Welcome to St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church!

We are so glad you are here, and invite you to become involved in our parish. If you wish to become a parishioner, please pick up a registration form in our narthex, call the parish office, or download a form online by visiting our website. New parishioner welcome receptions are held several times throughout the year.

Celebration of the Mass
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m.
Monday 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 4:15-4:45 p.m.
or by appointment

Parish Staff
Pastor: Rev. Richard Kirkham
Accountant
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Parish office hours at 4000 W. University Drive in Prosper, Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

REQUESTS FOR EUCHARIST FOR THE SICK, HOMEBOUND & HOSPITAL VISITS
Please call the parish office at 469-287-7624.

Faith, Family, Future.

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

Today’s Readings
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
“For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.”
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Merry Christmas, and welcome to St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church!

This is a very exciting time for our parish, and we are thrilled that you have decided to join us.

Our parish was established in February 2015, by The Most Reverend Michael F. Olson, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth, to serve the rapidly-growing areas of Frisco, Little Elm, and Prosper in eastern Denton County, Texas.

Bishop Olson appointed Rev. Richard Kirkham as the first Pastor of the parish. The first mass of St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church was celebrated on February 8, 2015, at Purefoy Elementary in Frisco. The Diocese of Fort Worth purchased 52 acres in Prosper on March 4, 2015, upon which St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church and St. Martin de Porres Catholic School was to be built. In June 2015, all masses were moved to the St. Martin de Porres Catholic School building, located at 303 King Road in Frisco. The last mass at that location was celebrated on Monday, December 11, 2017.

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The end of the year is such 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 along with this season, we ask that you prayerfully consider including St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church in your end-of-year giving. The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. Your gift, in any amount, will create a meaningful and lasting impact on our church! End-of-year contributions must be received by December 31, 2017.

If you have any questions about contributions, please call the parish office at 469-287-7624.

Mass Intentions for the Week

December 23
Saturday of the Third Week of Advent
5:00 PM Norbert & Edith Veihdeffer (†)
Requested by Dean Hansen

December 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM Catholic Ladies of WTRC
Requested by Bill and Judi Herbers
9:00 AM Mike Arcardi (†)
Requested by Bill and Judi Herbers
11:30 AM Don and Jan Glaser
Requested by Bill and Judi Herbers
Vigil, The Nativity of the Lord
4:00 PM
7:00 PM
Midnight Family of Father Richard Kirkham

December 25
The Nativity of the Lord
8:00 AM
10:00 AM Family of Father Walter Dworak

December 26
Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr

December 27
Feast of Saint John, Apostle and evangelist
6:30 PM NO DAILY MASS

December 28
Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs
8:30 AM NO DAILY MASS

December 29
The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas
8:30 AM 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 or visit the parish office, or visit our website.
Merry Christmas!

The beautiful poinsettias you see today were given
in honor, or in memory of:

Sean, Katie and Dean (†)
Felisberto and Mercedes Abendano (†)
George and Anna Bayer (†)
Baby Bell
Ray and Anne Breitbarth (†)
James Budney, Sr. (†)
Harold Colin (†)
Dr. Charles Coussons (†)
Phillip Coussons (†)
Denis and Kathy Defeo and Family
Edwin Devadoss
Larry Dickey (†)
Mary Edwin
John Ehrlor (†)
Army Sgt. Santos Enrique (†)
Mr. and Mrs. John Farrell (†)
Mr. and Mrs. James M. Guerin
Wallace Hotop (†)
Mickey and Susie Josten (†)
Henry Kieffer (†)
Drew Langford (†)
Mr. C. Daniel Langlois (†)
Mrs. Marie T. Langlois (†)
Robert Leitner (†)
Ramon and Librada Leyritana (†)
Mom and Dad Marinovich
Gerard and Rachel McCann (†)
Veronica Meriken (†)
Colette and Don Merritt (†)
John Moore (†)
Thomas Mudd (†)
Sister Kathleen John O’Carm
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Osgood (†)
Adelaida Pagatalunan (†)
Carlos Pereda (†)
Cayetano Rosalina Rabor (†)
Arthur and Marian Schwab (†)
Antony Sequeira
Bill and Vicki Sipes and Family
Wallie and Doris Sliga (†)
Mom and Dad Sprague
William Szalwinski (†)
Matthew Wilson (†)
Calvin Wolf, Sr. (†)
Pedrito S. Zabat, Sr. (†)

The Budney Family
The Chris Hagas Family
The Hawthorne Family
The George Van Horne Family
The Deceased Members of the Guli and Frisicia Families
The Deceased Members of the Krivacek Family
The Deceased Members of the Meurer / Van Horne Family
The Deceased Members of the Robinson Family
Don’t miss out on the blessings of service! At St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, we encourage everyone to become active in parish life. Our ministries offer many opportunities to get involved, enjoy fellowship, and deepen your relationship with God.

As we continue to grow, we are in need of volunteers for ALL of our ministries, especially:

* Homebound Ministry
* Ushers
* Hospitality

If you would like to get involved, please visit www.saintmartindp/ministries, and use the link at the bottom to sign up via Ministry Scheduler Pro. You will receive a note with volunteer information. Thank you for the gift of your time and talent!

