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:** Jean-Marie Miesch, jean-marie@saintmartindp.org

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**Music Director:** Joe Davison, joc@saintmartindp.org

**RCIA & Family Life Director:** Niki MacDougall, nicole@saintmartindp.org

**Receptionist:** Peggy Salas, peggy@saintmartindp.org

**School Principal:** Nancy Kirkpatrick, nkirkpatrick@smdpcatholic.org

Parish office hours at 4000 W. University Drive in Prosper: Monday-Friday 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

REQUESTS FOR EUCHARIST FOR THE SICK, HOMEBOUND & HOSPITAL VISITS

Please call the parish office at 469-287-7624.


St. Martin de Porres Catholic School
469-362-2400
www.smdpcatholic.org
Happy New Year, 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 today.

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.

We encourage you to become a registered parishioner of St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church! You can pick up a registration form in our narthex, call the parish office at 469-287-7624, or download a form online by visiting our website. Our next New Parishioner Welcome Reception will be in February - stay tuned for details!

Stewardship News for Week Ending December 31, 2017

Weekly Need: $19,393.28
Offerary Collection: $7,372.74
Year to Date Budget: $523,618.56
Year to Date Collected: $256,693.80
Under: $266,924.76

Special Collections
Solemnity of Mary - $65.00

Last Week's Mass Attendance
Saturday, 5:00 PM - 296
Sunday, 7:30 AM - 35
Sunday, 9:00 AM - 241
Sunday, 11:30 AM - 270
Sunday, 4:30 PM - 207
Total Weekend Attendance: 1,049
We are excited to announce that St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church has successfully enrolled in the above Community Rewards Program!

By simply registered your Kroger’s Reward Card, our church will receive rebates based on your qualifying purchases.

CUSTOMER INSTRUCTIONS:

1. A digital “online” account is needed in order to participate. If you already have a Digital Account, then skip to the section named “Selecting an Organization”.

If you need to create a digital online account, simply visit www.kroger.com

1. Select the “Register” button

2. Enter your information - your card number especially

3. Select “Create Account”

Selecting an Organization

1. Sign into your Digital Account

2. Select “My Account”.

3. Scroll down to the “Community Rewards” link on your account page.

4. Select “Enroll Now” or “Edit”

Enter St. Martin de Porres’ NPO number 89856 - That’s all you have to do!
Don't miss out on the blessings of service!
At St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, we encourage everyone to be active in parish life. Our ministries offer many opportunities to get involved, enjoy fellowship, and deepen your relationship with God. Here are some ways that you can share your time and talents:

**Adult Faith Formation**
Volunteers are needed to help facilitate Bible Studies and Faith Sharing groups. Must be a practicing Catholic, at least 18 years of age, and have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

**Altar Servers**
All boys and girls who have received First Communion and are in 4th grade or higher are invited to serve at the altar.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**
All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine. Must be a practicing Catholic, at least 18 years of age, and have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

**Homebound Ministry**
We make an effort to stay connected with those parishioners who are not able to join us as mass due to illness or other incapacities so they know they are not forgotten. Our Homebound Ministers make visits to facilities and parishioner's homes with the Lord, present in the Eucharist. *Facility visits are Thursdays at 9:30 AM, and Sundays at 10:30 AM.*

**Hospitality**
Once a month, they welcome parishioners and serve donuts and coffee after Sunday morning masses.

**Lectors**
A rewarding way to participate in our mass is to proclaim God's Word as a lector.

**New Member Welcoming**
These happy people greet and welcome new parishioners, and help them get involved in parish life.

**Music**
Our music ministry enhances our liturgies in the service of the Lord. Music ministers include choir members, cantors, and instrumentalists.

**RCIA**
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process for individuals who wish to become Catholic. Volunteers are needed in many capacities such as hospitality, group facilitators and sponsors. Must be a practicing Catholic, at least 18 years of age, and have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

**Sacristans**
Sacristans ensure all scheduled volunteers are present, find additional volunteers if needed, prepare liturgical vessels, books, bread and wine, and all other materials necessary for the liturgy.

**Ushers**
These friendly folks welcome those joining in celebration at each mass, help those arriving to find seats, and take up the collection during mass. They also help dismiss rows for Holy Communion, and hand out bulletins as parishioners leave.

*If you are interested in participating in any of these ministries, please visit [www.saintmartindp.org/ministries](http://www.saintmartindp.org/ministries), scroll to the bottom of the page, and click on the Ministry Scheduler Pro link to create your volunteer profile. Thank you for sharing your gifts!*
Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! Why not simplify your giving by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting St. Martin de Porres, both you and our parish can save some time, paper, and peace of mind. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your special collection 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 Knishan

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We will soon be starting a new RCIA inquiry session, and are waiting for YOU!

Are you or someone you know interested in the Catholic Faith? St. Martin’s will soon begin a new journey in faith to share the riches of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, and be introduced to some of our parish members. These sessions also are opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask those questions you may have about the Church. These gatherings are for inquirers and are open to adults who are unbaptized, as well as adults who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds.

The Rite of Christian Initiation, or RCIA, is for those:
~Who are in need of Baptism
~Who are baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to learn more about the Catholic faith
~Who are baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, please join us! There is no obligation, and no fee. Contact Niki MacDougall, RCIA and Family Life Director at nicole@saintmartindp.org for more information. We are also in need of volunteers to help us with this new RCIA session. Please contact Niki if you want to know more about this fulfilling opportunity!

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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

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We have 3 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.

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

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Families currently registered in our Family Faith Formation program will meet on January 7th at 6:00 PM in our new parish hall! This week, we will be learning about Baptism with our Mentor Families. Doors will open at 5:45 PM. Please try to arrive by 6:00 PM to enjoy dinner and fellowship. See you then!

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Do you want to share your love of Christ with others in your parish family? We are in the process of starting a parish-wide Bible and Faith Study using materials from Ascension Press, and through Formed.org. On-site and at-home meeting opportunities will be available, but we need the help of several volunteers to get this off the ground! If you would be interested in facilitating a study either at your home or on-site, please contact Niki MacDougall, RCIA and Family Life Director at nicole@saintmartindp.org.