Welcome to Saint 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 Mesch, jean-marie@saintmartindp.org
- Administrative Assistant: Alexia Campbell, alexia@saintmartindp.org
- Bookkeeper: Eileen Ahlert, eileen@saintmartindp.org
- Kathy Campbell, kathy@saintmartindp.org
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- Facilities Manager: Ryan Marsland, ryan@saintmartindp.org
- Family Faith Formation Director: Laura Myers, laura@saintmartindp.org
- Music Director: Joe Davison, joe@saintmartindp.org
- RCIA & Family Life Director: Niki MacDougall, nicole@saintmartindp.org
- Receptionist: Peggy Sulas, 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-5:00 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
The Ascension of the Lord

TODAY’S READINGS
Acts 1:1-11
Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
“God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.”
Ephesians 1:17-23
Mark 16:15-20

Mass Intentions for the Week

May 12
Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter
5:00 PM Dennis Buck (†)

May 13
The Ascension of the Lord
7:30 AM Pro Popula
9:00 AM Gisela Smith (†)
11:30 AM Adriano de Chirrco
4:30 PM Fr. Robert Baer (†)

May 14
Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle
8:30 AM Dorothy Chlbove (†)

May 15
Feast of Saint Isidore

May 16
Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter
6:30 PM Antony Sequiera (†)

May 17
Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter
8:30 AM Bill Curtis (†)

May 18
Feast of Saint John, Pope and Martyr
8:30 AM Paul Saucedo

If you would like to have a Mass dedicated to someone, please call or visit the parish office, or download a printable form by visiting www.saintmartindp.org/mass-intentions

This weekend, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message, and support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

Congratulations to the 2018 St. Martin de Porres Catholic School First Communion Class!

Last day to register for Trivia Night is Monday, May 14! Don’t miss out on the fun... sign up TODAY!

Readings for the Week of May 13, 2018

Monday Saint Matthias, Apostle
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17

Tuesday Saint Isidore
Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday Saint John I, Pope and Martyr
Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Happy Mother's Day
Do you have time to mentor and support pregnant women and their families?

You could be someone’s Angel.

The Gabriel Project needs volunteers to:
Mentor pregnant women with spiritual and emotional support.
Or
Help mentors deliver donations, give rides to necessary appointments and help set-up apartments.

Catholic Charities Fort Worth is looking for volunteers for the Gabriel Project. The Gabriel Project offers free help to pregnant women and their families through spiritual encouragement, emotional support and the provision of baby items. We also connect women and families to resources designed to help them achieve their financial, educational and employment goals. All families with a child under 18 months old are eligible.

What is expected of a Gabriel Project volunteer?

- Have an updated Safe And Sacred program
- Attend a Volunteer Orientation and Gabriel Project Training
- Spend 5–10 hours a month mentoring through emails, phone calls and in-person
- Be prepared to respond with help when a mentor needs help delivering donations or driving the pregnant woman to an appointment
- Be willing to attend on-going training quarterly

We would love to have our volunteers commit to the program for as long as you can but we ask for a one year commitment initially. This is a volunteer opportunity that can be done on a time frame that fits your schedule; including weekends and after 5 pm. All appointments can be worked out between you and your Gabriel Project mother.

For questions call 817.789.0514 or email gabrielproject@ccdofw.org.

Next Training will be Saturday, June 2nd.
Please include in the eBulletin on April 26, May 8 and 10

Please include in Parish Bulletins May 6, 13 and 20, 2018

Half of Catholic Communication Campaign Collection (May 12/13) Remains in Diocese of Fort Worth

The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) on May 12/13 is a marvelous way to share the gospel message of God’s mercy and love. Pope Francis asked us last year, “to offer the people of our time storylines that are, at heart, ‘good news.’” By supporting this collection, you help to spread the Good News to people around the country and around the world.

Your gift also makes a local impact because half of your donation stays in The Diocese of Fort Worth to support local communications projects, such as North Texas Catholic, www.fwdioc.org, public relations and social media efforts.

To learn more about the CCC and the projects it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccc. Give generously when this collection is taken in your parish, or donate now by texting COMMto 91999.

PARISH STAFF INFORMATION

Use your bulletin, pulpit announcements, website and social media to promote this collection.
Suggested copy is as follows:

ENGLISH
The Week Before the Collection (May 5/6)
Next week, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. And fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

The Week of the Collection (May 12/13)
Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message, and support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

The Week After the Collection (May 19/20)
Thank you for your generosity to last week’s collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support will help the CCC connect millions of people with Christ and spread the gospel message. If
you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, or text COMM to 91999.

SPANISH
Semana antes de la colecta (5/6 de Mayo)
Nuestra segunda colecta la próxima semana es para la Campaña Católica de la Comunicación. Esta campaña conecta a las personas con Cristo, aquí y alrededor del mundo, en los países en desarrollo a través del Internet, la televisión, la radio y los medios impresos. Y, el cincuenta por ciento de los fondos recaudados, permanece en nuestra diócesis para financiar nuestros esfuerzos locales en el campo de las comunicaciones. ¡El apoyo de ustedes ayuda a propagar el mensaje del evangelio! Para informarse más, visiten www.usccb.org/ccc.

