Winter co-composed the Mass with Kim Oler, Jim Scott, Paul Halley, and Oscar Castro-Neves. Ecumenical and environmentally focused, *Missa Gaia* was recorded by the Paul Winter Consort at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, where it is performed annually at the Feast of St. Francis.

Seeds of Justice Discussion Group on Tuesday, May 7 from 6:30 to 8pm

Seeds of Justice, our land-based ministry program, is partnering with YoloSol to discuss the book, *Know We Are Here: Voices of Native California Resistance*, edited with an introduction by Terria Smith, a tribal member of the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians. **The group met twice previously and will meet again on May 7.** You are welcome to attend even if you were not at the first two sessions. The reading assignment for this last session is the "Solidarity" reading.

Seeking Your Participation

Seeking Readers for Pentecost—Reading in World Languages

For our Pentecost services on May 19, we would like to include parishioners reading in a variety of languages. If you are willing to serve as one of these readers at either or both services, please **let the church office know (info@churchofstmartin.org) no later than Monday, May 6.** Carole Hom, who is organizing, will be in touch. Please plan on a short rehearsal after the 10am service on May 12.

Graduating? We'd Love to Congratulate You!

We would love to recognize any recent or upcoming graduates (high school, university, and any other) at our services on June 2. Please let us know about your accomplishment by emailing the

church office at info@churchofstmartin.org and, if you are comfortable, include what school you are graduating from and degree(s) earned. **Please let us know by Tuesday, May 28.**

Update to A Place at the Table

It's time to renew our fellowship program, A Place at the Table! We are seeking parishioners who would be willing to host potlucks at their house a few times a year. If you would like to host but don't have the space in your home, an outdoor location (weather permitting) or a room at church is an option, as well, or perhaps you could partner with someone whose home is more accommodating. The number of potlucks may vary depending on the number of volunteer hosts. We hope to revise the format of these gatherings so that a potluck will be offered once a month and interested parishioners can RSVP. If you would like to join the group of hosts, please email the office at info@churchofstmartin.org by **May 15**.

Happening Soon

Saturday, May 18: Rogation-themed Spirituality in Nature Gathering at Forbes Ranch

Weather permitting, we'll have a short, informal worship service and opportunity for reflection in the beautiful almond orchard at the Forbes Ranch in Esparto, followed by a picnic dinner. More details to follow. It helps to have a sense of the number of people coming, so ideally RSVP by Sunday, May 12 to the church office. If you'd like to help organize this event, let Rev. Pamela know.

Sunday, May 19: Pentecost Sunday

On Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles; this great feast day is also known as "the birthday of the church." Wear red and bring cupcakes to share!

Pentecost Family Gathering, May 19

We invite all St. Martin's families with youth or children to a pizza party on May 19 after the service. We will meet in Room 6/7 or, if weather permits, out on the Great Lawn. If you wish to bring picnic blankets and chairs, please do so. There will be some children's crafts and activities. At this event, we would like to hear your input on upcoming youth, children, and family activities and formation. Please help us plan accordingly by providing an RSVP to the office at info@churchofstmartin.org by **Monday, May 13**.

Sunday, June 2: Ministry Fair and End-of-Year Celebration

A combined service at 10am only. This is a First Sunday and a Ministry Fair—what a way to end our program year! If you are a ministry leader and want to show off the great work you do in and for the church and the world, here's your chance. More details soon.

Other Announcements

AED Installed in Church

St. Martin's received a grant to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED) device. It is located in a white box in the back of the church to the left of the doors leading from the church to the narthex. So far, eight parishioners, including staff, vestry, choir members and parishioners at large, have received Red Cross training to use the equipment and perform CPR. We are hoping to have additional parishioners trained soon. For questions about this equipment or about training, talk to Gabe Avila or write communications@churchofstmartin.org.

Join Interfaith Housing Justice Davis for Conversation on Housing Solutions, May 16

On May 16 at 6pm at Davis Community Church, participate in a vital discussion by community leaders and others about the challenges and viable solutions to Davis' housing crisis. The moderator will be Josh Chapman, City of Davis Mayor. He will be joined by other experts on housing issues. The event is free. Register to reserve your seat at <https://bit.ly/interfaithhousing>.

[Update on Ceiling Stained-Glass Window](#)

We are posting updates regularly on our website. You can read about the formation of a Stained-Glass Window Task Force and other updates here: <https://tinyurl.com/StMsStinedGlassWindow>

[Prayer Opportunities on Weekdays](#)

Morning Prayer, Wednesday, 8:30am in the narthex. Join Rev. Pamela and others for this 25-minute service.

Centering Prayer, Wednesday, 5pm in Room 6/7. Join Kim Andrup and others for this 60-minute session.

Compline, Friday, 8:30pm on Zoom. Join Deacon Margaret and others for this 20-minute service. Find the Zoom link on our website under "Worship."

[Meetings and Office Hours](#)

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Seeds of Justice Book Discussion: Tuesday, May 7, 6:30pm in Room 8

Choir Practice: Thursday, May 9 at 7pm in the church

Buildings & Grounds: Friday, May 10 at 4pm on Zoom

Vestry: Monday, May 20 at 7pm in the church library

Social Justice and Outreach: Tuesday, May 28 at 5:15pm on Zoom

Rector's Office Hours on Monday

Rev. Pamela has office hours on Monday from 3 – 4:15pm in the church library or outdoors, depending upon the weather. **Her next office hours will be on Monday, May 6.** To reach Rev. Pamela at a different time, feel free to contact her directly (pamela@churchofstmartin.org) or to contact the church office. As a reminder, Rev. Pamela's usual day off is Friday.

Looking for an Event? Check the Church Calendar

Are you looking for a church service or event at the church? We keep our church calendar up-to-date and you can always find worship services and events by using the drop-down menu item "Calendar" on our website (www.churchofstmartin.org) or by clicking on this link:

<https://churchofstmartin.org/calendar/>

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am to 12pm. Stop by in person or contact the office by calling 530-756-0444 or sending an email to info@churchofstmartin.org