The Call of the First Disciples

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
Mark 1:17

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St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church - Frisco/Prosper

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

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Parish office hours at 4000 W. University Drive in Prosper: Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm.

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
**Welcome to St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church!** This is a very exciting time for our growing 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!**

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**Stewardship News**

**for Week Ending January 14, 2018**

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**Special Collections**

Solemnity of Mary - $130.00

**Last Week's Mass Attendance**

- Saturday, 5:00 PM - 248
- Sunday, 7:30 AM - 87
- Sunday, 9:00 AM - 325
- Sunday, 11:30 AM - 467
- Sunday, 4:30 PM - 222

**Total Weekend Attendance: 1,349**
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.saaintmartindp.org/ministries](http://www.saaintmartindp.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!*
St. Martin de Porres Catholic School
Prospective Family Open House
PK3 - 8th Grade

Sunday, January 28th, 2018
10AM - 3PM

We invite you to tour our school, and learn how we can offer your child a challenging curriculum in a Christ-centered environment.

Learn more at www.smdpcatholic.org.
The mission of Catholic education in the schools of the Diocese of Fort Worth is to open the doors so that our students can see further than the walls that otherwise would enclose them in darkness. What does seeing deep into eternity really look like? It involves being able to recognize, to appropriate, and to cherish the eternal and transcendental goods of Truth, Beauty, and Goodness. These three transcendental goods depend upon each other within the envelope of eternity.

Most Rev. Michael F. Olson
Bishop of Fort Worth
Diocese of Fort Worth Catholic Schools:

- student from high school (99%) and attend college (96%);
- are 3 times more likely to consider Priesthood or Religious life;
- are 7 times more likely to pray daily, attend Church, remain a Catholic into adulthood, and donate to the Church;
- vote, are engaged in their communities, and are committed to service as adults.

Please donate to the special collection for the Tuition Assistance Fund for the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Fort Worth on January 27-28. Or text the word ‘schools’ to 91999 to donate.

Help make a Catholic education possible for every family!
Effective immediately, and until further notice, we are suspending the Precious Blood for all masses during flu season. EMHCs will not be needed during this time.

As a reminder, in receiving the Blessed Sacrament under one species, you are still receiving our Lord in Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. Also, in an effort to minimize the spread of infection to all of us, but especially those most vulnerable in our parish family, all are encouraged to: not shake hands during the sign of peace (just a smile and nod is enough!); not hold hands during the reciting of the Our Father; and please stay at home if you are sick. **Stay safe and healthy!**

Dear Parishioners,

I am so thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, but I realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, Faith Direct!

Faith Direct will automatically process any offertory or second collections donation of your choosing. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: TX706. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,

Rev. Richard Krueger

So far, 126 families (25% of total registered families) have pledged $29,951.45 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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**Save The Date!**

Knights of Columbus Council 8493 will be hosting its Annual Vegas Night Carnival on Saturday, February 10, 2018. Proceeds from this year’s event will benefit Holy Cross GIFT Campaign, St. Martin de Porres, St. Sophia, and KofC 8493 Charities. *Come and have a great time while supporting your parish!*

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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 richness 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!