ALL ADULTS

St. Martin’s 20s & 30s Bible Study and Dinner
*Wednesday, March 4, 7–9 p.m., Off site*
Join other 20s and 30s for fellowship and a study on the Gospel of Luke.
Contact: The Rev. Alex Graham III, 713-985-3836, agraham@stmartinsepiscopal.org

St. Martin’s Parish Choir Rehearsal
*Thursday, March 5, 7–8:45 p.m., The Island*
Sing a variety of music in service to the Lord and our congregation.
Contact: The Rev. Chad Martin, 713-985-3842, cmartin@stmartinsepiscopal.org

MEN

Dads’ Bible Study
*Wednesday, March 4, 7–8 a.m., The Island Lounge*
Contact: The Rev. Alex Graham III, 713-985-3836, agraham@stmartinsepiscopal.org

WOMEN

Prayer Shawl Ministry
*Tuesday, March 3, 9 a.m.–noon, Activity Center, Family Room*
Knit and crochet shawls to be blessed for those in need of prayer.
Contact: The Rev. Lisa Neilson, 713-985-3849, lneilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org

Blanket Ladies
*Wednesday, March 4, 9 a.m.–noon, Activity Center, Family Room*
Make receiving blankets for newborn infants at local charity hospitals.
Contact: The Rev. Lisa Neilson, 713-985-3849, lneilson@stmartinsepiscopal.org

The Moms’ Group
*Wednesday, March 4, 9:15–10:30 a.m., Payne Education Center, Room 207/209*
Contact: The Rev. Martin Bastian, 713-985-3831, ahawkins@stmartinsepiscopal.org

OUTREACH

Learn about more volunteer opportunities on the Outreach ad at the end of the announcements.

Visit stmartinsepiscopal.org for more information about all activities at St. Martin’s.
Parking options at St. Martin’s will change immediately after Easter Sunday. In anticipation of the changes, please familiarize yourself with the parking maps on this page.

**SUNDAY PARKING**—Parishioners will find parking in the white colored lots on Sunday mornings and additional covered parking will be available at the 5005 Riverway parking garage. Valet parking will continue to operate as it does now.

**WEEKDAY PARKING**—On weekdays, parking will be available in the white colored lots.
Are You Ready for Lent?

Your Lenten companion for times of reflection and renewal beginning with Ash Wednesday and carrying through to Easter

“One definition of ‘provoke’ is to inflame, and that is just what this beautifully written book of Lenten meditations does. It sets the love of God ablaze in our hearts, tilting us toward disciplined devotion on the way to Holy Week and Victory Sunday at Easter morn.”

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Pick up your copy of the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.’s collection of scriptures, meditations and prayers that use the wisdom of others and narrative stories to help readers make that connection between their need and the provision of God in Christ.

Available for sale at the Church reception office in The Island

STORIES BIG SUNDAY

STUDENT MINISTRIES
MARCH 1 | 5–7 P.M. | THE ISLAND
FOR STUDENTS 6TH–12TH GRADE

Join us as we hear from people you know and some you may only think you know, as we discover how God might be writing YOUR story.

This Sunday we welcome our Middle School Minister, TD Davis, to tell his story.

For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843 or fritchiet@stmartinsepiscopal.org.
MEMBERSHIP

This informative two-part class is a requirement for anyone desiring to join St. Martin’s. Child care is available for infants–pre-K by reservation.

If you are currently a member of the Church and would like to learn more about the Episcopal Church and St. Martin’s, we would love to have you join us as well.

Monday, March 2
6–9 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall
and
Sunday, March 8
9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Scout Center

Reservations are required for members and those seeking membership. For more information about the two-part class, please contact Kathy Johnson, Lay Minister of Membership Ministries, at 713-985-3834 or kjohnson@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Pearls of Wisdom

By First Lady Barbara Bush

First Lady Barbara Bush was famous for handing out advice—to friends and family, heads of state and Supreme Court justices and certainly to her staff. Her advice ranged from what to wear, what to say or not say and how to live your life. The best advice First Lady Barbara Bush offered her family, staff and close friends.

