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 Closed
Wednesday 6:30 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@stmartindp.org
Communications & Sacramental Coordinator
Anne Savoie, anne@stmartindp.org
Music Ministry
Joe Davisson, joe@stmartindp.org
Director of Family Faith Formation
Laura Myers, laura@stmartindp.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
469-362-2400
www.smdp catholic.org
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today's Readings:
Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5
“We are his people, the sheep of his flock.”
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
John 10:27-30

On April 16-17, 2016, the Diocese of Fort Worth will celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday in support of our seminarians. There are currently 31 seminarians from 19 parishes of the diocese studying in six seminaries throughout the United States. The Diocese of Fort Worth provides education and formation for each seminarian at an annual average cost of $52,092. The Good Shepherd Sunday Special Collection assists with funding this annual cost. In addition to the Sunday collection, donations are being accepted online at www.fwdioc.org. Please give generously.

Weekly Offering

Please make checks out to Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church
Week ending April 10, 2016

Weekly Need: $5,000.00
Weekly Offering: $3,403.50
Faith Direct: $5,075.00
Total Offertory: $8,478.50
Fiscal Year* Need to Date: $220,000.00
Fiscal Year Collection to Date: $235,523.50

$15,523.50 (average)

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

Dear Parishioners,

Is spring cleaning on your mind? Looking for ways to simplify your week? eGiving through Faith Direct can help! Consider enrolling today by visiting www.faithdirect.net and using our church code: TX706. Your gifts through Faith Direct will help stabilize our parish finances, help you to get rid of the clutter of offertory envelopes in your home, and give you one less thing to worry about on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time and talents, as well as treasure!

God Bless You,
Rev. Richard Kirkham

Last Week's Mass Attendance

Saturday, 5:00 PM: 103
Sunday, 7:30 AM: 40
Sunday, 9:00 AM: 174
Sunday, 11:30 AM: 136

Total Mass Attendance: 453
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.

Are you interested in volunteering for our church or parish school? We offer many opportunities to get involved, enjoy fellowship, and deepen your relationship with God. We are asking ALL NEW AND CURRENT volunteers to visit our website, and fill out the short form: www.saintmartindp.org/ministries.

Family Faith Formation is a parish-based faith formation for young people and their parents. The next class date is April 17 from 6-8:00 PM. If you have any questions about our program, please contact Laura Myers, Director of Faith Formation at laura@saintmartindp.org.

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 us know.

Looking for a way to grow in your faith? Consider joining our Saint Martin de Porres prayer group 15 minutes before three of the daily masses: Monday 8:45 AM; Wednesday 5:45 PM; and Thursday 8:45 AM. Shorter Christian Prayer booklets are available, or you are welcome to bring your own.

If you would like to participate in our music ministry, come see Joe Davison after Mass, or send him a note (joe@saintmartindp.org). Rehearsals take place on Thursdays from 7:90 PM in the church.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word takes place during the 9 and 11:30 AM Masses, and is designed for a PreK through 1st Grade age range. Children who have already made their First Communion should stay in Mass with their family.

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." To view the policy, visit: www.fwdioc.org.

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

The beautiful flowers on the altar were donated by Harold and Mary Martin in celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary! They were married on April 17, 1966, in Greenwood, Mississippi at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. They transferred to Arkansas in 1972, where they raised their two children and lived until retirement in 2011. After retirement, they moved to Frisco Lakes to be close to their children and four grandchildren. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Martin! May God continue to bless your lives with love and happiness.

Parish School News
The rainy morning didn’t deter supporters on Monday at the annual St. Martin de Porres Golf Tournament! Fun was had by all, but even more importantly, proceeds from this tournament provides much-appreciated support to help families in need afford tuition, and also enables us to provide our students access to outstanding enrichment programs that support and enhance their education. A big thank you to our sponsors, and everyone who attended! Our school proudly serves students from PreK3 to fifth grade. We will add sixth grade for the 2016-17 school year, and will eventually go through eighth grade. To schedule a tour, please call the Principal, Nancy Kirkpatrick, at 469-362-2400, or visit www.smdpcatholic.org.

Mother’s Day is May 8! If you would like for your Mother, living or deceased, to be included in our Novena in Honor of Mothers, please pick up an envelope in the church entrance. Suggested donation amount is $10 per name. Please return the envelope and donation to the parish office by Friday, May 6.

Looking for a Summer Day Camp? Le Broom is pleased to offer our summer program for current SMDP students and parishioners ages 3-12, right here at St. Martin de Porres! We will offer a wide variety of academic experiences, and work to instill a love of Jesus Christ in the hearts of our young students. We are offering two sessions – May 30 through July 1, and July 11 through August 12. The hours of operation are 7:30 AM-6:15 PM, Monday through Friday. The tuition for each session is $650, with a Summer Activities Fee of $50 per session. There is a daily drop-in option as well for your convenience, at a rate of $45 per day. For more information, please call Francine Lane, Director, at 972-804-4979.

We are taking part in a raffle fundraiser with the Monsignor King Outreach Center in Denton! The raffle is in conjunction with their annual fundraiser: Shelter Thy Neighbor Week, May 9-16, 2016. If we sell 100 tickets or more, St. Martin de Porres will get half of the proceeds from ticket sales, which we plan to use for our religious education programs. Raffle tickets are $10 each, and are available for purchase in the parish office. There are some great prizes, including a $1,000 Visa gift card, a flat-screen TV, and 100 gallons of gas! This is a great way to help our neighbors in need and our church at the same time. Please contact Rose Burke (rose@saintmartindp.org) for more information.