CELEBRATION OF THE MASS
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am
Monday 8:30 am
Wednesday 8:30 am
Thursday 8:30 am
Friday 8:30 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm
or by appointment

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

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“"We are so glad you are here, and invite you to become involved in our parish. To become a parishioner, please call the parish office or download a form online by visiting our website. If you would like to volunteer in our parish, please send a note to volunteer@saintmartindp.org. New parishioner welcome receptions are held several times throughout the year.”

Find us on Facebook:
St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church - Frisco/Prosper
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

He has done all things well.

TODAY’S READINGS
Is 35:4-7a
Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
Jas 2:1-5
Mk 7:31-37

Entrance Song: O God, Our Help in Ages Past #444
Gloria: Mass of Christ the Savior #918
Responsorial Psalm: page 210
Gospel Acclamation: page 211
Offertory Song: Hold on to Love #487
Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Christ the Savior #921,922,925
Lamb of God: Mass of Christ the Savior #926
Communion: Ubi Caritas #328, On Eagle’s Wings #437
Recessional: Though the Mountains May Fall #429

Interested in joining our Music Ministry? We are always looking for cantors, choir members, and instrumentalists! Please see Joe Davison after Mass, or send him a note joe@saintmartindp.org

His ears were opened and he spoke plainly!

What a tremendous gift the Lord gives to the deaf and mute man in today’s gospel reading! So often we hear in the gospels that the Lord will tell people not to report of the miracles He has done as He does in today’s gospel. This can sometimes confuse us as to why the Lord would give such a command. Our gospel reading provides so much to us including an answer to this question. The first thing we should take note of is that the man who was deaf and mute was brought to the Lord by others. This is also what we are called to do; to bring people to the Lord rather than tell them about the Lord. An introduction and an encounter with the Lord is what is necessary. When we live the life of a true disciple and we allow for the Holy Spirit to dwell within us. We can facilitate that encounter with the Lord for those whom we meet. Encounter and introduction are necessary for true conversion not taking someone’s word for who the Lord is but true encounter with the Lord. In addition to the necessity of encounter, the deaf and mute man represents not simply a physical state but also a moral one. While the deaf and mute man was truly an actual man whom the Lord physically healed, he also represents the broader moral state of humanity. When the Lord healed him physically the Lord also healed him spiritually. This is incredible for us! We become deaf to the Lord and thus mute in our ability to speak of the Lord due to our sin. We too are in need of the Lord opening our ears to hear Him to cure the deafness of our hearts and minds. We too are in need of the healing of our inability to be open to the Lord in the troubles of our messy life. Our ability to speak plainly of the Lord can only come from the healing first of our deafness of heart and mind. Then our muteness and inauthenticity when we speak of the Lord will also be healed. There is only one Word, the Word of God, Jesus Christ. This is the Word which we must learn to speak plainly. This one Word allows us to enter into the one Prayer, the Mass. In the one Prayer we have access to the One Open Heart, the great Sacred Heart of Jesus from which Divine Mercy flows. Let us seek the encounter which brings about the healing of our deafness and muteness. In the end, there is only One Word, One Prayer, and One Open Heart. May our heart by made like unto His as He opens our ears to hear Him and our mouth to speak of Him. By drawing close to and making the Lord our focus, this is how God is truly praised!

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. Mass Intention forms can be found in our parish office, or online at www.saintmartindp.org/mass-intentions

From the Pastor’s Desk
September 9, 2018

My dear people of the Church of Fort Worth,

Christ has entrusted each of us as the Church to spread the Good News of Salvation. And that requires that we all live in communion as members of the Church and also that we share a common humanity. Both of these things are really under duress in our contemporary society. And so it is more important than ever that we be able to speak the Truth and to speak it well to a society that really needs to hear it and to embrace it.

In our Catholic schools we are dedicated to integrity of faith entrusted to the Church by Christ and also to the soundness of solid and right reason. Our Catholic education has to be accessible to all and the Annual Diocesan Appeal helps make that possible through operating grants for our schools and tuition assistance for families.

Likewise, we are called to bring the Gospel to a world in duress. The Annual Diocesan Appeal supports ministry in prisons and jails throughout our 28 counties, was well as Catholic Charities and its mission to eradicate poverty. Through job training, outreach, development and a greater understanding of participation in society we are making a difference for immigrants, for refugees, and for those who otherwise would fall through the cracks of society because of the effects of poverty.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal supports faith formation through Campus Ministry and Marriage and Family Life programs. In the last three and a half years we have seen the actual public re-definition of marriage and married life. For couples preparing to live a life consecrated to each other as man and woman, husband and wife, in the integrity of permanence, fidelity and openness to God’s gift of children our marriage preparation programs equip them to live this vocation in what has become even more a sign of contradiction in our contemporary time.