2018 Lector Workbooks are now available in the parish office!

These workbooks contain the readings in large print for practice, with words in bold indicating suggestions for emphasis, commentaries that give background and explain the meaning of the reading, margin notes with pronunciation guides and tips for proclamation. Suggested donation of $15 per book.

On December 10, our Family Faith Formation had Service Centers. It was an amazing night! We packaged items that our families generously donated for 6 local charities. Many cars were filled to the brim with packaged donations, complete with cards and artwork made by our youngest parishioners!

Our next Family Faith Formation class will be on January 7 at 6:00 PM.

For more information, please contact our Director of Family Faith Formation, Laura Myers, at laura@saintmartindp.org.

Offertory Envelopes for 2018 are in the Parish Office!

If you recently registered in our parish, please call to check if your envelopes have arrived. Please note that if you use Faith Direct, you will not receive a boxed set of envelopes.

If you wish to have your child(ren) Baptized, please visit www.saintmartindp.org/baptism for important information and our parish policy. All first-time parents, those families new to the parish, and families who have not had a child baptized in the last five years must attend a Baptism Preparation class. Please send a note to Anne Savoie (anne@saintmartindp.org) for more information.

Have you ever wanted easy access to Catholic resources but didn’t know where to start?

FORMED, a revolutionary online platform, provides access to the best Catholic audio talks, movies, ebooks, and video-based studies from trusted providers like the Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, Catholic Answers, Sophia Institute Press, and St. Paul Center - right at your fingertips! There are great resources available for all ages -- children and adults! Sign up for your FREE account by visiting formed.org/register and enter in the Parish Code 7YVWZRG (NOTE: code is case-sensitive). Questions? Contact Niki at nicole@saintmartindp.org.
 Contributing FOR THE COMMON GOOD ANNUAL Diocesan Appeal 2018

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me.”

~ Matthew 25:35

YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT:

- Outreach to Rural and Needy Parishes and Schools
- Marriage and Family Life
- Marriage Tribunal
- Seminarians
- Permanent Diaconate
- Catholic Charities of Fort Worth
- Prison Ministry
- Catholic Schools
- Campus Ministry

TOTAL NEED: $3,300,000

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Would you be interested in **Purchasing**

**HoneyBaked Gift Cards** to help

St. Martin de Porres reach our Phase I Building Campaign Goal?

- **20% of the proceeds will benefit our Founding Families Campaign**
- They can be used at any HoneyBaked Ham location nationwide, as well ordering product online.
- HoneyBaked Gift Cards can be purchased in denominations of $10, $25, $50, or $100.
- They NEVER expire and there are NEVER any additional fees.
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Here’s all you have to do to help your church.

- **You MUST** purchase your Gift Card on-line @
  
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  Founding Families Building Fund Campaign
- Gift cards are mailed and delivery usually takes 7-10 business days. Expedited shipping is available at additional costs.
- E-Gift cards are NOT available.
- Then use your gift card to purchase your HoneyBaked product at any location (there’s a store on Preston in Frisco) or use it for on-line purchases.

**If you plan on HoneyBaked products this Holiday Season please go on-line to purchase your Gift Card. Don’t forget to allow sufficient time for delivery.**
Dear Parishioners,

Throughout the Season of Advent, we have been preparing 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 St. Martin de Porres, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account.

Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your End-of-Year contributions to your account!

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: TX706. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,

Rev. Richard Kricker

So far, 119 families (24% of total registered families) have pledged $27,965.81 towards our parish goal of $23,700!

Although we have reached our goal, we are still striving for 100% participation by June 30, 2018!

Please remember to pray for the work of the Annual Diocesan Appeal as it supports our seminarians, deacons, Catholic Charities, Catholic schools, marriage and family life ministries and others. Text ADA to 99999, complete one of the commitment cards located in the narthex, or visit our website to make your donation today. You can even pay in monthly installments instead of making a one-time gift!

Visit: bit.ly/AnnualDiocesanAppeal

We have 6 new communion cups remaining that can be given in honor or in memory of a loved one. The cost for each cup is $500.00, and includes engraving. For more information, please call the parish office at 469-287-7624.

Interested in joining our Music Ministry, and/or becoming a Cantor? We would love to have you! Please contact our Music Director, Joe Davisson at joe@saintmartindp.org or speak with him after Mass for additional details.

Stewardship News for Week Ending December 17, 2017

Weekly Need: $19,393.28
Offertory Collection: $9,445.05
Year to Date Budget: $484,832.00
Year to Date Collected: $220,002.40
Under: $264,829.60

Special Collections
Retired Religious - $80.00
Immaculate Conception - $20.00

Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share.
—Timothy 6:17-19

Last Week's Mass Attendance
Saturday, 5:00 PM - 625
Sunday, 7:30 AM - 82
Sunday, 9:00 AM - 266
Sunday, 11:30 AM - 344
Sunday, 4:30 PM - 182
Total Weekend Attendance: 1,499

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Saturday, December 30
5:00 PM

Sunday, December 31
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:30 AM and 4:30 PM

There will be no Daily Masses January 1 - 5

Since the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on January 1, falls on a Monday this year, it is NOT observed as a Holyday of Obligation.