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 Berko, rosec@saintmartindp.org
Communications & Sacramental Coordinator
Anne Savoie, annc@saintmartindp.org
Music Ministry
Joc Davisson, joc@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-baptism 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.

Saint Martin de Porres Catholic School
469-362-2400
www.smdpcatholic.org
Second Sunday of Advent

Light the second candle on your family Advent wreath. Reflect on today’s readings. Consider how today’s Gospel about St. John the Baptist reminds us of the main point for this season: Make straight the paths of the Lord.

TODAY’S READINGS:
Baruch 5:1-9
Psalm 126:1-6
“The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.”
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6

Masses for the Week
Saturday, December 5
5:00 pm  Pro Popula

Sunday, December 6
7:30 am  Susie McBride (spc int)
9:00 am  Pro Popula
11:30 am  Wilealdo Magana (†)

Monday, December 7
Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
7:00 pm  Vigil, Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)
9:00 am  School Mass

Wednesday, December 9
Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
6:00 pm

Thursday, December 10
9:00 am
7:00 pm  Advent Reconciliation Service

Friday, December 11
Saint Damasus I, Pope
9:00 am  School Mass

If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, and/or you would like to have a mass dedicated to someone, please call the parish office. We will be happy to add you and your loved ones to our prayer intention list.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm
Christmas Day: Midnight and 10:00 am
December 31: Vigil, Solemnity of Mary, 6:00 pm

Dear Parishioners,
In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ’s birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting Saint Martin de Porres through Faith Direct, both you and our parish can more easily project your future contributions.

You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: TX706, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available in the parish office.

God Bless,
Rev. Richard Kirkham

Weekly Offering

Please make checks out to Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church

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November 22 Attendance: 450
5 pm: 131, 7:30 am: 43, 9 am: 151, 11:30 am: 139

Thanksgiving Attendance: 59

November 29 Attendance: 477
5 pm: 116, 7:30 am: 58, 9 am: 151, 11:30 am: 152
The Week Ahead

• The next Safe Environment Training will be held on Thursday, December 10 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Please let Gail Knobbe (gknobbe@smdpcatholic.org) or Rose (rose@saintmartindp.org) know if you plan to attend.

• We are hosting a blood drive on Sunday, December 13, from 8:00 am to 2 pm. Breakfast burritos will be provided by the Knights of Columbus.

• 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 9:00 am mass ensemble rehearses at 8:25am on Sunday, and the 11:30 am 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 (anne@saintmartindp.org) by Monday at 5 pm.*

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Midnight Mass Choir rehearsals are scheduled on December 10, 17 and 24, from 7-9 pm in the church.

Please contact Joe Davisson at joe@saintmartindp.org with any questions, or speak with him after any of our Sunday masses.

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State of the Parish Update

Please join us after the 11:30 mass on December 13 for a state of the parish update. We will have a movie for the kids in the library during this meeting to make it easier for parents to attend.

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End-of-Year Contributions

The end of the year is an exciting time. Families come together, and we get to retell the story of our Savior’s birth. In all the hustle and bustle that goes with this season, 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.

2016 will be a big year for our parish. We will be breaking ground on our future location, and welcoming new parishioners into our parish family. As we grow, we look forward to your continued support, time, talent, and treasure. If you would like to give your gift electronically, you can download the Faith Direct app today and make a One-Time Gift to Saint Martin de Porres. 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 generosity.

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Volunteer Opportunities

• 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@saintmartindp.org) or Anne (anne@saintmartindp.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.saintmartindp.org/ministries.
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