Many of our 91 parishes cannot afford to pay for priests, directors of religious education, youth ministers or even to pay their utility bills without outside support. Generous operating grants made possible by your gifts to the Annual Diocesan Appeal bring the light of Christ to parishioners in our rural and needy parishes.

Our Annual Diocesan Appeal helps us to support our retired and infirm priests, educate our seminarians and provide formation and continuing education for our deacons. The Annual Diocesan Appeal helps to fund and administer the diocese, and govern it well that we can be one and come together in unity as Christ calls us to love our neighbor.

As we approach the 50th anniversary of the Diocese of Fort Worth, I ask every family to support the Annual Diocesan Appeal. The Eucharist Makes Us the Church and reminds us that through the power of Christ’s love we are called to respond to the needs of others. Let us share in gratitude for the gifts we have and joys of life we experience through the eyes of faith.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Michael F. Olson  
Most Reverend Michael F. Olson, STD  
Bishop of Fort Worth

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"We though many, are one body in Christ."

- Romans 12:5

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YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT:
- Outreach to Rural and Needy Parishes and Schools
- Marriage and Family Life
- Priest Care Fund
- Seminarians
- Permanent Diaconate
- Catholic Charities of Fort Worth
- Correctional Ministry
- Catholic Schools
- Campus Ministry

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Admission: $30 Early Bird Special $5 OFF Until Sept. 22
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Adult Safe Environment Awareness Sessions (formerly called “Safe Environment Training”) for adult volunteers is required PRIOR to serving in ministry, and must be renewed every two years. Initial OR Renewal Safe Environment Certification currently requires attendance at a live and in-person (“face-to-face”) Safe Environment Awareness Session.

This training, “Protecting God’s Children for Adults,” will be offered at St. Martin de Porres on Tuesday, September 11 at noon for anyone who wants to begin volunteering, or needs to renew their certification. Please use the following link to create a Virtus Profile and register for the September 11 session, or choose another session that is most convenient for you: https://fwdioc.org/training-sessions.

Additional dates and times at SMdP will be added soon. If you have any questions, or need to find out when you need to renew, please contact Alexis Campbell, alexis@saintmartindp.org.

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Stewardship Information
Week Ending September 2, 2018
(new fiscal year began July 1)

Offertory Collection: $6,404.06
Year to Date Collected: $104,535.78

Special Collections
Catholic University: $314.00

With the arrival of autumn, we invite you to sign up for Faith Direct - our parish’s electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct’s eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week... no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass! Simply visit www.fathdirec.net and use our church code: TX706. Thank you for your continued support!

Last Week’s Mass Attendance
Saturday, 5:00 PM - 304
Sunday, 7:30 AM - 161
Sunday, 9:30 AM - 360
Sunday, 11:30 AM - 402
Total Attendance: 1,227

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- Are you a non-Catholic thinking about becoming Catholic or are you a baptized Catholic in need of Eucharist or Confirmation? Consider joining us in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process! Our inquiry sessions for RCIA have just begun, but we are still waiting for YOU!
  - Are you searching for...
    - A deeper relationship with God?
    - A sense of belonging in a faith community?
    - Have you been curious...
      - Ever wonder about the difference between the Catholic and Protestant Bibles?
      - Ever wonder how Catholics relate to Mary and the saints?
      - Ever wonder about the Catholic moral life?
  - Come join us in RCIA! Get answers to your questions about the Catholic faith, meet our RCIA team, and get to know others on this journey of faith. For questions, meeting times and locations, please email Niki MacDougall, nicoles@saintmartindp.org

- We invite you to join our parish community for Eucharist Adoration and Evening Prayer THIS Sunday, September 9 from 7-8PM in the Chapel. This Holy Hour for Healing will be offered on the 2nd Sunday of every month. Please consider joining us for this opportunity to grow closer to our Lord.

- Thank you to all who attended the July and August sessions in our new Adult Faith Formation series, Exploring our Catholic Faith! We have had a great turnout and are looking forward to continuing this series. The next Exploring our Catholic Faith session will be held on Monday, September 24 from 7pm-9pm in the Daily Mass Chapel. Questions and discussion are welcome and will be a part of every session. Please send any advance questions you might have or topic suggestions to Niki MacDougall at nicoles@saintmartindp.org. Come join us to meet other parishioners and have an opportunity to talk with Father Stephen as we explore our faith together! Registration is not required; we hope to see you there! (Childcare is not provided)

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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 in Prosper. Bethlehem Place is open for distribution on Tuesdays from 6:00pm - 7:00pm.