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 Davisson, 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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The Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

During the Octave (eight days) of Christmas we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The significance of the Feast unfolds when we come to understand the deeper truths it reveals. It teaches us about Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—and about each one of us and our own families. Through our Baptism, we are invited to live our lives in Christ by living them in the Church—which is the Risen Body of Christ. The Church is the place where we learn, as the Apostle Paul reminded the Colossian Christians, to "put on love, that is, the bond of perfection." (Col. 3:14)

TODAY’S READINGS:
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
"Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."
Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:41-52

The beautiful poinsettias on the altar were given in honor or in memory of:

Gary Bowling
James J. Budney Sr.
The Budney Family
Edward and Sophia Dworak
The Galaviz Family
Laura Hansen
Jerry and Lorretta Heald
Gary Jones
Joseph and Gertie Krivacek
Veronica Merriken
Ginny and Nelson Miller
Lida Potenzina
The Preciado Family
Michael F. Robinson
The Savoie Family
Shirley Szczebak
Luanna Thompson
Edith Veihdeffer
Dr. Norbert Veihdeffer

* As of printing time on December 18. Any additional names we receive will appear in the next bulletin.

Masses for the Week

Saturday, December 26
Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr
5:00 pm

Sunday, December 27
Feast of the Holy Family
7:30 am
9:00 am Edwin Devadoss (†)
11:30 am Pro Popula

Monday, December 28
Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs
No daily mass

Tuesday, December 29

Wednesday, December 30
No daily mass

Thursday, December 31
Vigil Mass, Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:00 pm Praveen Family

Friday, January 1
The Octave Day of Christmas
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
No daily 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.

A big THANK YOU to all of you who took time out of your schedules to help decorate our church for our very first Christmas celebration! Thank you to Joe Davisson for coordinating all of the beautiful music, and to all of those who raised their voice in song, and demonstrated their God-given talents playing musical instruments. We also want to thank ALL of our volunteers who have graciously given their time throughout this year. Whether you help with our liturgical ministries, decorating, office help, cleaning up after mass, or in any other capacity, we want you to know how much you are valued and appreciated. It is amazing to see how we have grown and flourished since we officially became Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church this past February. We are very blessed, indeed. We wish all of you a Happy New Year filled with love, good health, and prosperity. God Bless!

Weekly Offering

Please make checks out to Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church

Weekly offering information for the week ending December 20 will appear in next week’s bulletin.
In Our Parish

- Thank you to everyone who brought donations for our Brown Bag Sunday on December 12. We collected 445 pounds for Frisco Family Services!

- The parish office is currently closed for Christmas. We will reopen on Monday, January 4. For emergencies, please call 469-287-7624.

- Our parish is in need of many volunteers for different jobs. If you have some spare time and want to help, please contact Rose (rose@saintmartindp.org) or Anne (anne@saintmartindp.org) in the parish office. Visit our website to learn about the different ways you can serve in our parish: www.saintmartindp.org/ministries.

- Did you leave something behind after mass? Please check the lost and found basket in the parish office!

- 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 you have a submission for the bulletin, please contact Anne Savoie (anne@saintmartindp.org) by Monday at 5 pm.

Saint Martin de Porres Parish Wish List and End-of-Year Giving

*All year-end contributions MUST be post-marked no later than December 31, 2015 to be posted on this year’s contribution record*

Time is running out to make your tax-deductable, year-end contribution! If you are interested in purchasing a gift for our parish, please stop into the parish office and ask to see our Wish List. If you don’t want to purchase a specific item, you can write “Parish Wish List” in the memo on your donation. Any amount you contribute can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one.

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 Catholic Church. 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. Please note that Building Fund donations cannot be made through Faith Direct. If donating by check, please put “Building Fund” in the memo. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Martin de Porres Catholic School

Faith ~ Family ~ Future

- St. Martin de Porres Catholic School students will be on Christmas break starting Friday, December 18, and will return on Monday, January 4.

- We have 5 seats available for a partial day program in Prek3! This is a 5-day program from 8:15 am until 12:00 pm. Students must be 3 years of age, or before September 1, 2015. For more information, please contact Nancy Kirkpatrick, Principal, at nkirkpatrick@smdp catholic.org.

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