Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church
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Welcome to Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church!
We invite you to become involved in our parish. If you wish to become a member, please complete a Parish Registration Form. Forms are available after all Masses and can also be found on our website.

Celebration of the Mass
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:30 a.m.
Monday 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. (with school students)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 4:15-4:45 p.m.
or by appointment

Parish Staff
Pastor: Rev. Richard Kirkham
Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper
Rose Berke, rose@saintmartindp.org
Communications & Sacramental Coordinator
Anne Savoie, anne@saintmartindp.org
Music Ministry
Joe Davison, joe@saintmartindp.org
Director of Family Faith Formation
Laura Myers, laura@saintmartindp.org

REQUESTS FOR EUCHARIST FOR THE SICK, HOMEBOUND & HOSPITAL VISITS
Please call the parish office at 469-287-7624.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Baptisms are celebrated by appointment. If you wish to have your child baptized, please contact our Sacramental Coordinator, Anne Savoie. Parents and godparents are required to attend a pre-baptismal class, which are held the third Wednesday of each month.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Those wishing to marry should contact the Sacramental Coordinator as soon as possible, but at least six months prior to anticipated date of marriage.

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In those days, at that time, I will make a just shoot spring up for David; he shall do what is right and just in the land. Jeremiah 33:15
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Beginning the Church’s liturgical year, Advent (from, “ad-venire” in Latin or “to come to”) is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ’s second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord’s birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

TODAY’S READINGS:
JEREMIAH 33:14-16
PSALM 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
“To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.”
1 THESSALONIANS 3:12—4:2
LUKE 21:25-28, 34-36

Dear Parishioners,

With the busy times of Thanksgiving and the Season of Advent right around the corner, enrolling in Faith Direct today is a great way to ensure your gifts of treasure to St. Martin de Porres are received even if you may be out of town. Please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today, or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net - our Church Code is TX706. Already using Faith Direct? Don’t forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account this fall.

Thank you in advance for your support, and for using Faith Direct!

God Bless,
Rev. Richard Kirkham

End-of-Year Contributions

As we begin the Advent season, a reading from St. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians comes to mind, “I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Along with a time of reflection and celebration, many of us are also considering our final charitable gifts for the year. We ask that you prayerfully consider including Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church in your end-of-year giving. Your gift, in any amount, will assist in your plans to create a meaningful and lasting impact on our Catholic Church.

If you would like your gift to go to the building fund, please be sure to clearly write “Building Fund” in the memo.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and generosity.
The Week Ahead

- Thanks to Elaine Smith-Poyourou for making and donating the beautiful altar linens!

- **Liturgical ministers are asked to check-in 15 minutes before mass.** If you are not scheduled, please see the sacristan to see if you are needed.

- Choir Practice: the 9:00am mass ensemble rehearses at 8:25am on Sunday, and the 11:30am mass ensemble rehearses at 10:30am.

- If your child becomes fussy and needs a break during mass, please feel free to go into the hallway, church entrance, or the parish office. **Children under 10 must be accompanied in the halls and restrooms at all times.**

- The parish office inside the school building is open after masses on Sunday, on Monday from 9:30-4:30, and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30-3:30. The parish office phone is answered from 9-5 Monday through Thursday, and 9-3 on Friday.

If you have a submission for the bulletin, please contact Anne Savoie (annes@aintmartindp.org) by Monday at 5pm.

Thanks to everyone who adopted Angels from our Angel Tree!

Because of your generosity, we were able to help make the holidays a little brighter for 50 Dallas Metroplex-area children.

We invite all interested singers, high school-age through adult, to join the Midnight Mass Choir! Rehearsals are scheduled on December 3, 10, 17 and 23, from 7-9 pm in the church. Please contact Joe Davisson at joe@aintmartindp.org, or speak with him after any of our Sunday masses for additional information.

Safe Environment Training

Safe Environment classes will be held on the following dates and times. **EVERYONE who is volunteering, or would like to volunteer** at our parish and/or parish school must take this class per Diocesan policy.

**Thursday, December 10 from 6:30-8:30 pm**

Please let Gail Knobbe (gknobbe@smdpcatholic.org) or Rose (rose@aintmartindp.org) know if you would like to attend.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteers are needed to help with the Angel Tree and food donation drives, as well as some future outreach programs. If you can help, please reach out to Elaine Smith-Poyourou at elainesmithtx@gmail.com.

- Occasionally, we need 1 or 2 people to come to the church on Friday afternoon to set up the chairs.

- We are in need of a few volunteers to stay after the 11:30 mass to help clean up and get the school ready for the children on Monday morning.

Please contact Rose (rose@aintmartindp.org) or Anne (anne@aintmartindp.org) in the parish office if you can help. Visit our website to learn about the different ways you can serve in your parish: www.aintmartindp.org/ministries.