Semana de la colecta (12/13 de Mayo)
Hoy, llevaremos a cabo la colecta para la Campaña Católica de la Comunicación (CCC). Sus donativos ayudan a la CCC a conectar a las personas con Cristo, aquí y alrededor del mundo, a través del internet, la televisión, la radio y los medios impresos. La mitad de los fondos recaudados permanecen en nuestra diócesis para financiar esfuerzos locales. Sean parte de esta campaña para propagar el mensaje del evangelio y jten su apoyo a la colecta de hoy! Para informarse más, visiten www.usccb.org/ccc.

Semana después de la colecta (19/20 de Mayo)
Muchas gracias por su generosidad durante la colecta de la semana pasada para la Campaña Católica de la Comunicación (CCC). Su apoyo ayudará a la CCC a conectar a millones de personas con Cristo y a propagar el mensaje del evangelio. Si usted no alcanzó a dar en la colecta, ¡aun lo puede hacer! Visite www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, o texto COMM a 91999.

Bilingual resources, such as web banners, bulletin inserts, bulletin cover, logos, social media toolkit and more, are available online for download at http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-communication-campaign/collection/index.cfm

The code for remitting these funds to Diocese of Fort Worth Finance and Administration is 236500.

If you have any questions about this special collection, please contact Renée Underwood, Associate Director of the Advancement Foundation, at 817-945-9441.
Do you know that all parishioners play an important role in the RCIA process? If you would like to learn how you can support the year-round RCIA process at St. Martin, or if you are just curious about what it means to have a year-round RCIA process (as opposed to a traditional 9 month September-May process), come to the RCIA training on May 15! The training is not a commitment to volunteer, but a way to familiarize yourself with the RCIA process and to discern if you would like to be more involved on the RCIA team. The training will be held on Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30pm in the school Learning Lab and will be led by Marlon De La Torre, Department Director of Catechesis and Evangelization for the Diocese of Fort Worth. If you plan to attend this training, please send a note to Niki MacDougall, Director of RCIA at nicole@saintmartindp.org.

You are invited to join our parish community in a Catholic Bible Study on the Gospel of John. This 7 session study will be led by Father Walter Dworak and will be held on Tuesdays at 10AM beginning May 15 through June 26. Please bring a Catholic bible. For more information or to register, please email Niki MacDougall at nicole@saintmartindp.org or visit https://saintmartindp.org/

Did you know that the Annual Diocesan Appeal provides almost $1 million in operating grants to rural and needy parishes? So far, 130 of our registered families have contributed towards our parish goal. Imagine the parishes, schools and ministries that could receive support if every family from St. Martin de Porres supported the Appeal at some level! If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. You may pick up a specially marked envelope in the narthex, text ADA to 91999 or visit bit.ly/AnnualDiocesanAppeal to donate securely now. Thank you for returning a portion of your many blessings!

Each day, hunger is experienced in Prosper and our surrounding communities. Bethlehem Place provides nutritious food and hygiene products each Tuesday, so all members of our community can sustain a healthy life. The Pantry is located at 107 S. Church Street, Prosper, TX. Bethlehem Place is open for distribution on Tuesdays from 6:00pm - 7:00pm.

Dear Parishioners,

The Lord is risen! As Christ’s disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish’s many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Martin de Porres with electronic donations through Faith Direct. Faith Direct will automatically process any offertory or second collection donation of your choosing. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: TX706. Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

God Bless You,

Rev. Richard Kaelke

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If you are not yet a volunteer, please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talent with your parish family! As we continue to grow, it’s more important than ever that we have enough volunteers. If time commitment is a concern, don’t worry – YOU choose how often you would like to serve, and at which masses. If you are new to our parish, welcome! One of the best ways to assimilate into parish life is to serve! Not sure where to start? Please visit www.saintmartindp.org/ministries to see a list of ministries and volunteer opportunities, or you can call the parish office at 469-287-7624 to see what might be a good fit. Thank you for serving, we love our volunteers!

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church is seeking candidates for a part-time facilities worker. This individual will assist in the cleaning, maintenance (for both building and landscaping), upkeep, and event assistance for the Church and School facilities. Scheduled hours will be Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. May on occasion be required to work evenings and/or weekends. A valid driver’s license and the ability to lift 50 lbs. is required to perform the essential job responsibilities. Interested individuals should submit their resume and/or request an application by emailing: jobs@saintmartindp.org. Please, NO phone calls.

St. Martin de Porres Catholic School has several employment opportunities available. Please visit the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth’s employment page for full and part-time positions: https://fwdioc.org/school-employment.

We have a new neighbor coming soon! Cook Children’s Medical Center is a nationally recognized not-for-profit pediatric hospital. It is consistently recognized as one of the best children’s hospitals in the nation by U.S. News and World Report, is a three-time Magnet designated hospital and was named a Leapfrog Group Top Hospital in 2015. Cook Children’s would like to introduce themselves to our community, and share their building plans and the services they will provide. Cook Children’s is hosting a Town Hall meeting next Monday May 21st at 7:00 pm at St. Martin de Porres parish hall. All are welcome to attend!