“For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?” He said to him in reply, “Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.”
Luke 13:7-9

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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 Burke, rose@saintmartindp.org
Communications & Sacramental Coordinator
Anne Savoie, annc@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.

Saint Martin de Porres Catholic School
Faith, Family, Future.
469-362-2400
www.smdpcatholic.org
Third Sunday of Lent

TODAY’S READINGS:
Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
“’The Lord is kind and merciful.’”
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

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

Eucharistic Adoration will begin at 6:00 PM on Saturday, March 5 until 6:00 PM on Sunday, March 6. We will need two guardians every hour during this 24-hour period. If you can volunteer, please use the sign-up sheet in the parish office after all Masses this weekend, or call the parish office.

Weekly Offering

Please make checks out to Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church
Week ending February 21, 2016

Weekly Need: $5,000.00
Weekly Offering: $3,891.70
Fiscal Year* Need to Date: $175,000.00
Fiscal Year Collection to Date: $185,954.00
$10,954.00

* Fiscal Year: July 1, 2015—June 30, 2016

Upcoming Family Faith Formation dates are below.
Classes are held from 6-8:30 PM. Please contact Laura Myers (laura@saintmartindp.org) for information. Registered families can find us on Facebook—“SMdP Family Faith Formation.”

February 28
March 6
March 20

Last Week’s Mass Attendance
Saturday, 5:00 PM: 111
Sunday, 7:30 AM: 48
Sunday, 9:00 AM: 188
Sunday, 11:30 AM: 211
TOTAL: 558
The Week Ahead

- Welcome to those who have recently joined our parish family! What a blessing it is to see so many new faces. If you have not yet registered in our parish, please pick up a Parish Registration Form at the church entrance. If you recently joined and ordered a boxed set of contribution envelopes, please check to see if they are in the parish office.

- Do you receive our emails? If not, you may be missing out on events and important information! Send a note to Anne Savoie (anne@saintmartindp.org) and ask to be added to our mailing list. Also, if you move or otherwise change your contact information, please let the parish office know.

- 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.

- If you have any questions about your 2015 contribution statement, or if you did not receive it, please contact Rose.

- 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.

- 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 Savoie (anne@saintmartindp.org) by Monday at 5:00 PM.

Parish School News

- Open enrollment started on February 22. There is now a wait list for Kindergarten. Just a few spots remain for PreK3 and PreK4, 1st and 2nd grade. There are more spots open for 3rd through 6th grade. Call the school at 469-362-2400 to schedule a tour and get application information.

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

In the sacrament of Penance, the Church calls its members to continuous renewal of their love of God, and of all their brothers and sisters. On Monday at 7:00 PM, we will have a Penance Service for Lent. Penance and renewal are the faith community’s response to God’s great gift of love revealed through Jesus.

We hope you’ll join us for our second Theology on Tap session on Thursday, March 3 at Jake’s Uptown (6195 Main Street in Frisco, right next door to Mattito’s across from Toyota Stadium). This new location is much better suited for the size of our group, and gives us the ability to close the doors. We will meet at 7:00 PM. Our discussion will begin around 7:30, and end around 9:00 PM. Adults 21 and over are welcome. If you plan to attend, please send a note to Anne Savoie.

Thanks to everyone who came last Friday for our dinner, and Fr. Richard’s birthday celebration! Please join us again this Friday for food and fellowship. Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:30 PM, followed by our Lenten Dinner. Suggested donation is $8 per adult, $6 per child or adult over 60, or $25 for families.

Starting next weekend, we will pray The Chaplet of Divine Mercy 15 minutes before each weekend Mass.

Looking for a way to grow in your faith? Consider joining our Saint Martin de Porres prayer group 15 minutes before 3 of the daily masses: Monday 8:45 AM; Wednesday 5:45 PM; and Thursday 8:45 AM. Our prayers give praise and thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ, using small booklets that have the Liturgy of the Hours sequence of morning or evening prayers. Shorter Christian Prayer booklets are available, or you are welcome to bring your own.