Cost: $22 | Available March 2020
From Amazon, Barnes and Noble Booksellers and other places where fine books are sold

Reminiscences, stories and advice from those that knew her best, including:
President George H.W. Bush | President George W. Bush | Jon Meacham
Governor Jeb Bush | Jenna Bush Hager | Barbara Pierce Bush
Doro Bush Koch | The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr.

All author royalties from Pearls of Wisdom will be donated to support the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy.
THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays, March 4–April 8 and Tuesday and Thursday, April 7 and 9
3:30–5 p.m. | The Church

Friday, April 10 | 1:15–2 p.m. | The Church

This free guide booklet is available to all those wishing to experience The Stations of the Cross. Copies can be picked up in the Narthex of The Church.

SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR Healing and Wholeness

St. Martin’s International OSL Healing Community offers a service of prayer for healing and wholeness on the first Wednesday of each month.

This service is open to anyone desiring prayer for themselves or a loved one. Ministry team members will be available to pray with you.

Next Service
Wednesday, March 4
5–6 p.m. | The Island

For more information, email osl@stmartinsepiscopal.org or contact the Rev. Dr. Suse McBay at 713-985-3823 or smcbay@stmartinsepiscopal.org.
MARCH 5 • 7 A.M. • BAGBY PARISH HALL

GUEST SPEAKER

The Rt. Rev. Mike Hill
Bishop of Bristol, retired

Reservations are not required. For more information, contact Jennifer DiMichele at 713-985-3845 or jdimichele@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Wednesday, March 4
5:15–6:15 p.m., Dinner, Bagby Parish Hall
5:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist, The Church
6:30–7:30 p.m., Program, Bagby Parish Hall

This Lent, join us as various different speakers reflect on the meaning of sacrifice in the Old Testament, the New Testament, discipleship as well as contemporary examples of the faithful.
Thursday Afternoon Adult Lenten Series

PASSING IT ON

Thursday, March 5
4–5 p.m. | HHCI Auditorium

Like a relay race, we receive the baton of faith from those who come before us and we pass it on to those who follow us. Come hear members of our Clergy share which Saints have passed the baton of faith on to them.

The Rev.
Chad Martin

The CLS Day Group begins a new seven-week study of the Beatitudes on Thursday, March 5, using Teddy Orr’s book, The Beatitudes: Don’t Worry Be Happy. She will lead the first lesson of the study on March 5, and participants will be able to purchase the book for $20 at the door.

For more information, call or text Anna McLean at 281-782-0594 or send an email to amaynebr1@gmail.com.

Everyone is welcome!
Guest Speaker: Audrey Omenson

We welcome Audrey Omenson, Clinical Director of the Nick Finnegan Counseling Center. She will speak on the intersection between faith and mental health.

If you like to join this group for the site visit, please contact Deb Tisch at 713-985-3817 or dtisch@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7
10–11:30 A.M.
Easter Flowers

Remember a loved one by ordering lilies to decorate The Church and Bagby Parish Hall at Easter. All requests received by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 9, will be included in the worship booklet available at all Easter services. Any names submitted after the deadline will be printed in worship booklets in weeks following Easter. Make your flower dedication online at bit.ly/easteraltarflowers

For more information, contact Beth Ollenburger at 713-830-4146 or bollenburger@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

Faith in Literature group explores, discusses and makes relevant connections between faith and works of fiction, past and present. While operating within the framework of Christian theology, we seek to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

Wednesday, Mar. 18
12:30–2 p.m. | The Island, Room 207

For more information, contact Katwana Coleman at 713-830-4110 or kcoleman@stmartinsepiscopal.org.
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Tuesday, Mar. 24
7–8:30 p.m.
Payne Education Center, Room 217
The Faith in Literature group explores, discusses and makes relevant connections between faith and works of fiction, past and present. While operating within the framework of Christian theology, we seek to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

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St. Martin’s hosts
International Humanities Scholar
Dr. Jean-Pierre Isbouts

Professor Isbouts is a humanities scholar, National Geographic author and award-winning filmmaker, specializing in the art and archaeology of the Near East and the Mediterranean Basin. His website is jpisbouts.org.

