



Sabbatical Schedule

The Sunday worship schedule will continue as usual at 8:15 am and 10:30 am until May 31.

The Summer Schedule begins on June 7- one service at 10:00 am.

There will be a supply priest on most Sundays to celebrate Mass.

Deacon Maureen Flak will officiate on April 12 at 8:15 am, on May 3 at 10:30 am, and on the first 3 Sundays in June at 10 am.

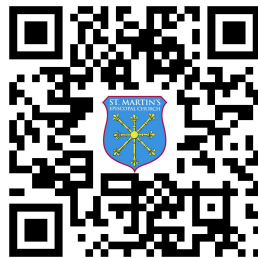
A Lay Leader will officiate on April 12 at 10:30 am and on May 3 at 8:15 am

Br Philip Muniz will lead the Rosary on 1st Wednesdays at 6p and Centering Prayer on 3rd Wedensdays at 6p

While Father Rob is away, the vestry is “in charge” as the ecclesial authority. Please contact the Senior Warden, Barbara Butler when needed.

If you need a priest, Barbara will be able to connect with one in the area.

If you need home communion or pastoral visit, please contact Br Philip Muniz or Deacon Maureen Flak.



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Father Rob's Sabbatical

Prayer+Pilgrimage+Pause



*Come away and rest awhile- Jesus
Mark 6:31*

st. Martin's
Episcopal Church

Christ Centered + Inclusive + Compassionate

Prayer: The Interior Path

Mental prayer is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with Him who we know loves us."
St. Teresa of Avila

Holy Week in Toledo: During Holy Week, I will meditate on Christ's Passion in the place where St. John of the Cross was imprisoned. Following the "'light that burns within the darkness," that he discovered from his own suffering.

Easter Week in Avila: A retreat in the birthplace of St. Teresa of Jesus. I will enter the "*Interior Castle*," practicing the "prayer of quiet" and learning to be authentically receptive to God's presence.

Easter Season in Segovia: Sitting at the tomb of St. John of the Cross, I will practice prayer as "making space" in the deep caverns of my soul for the "loving inflow of God".

Pilgrimage: The Outward Path

I went out from myself... with no other light or guide than the one that burned in my heart. St. John of the Cross

Peacemaking in the Balkans: I will visit Croatia and Mostar, Bosnia to witness what post-war reconciliation looks like. I seek to understand the "pace of peace" in lands once ravaged by war.

I will also make a pilgrimage to Medjugorje in Bosnia, a site of 20th century apparition of Our Lady, who revealed that world peace is built by nurturing personal peace with tenderness and light, through prayer.

Walking the Camino: I will walk the ancient pilgrimage path to Santiago de Compostela from Porto with Fausto and Zac. Pilgrimage is a transformative act: an outward movement that mirrors the inward change, where every step becomes a physical prayer.

Pause

There is a state of resting in God; an absolute break from all intellectual activity, when one forms no plans, makes no decisions, and for the first time really ceases to act. St Edith Stein (Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)

The Power of Stillness: Carmelite Spirituality teaches that taking time to rest is a commitment to being fully present, letting go of the need for "progress" to simply *be*.

Resting is an important part of growth. As St Teresa wrote, when we rest, the garden of our soul is nourished by the water of God's rain.

Throughout the sabbatical I will take time to rest, relax, read, exercise, visit museums and enjoy time with my family.