First Sunday of Lent

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shade of the Almighty, say to the LORD, “My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust.”

Ps. 91:1-2
First Sunday of Lent

TODAY’S READINGS:
Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
“Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.”
Romans 10:8-13

Dear Parishioners,

Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your
parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this
Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Saint Martin de
Porres with consistent support, and simplify your giving without
the wasteful envelopes.

Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! You can quickly
sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church
code: TX706, or by mailing an enrollment form available in the
parish office.

God Bless!
Rev. Richard Kirkham

February 13
Saturday after Ash Wednesday
5:00 PM Dave Wojcik (spec int)

February 14
First Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM Eddie and Carol McLinden (†)
9:00 AM Pro Popula
11:30 AM Fred Garwacki (spec int)

February 15
Monday of the First Week of Lent
9:00 AM

February 16
Tuesday of the First Week of Lent

February 17
Wednesday of the First Week in Lent
6:00 PM Nicholas Fischetti (spec int)

February 18
Thursday of the First Week in Lent
9:00 AM Nicholas Fischetti (spec int)

February 19
Friday of the First Week of Lent
9:00 AM Sue and Ken McBride (spec int)

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 or visit the parish office.

Lenten Reflection: Carmelite Spirituality

Fr. Stephen Sanchez, OCD, from Mount Carmel Monastery, will
present on Carmelite Spirituality for our Parish Lenten Reflec-
tion on February 23, 24 and 25 from 7:00—8:45 PM. He will
begin with “Signs and Symbols of Carmel,” followed by introduc-
tions to St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila), and ending with an introduc-
tion to St. John of the Cross. If you plan to attend, please contact
Anne Savoie (anne@saintmartindp.org).

Last Week's Mass Attendance
Saturday, 5:00 PM: 123
Sunday, 7:30 AM: 37
Sunday, 9:00 AM: 153
Sunday, 11:30 AM: 159
TOTAL: 472

Gifts for God

Please make checks out to Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church
Week ending January 31, 2016

Weekly Need: $5,000.00
Weekly Offering: $3,969.00
Annual Need to Date: $165,000.00
Annual Collection to Date: $179,568.00

$8,568.00
- Congratulations to the children of our parish who celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday! Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their preparations to receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion this spring.

- Children's Liturgy of the Word is designed for a PreK through 1st Grade age range. Children who have already made their First Communion should stay in Mass.

- Help us keep our parish directory information accurate! If you move or otherwise change your contact information, please let the parish office know.

- If you have any questions about your 2015 contribution statement, please contact Rose. Also, if your boxed envelope set has February 10 as “All Saints,” please return your box to the office so you can get a replacement set.

- Safe Environment training for anyone who wishes to volunteer in any capacity with the church or school, will be held February 16 from 6:30-8 PM. Please contact Gail Knobbe (gknobbe@smdpccatholic.org) or Rose (rose@saintmartindp.org) if you wish to attend.

- ALL Liturgical Ministers are asked to check-in 15 minutes before Mass. Even if you are not scheduled, please see the sacristan to see if you are needed.

- If you wish to donate flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one or a special event in your life, please contact Rose (rose@saintmartindp.org).

- We sometimes take photos at church events to use on our website and Facebook page. If you prefer not to have your photo posted, please call the parish office.

- In light of the new state law that enables individuals to openly carry guns, Bishop Michael F. Olson has established a “Firearms and Weapons Policy.” The policy bans firearms and weapons in all diocesan locations, including churches, schools and all other facilities that are located on parish or diocesan sites. To view the policy, visit: www.fwdioc.org

- **Pursuant to Section 30:06, Penal Code (Trespass by License Holder with a Concealed Handgun), a Person Licensed Under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (Handgun Licensing Law), May Not Enter This Property With a Concealed Handgun.**

- **Pursuant to Section 30:07, Penal Code (Trespass by License Holder with an Openly Carried Handgun), a Person Licensed Under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (Handgun Licensing Law), May Not Enter This Property With a Handgun That is Carried Openly.**

If you have a submission for the bulletin, please contact Anne Savole (anne@saintmartindp.org) by Monday at 5:00 PM.

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**Parish School News**

- There will be a Prospective Family Open House on Sunday, February 21 from 1-3.

- New student enrollment will begin on Monday, February 22. Siblings of current students will be processed first. Other applicants will be processed by date/time the application was received. Applications are available at the school, or can be found online at www.smdpccatholic.org.

- Save the date for the St. Martin de Porres Catholic School Annual Golf Tournament benefitting special programs on April 11! Register online at www.smdpccatholic.org/april-11-2016, or pick up a flyer at the church entrance for additional information and sponsorship opportunities.

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**2016 North Texas Catholic Men’s Conference**

Come Grow in your Faith Journey! Register today for the 2016 North Texas Catholic Men’s Conference on Saturday, April 23 from 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Grapevine. This annual conference will feature dynamic speakers who are inspiring Catholic men of faith whose topics are designed to promote the spiritual growth of men, enabling them to become spiritual leaders in all facets of their daily lives. This conference provides the opportunity to encounter Our Lord Jesus by way of the Eucharistic Adoration, benediction, the rosary, reconciliation and celebration of the Mass. Visit www.ntxcmc.org for more information, and to register.

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**Principal Doors of Mercy: Established Hours**

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, 1007 E. Terrell in Fort Worth, was designated by Bishop Michael F. Olson as the principal church for the celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy for the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth. During the jubilee year, pilgrims coming to and entering Our Mother of Mercy Church will receive a plenary indulgence by meeting the usual conditions of Confession and reception of the Eucharist within a week before or after the pilgrimage, and while at the church making a Profession of Faith and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father for the Church and the World. The Doors of Mercy at Our Mother of Mercy Parish will be open as follows:

- Monday-Thursday: 10AM to 2PM
- Friday: 8AM to 2PM
- Saturday: 4:30PM to 6PM
- Sunday: 8:30AM to 10:30AM

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Upcoming Family Faith Formation dates are below. Classes are held from 6-8:30 PM. Registered families are encouraged to join the Family Faith Formation Facebook page! Find us on Facebook—“SMDP Family Faith Formation.”

- February 14
- February 28
- March 6
- March 20
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