VISIT HIGHLIGHTS:
Dinner and Screening of the documentary, The Search for the Last Supper
Friday, March 27
5:30–6:30 p.m., Dinner
6:30–8 p.m., Screening followed by Q&A
Bagby Parish Hall
Leonardo DaVinci’s fresco of the Last Supper is perhaps the most famous sacred work in the world but the sad fact is, the fresco is damaged beyond repair. Is there a way to discover what it once looked like? Visit bit.ly/IsboutsDinner to register for this event.

Presentation, Discussion and Book Signing: Building Bridges of Faith between Judaism, Christianity and Islam
Saturday, March 28 · 3–5 p.m.
Bagby Parish Hall
Today’s headlines would suggest that tensions between Jews, Christians and Muslims are at an all-time high. In this talk, Professor Jean-Pierre Isbouts will identify some amazing areas of common ground in faiths and practices. His books will be available for purchase on Sunday in Bagby Parish Hall during the Sunday School hour leading up to his visit and at the event.

Sermon in The Church
Sunday, March 29 · 9 and 11:15 a.m.
What is this Kingdom of God? What are the meanings of Jesus’ parables on the subject? Why do we, like the Apostles, sometimes struggle to understand this?

Basic Bible Study: Reconciling the Jesus of History with the Christ of Faith
Sunday, March 29 · 10:15 a.m.
Bagby Parish Hall
New archaeological discoveries as well as literary exegesis suggest a portrait of a man that does not always match what church tradition has told us. In this talk, Professor Jean-Pierre Isbouts will seek to bridge the gap between the two, and show that scientific discovery can actually bring us closer to the Christ of faith.
MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Mission doesn’t always have to be across the globe. Sometimes the most meaningful opportunities are just down the road. This year, middle school students will travel to Galveston to work with local organizations focused on caring for the city’s most vulnerable. Activities may include neighborhood cleanup, building projects or heading to a local park to minister to and play with students from the North Broadway neighborhood.

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843 or fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

JUNE 7–10 | COST: $400 | DEPOSIT: $100
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, MARCH 31
STMARTINSEPISCOPAL.ORG/STUDENT-MINISTRIES

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

Nashville

STUDENT MINISTRIES

High school students are heading to “Music City, U.S.A.” this year to partner with City Service Missions, an organization focused on serving and supporting those struggling with poverty in urban settings. As a part of this team, you will support and build up Nashville-based ministries to their full potential of service through an offering of your time, energy and prayers as you are integrated into a variety of hands-on ministry opportunities.

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843 or fritchie@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

June 21-26
Cost: $800 (airfare included) | Deposit: $150
Registration deadline: Tuesday, March 31
stmartinsepiscopal.org/student-ministries
Fellowship for Performing Arts production of

THE GREAT DIVORCE

Tuesday, March 3–Sunday, March 15
George Theater, 5420 Westheimer Road

Tickets: $49–$89
Online: fpatheatre.com Telephone: 713-526-2721

C.S. Lewis’ mesmerizing fantasy about heaven, hell and the choice between them comes to life with Lewis’ signature wit, amazing actors and dazzling, state-of-the-art stagecraft!

AMISTAD MISSION TRIP TO COCHABAMBA, BOLIVIA

June 22–29 • Deposit: $150 per person
Cost: $2,500 per person (airfare included)
Registration deadline: Tuesday, March 31
stmartinseiscopal.org/world-mission-partners-and-trips

A visit to long-time partner Amistad Mission in Bolivia is a deeply relational trip focused on working and playing alongside the children and communities at Villa Amistad and Amistad for Families, as well as exploring parts of the city of Cochabamba and the Bolivian culture.

For more information, contact World Missions at 713-985-3811 or worldmission@stmartinseiscopal.org.

AMISTAD MISSION TRIP TO COCHABAMBA, BOLIVIA

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Applications can be found at stmartinseiscopal.org/student-ministries or picked up at the Student Ministries office. The submission deadline is Friday, April 3. Recipients will be informed Thursday, April 30, and celebrated on Senior Recognition Sunday, May 10.

For more information, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843 or fritchie@stmartinseiscopal.org.

St. Martin’s is offering scholarships for higher education to our graduating high school seniors.

Undies for Everyone

Join Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin’s during Lent as they collect undies for Undies for Everyone, one of SMEC Outreach Partners!

Bring packages of new, colorful children’s undies for boys or girls any Sunday through March 29 and drop them in the collection box in Bagby Parish Hall or at the Reception Desk in The Island. All sizes are needed. You can also shop online at Amazon at bit.ly/ECWUndies and the undies will be delivered directly to Undies for Everyone.

Undies for Everyone was founded in 2012. Its efforts help keep kids clean, healthy, confident and in class. All underwear collected helps local children and their families who are in need.

For more information, contact Tracee Martin at 713-985-3811 or tmartin@stmartinseiscopal.org.
SERVE IN WORSHIP

Whether you feel called to serve up front or behind the scenes, there are many wonderful opportunities to use your gifts and help others connect with God at St. Martin’s. If you are interested in serving in one of our worship ministries or have any questions, please contact us.

TRADITIONAL SERVICES
For more information, contact Barbara Piana at 713-830-4116 or bpiana@stmartinsepiscopal.org.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICES
For more information, contact Beth Ollenburger at 713-830-4146 or bollenburger@stmartinsepiscopal.org.
Volunteer at the Beacon
Monday, Thursday and Friday, March 2, 5 and 6
7:15 a.m. or 10:45 a.m.
1212 Prairie Street
Founded by Christ Church Cathedral, the Beacon provides essential and next-step services to restore hope and help end homelessness in Houston. Volunteers are needed to serve meals and assist in the laundry room. Please register online at beaconhomeless.org.

Help Staff the Food Pantry
Monday–Thursday, March 2–5
11 a.m.–2 p.m.
9600 South Gessner, Building E
ECHOS requests volunteers to staff the food pantry. If you are interested, contact Kathy Eckhart at keckhart@echos-houston.org.

Make Sandwiches for Houston’s Hungry Children
Tuesday, March 3
4–5 p.m.
Café St. Martin’s Serving Line
Families are invited to join us as we make sandwiches together. Kids’ Meals provides and distributes nutritious lunches to hungry preschool children throughout Houston.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Outreach Ministries at 713-985-3811 or outreach@stmartinseiscopal.org.
Registration is required. For reservations and more information, please call 713-871-1004 or visit our website at hopeandhealingcenter.org.

Mental Health Awareness Workshop
Tuesday, March 3
5:30–8 p.m.
HHC Auditorium
Join us for an insightful evening on mental health education and awareness. Individuals and families will learn techniques for identifying mental illness, developing safe and effective situational responses, and building a network to quickly connect those in distress with professional care.

Social Media, Gaming and Our Children's Brains
Wednesday, March 4
Noon–1 p.m.
HHC Auditorium
Whether it's having fun on Tik Tok or their favorite video game, our children are engaged with technology almost 24/7. Join us to learn how the brain is affected by technology, healthy media and game limits and what parents need to know to protect children.

Everything You Need to Know About Spirituality and Aging—In 34 Minutes
Thursday, March 12
Noon–1 p.m.
HHC Auditorium
Ripening while aging provides many opportunities for growth, healing, forgiving, loving and letting go. Join Dr. Andy Achenbaum in a discussion of these opportunities.

Activities are held in the Hope and Healing Center & Institute building that is located on the eastern side of the St. Martin's Episcopal Church campus. We look forward to seeing you!