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.

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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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY’S READINGS
Gn 2:18-24
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Heb 2:9-11
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Entrance Song: Morning Has Broken #636
Gloria: Mass of Creation BB 878 CP 139
Responsorial Psalm: page 140
Gospel Acclamation: page 218
Offertory Song: Love Goes On #478
Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Creation
#879, 880, 881
Lamb of God: Mass of Creation #882
Communion: One Bread, One Body #340
Rcessional: New Creation #571

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 an email. joe@saaintmartindp.org

Mass Intentions for the Week

October 6
Saturday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM Fr. Richard Kirkham

October 7
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM William V. Dielmann Sr. and Anna Dielmann (†)
9:30 AM Pro Populo
11:30 AM N.A. Barnett (†)

October 8
Monday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Rosalinda Seballos (†)

October 9
Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonard, Priest

October 10
Wednesday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM N.A. Barnett (†)

October 11
Saint John XXIII, Pope
8:30 AM Julie Rush

October 12
Friday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Jackie Powers (†)

What does a hard heart look like?

This week we have again two examples brought before the Lord. Many times in our life we might want to bring a situation before the Lord because we do not understand. However, what we encounter this week is not questions based in a lack of understanding but rather two attempts to become “experts in the law” for our own benefit. The question of divorce and legality is the first attempt to draw our Lord into a position on the law. This would then allow the Pharisees to engage Him on “equal terms.” They can exercise some sense of authority within the realm of the law. We too find ourselves in positions of authority based in study and then seek opportunities to be the “expert.” In these type of cases, we are judging the law and thus have placed ourselves as above the law since we can manipulate it. The Lord correctly places the law into the context which He created the law to be under by asking the question about their heart. The law was created for the purpose of guiding the heart back to the Lord. Divorce in law was permitted when the heart had become hardened. The Lord points out that the law permitting divorce was a recognition that the heart had failed. The answer to the problem was a new heart a soft and living heart and not a change in the law. To further illustrate this very profound understanding of the need for a change of heart, the Lord challenges them with His second example. When the disciples keep the children away from the Lord, the Lord rebukes them and brings the child to the center of their attention. Hearts can be hardened through our daily actions and by our neglect of those we consider worthless. The intentions of the disciples to not “bother” the Lord was a good intention but it resulted in a heart hard to those persons not included in the group. The Lord shows us two examples of ways by which our hearts can become hardened, by choosing our own desires and by neglect of others. The only real way to prevent our hearts from being hardened is to actively choose to conform to that of the Lord. How can I choose the heart of Christ today and everyday?

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.saaintmartindp.org/mass-intentions
Have you always thought that you could sing, but your family says otherwise? Well, here’s your chance to prove them wrong! Not ready to join the choir, but you would like to sing more confidently in the pew on Sunday? Want more power in your speaking voice? There is an answer. Joe Davisson, Director of Music at St. Martin de Porres, is now offering a beginning singing class! It is free to parishioners, and open to students 8th grade to adult. The class will meet on Saturdays from 11-12 in the choir room for 8 weeks, October 5th-December 1st. There will be no class Thanksgiving weekend. We will learn basic singing techniques using the hymnal as our song book. If you have any questions, or would like to register for this course, please email Joe at joe@saintmartindp.org.

FORMED KIDS’ KORNER

The Rosary: A Special Way to Pray
Also in Spanish!
Through music and prayer in this entertaining and guidance-filled presentation, Br. Francis inspires children to deepen faith by praying the Rosary.

More Kids’ Content

Sign up for your FREE access at saintmartindp.formed.org
The Gabriel Project is a new ministry at our parish. We mentor pregnant women by providing emotional support, spiritual encouragement, community resources and needed baby items.

On October 13 and 14, we will be collecting diapers (sizes NB, 1, 2, 3), diaper wipes and baby bottles. A large box will be available for drop off during all Masses. God bless you for your help.

The Diocese of Fort Worth will host their Annual “Special Needs Workshop” on Saturday, October 27th from 10AM-2PM at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in Fort Worth. Representatives from Special Needs ministries as well as parents of those with special needs will be presenting on various aspects and key Church documents related to Special Needs ministry. If you are a parent of a special needs child, or would like to volunteer in a ministry for Special Needs families at SMdP, please consider registering for this event.

Lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend. Please RSVP to Lucia Romo at LRromo@fwdioc.org by October 12th and indicate how many will attend (childcare is not provided, but families are welcome to bring their children). Please inform Lucia of any dietary restrictions you and/or your family may require. If you have any questions, please contact Niki MacDougall in the parish office: nicole@saintmartindp.org.
The Eucharist Makes Us THE Church

Through the power of Christ’s love we are called to respond to the needs of others. As Catholics, we embrace the gifts we have and joys of life we experience through the eyes of faith. In gratitude, we generously share these gifts. Your gift to the 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal provides:

**Gratitude and Support for the Clergy** – through the healthy and holy formation and education of men for the priesthood and permanent diaconate and caring for retired and infirm priests.

**Outreach to Rural and Needy Parishes and Schools** – through operating grants for faith formation and youth programs, priest salaries, utilities assistance and many other needs.

**Hope and Healing for the Poor** – to aid the disadvantaged, the disabled and those who are most in need of God’s healing grace through Catholic Charities and Correctional Ministry.

**Love and Strengthening for Families** – through Marriage and Family Life ministries that bind us closer to Christ through our love and respect for one another in families committed to proclaiming the Gospel.

**Faith and Formation for Future Generations** – Tuition Assistance and Campus Ministry Programs to empower our children, youth and young adults to grow in their Catholic faith in preparation for a life of Christian leadership and service.

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A través del poder del amor de Cristo, somos llamados a responder a las necesidades de los demás. Como católicos, aceptamos los dones que tenemos y las alegrías de la vida que experimentamos a través de los ojos de la fe. En agradecimiento, compartimos generosamente estos regalos. Su donativo a la Campaña Diocesana Anual 2019 provee:

**Gratitud y Apoyo para el Clero** - a través de la sana y santa formación y educación de los hombres para el sacerdocio y el diáconado permanente y el cuidado de los sacerdotes jubilados y enfermos.

**Alcance a las Parroquias y Escuelas Rurales y Necesidades** - a través de subvenciones operativas para la formación de la fe y la programación juvenil, salarios de sacerdotes, asistencia para utilidades y muchas otras necesidades.

**Esperanza y Sanación para los Pobres** - para ayudar a los desfavorecidos, los discapacitados y aquellos que más necesitan la gracia sanadora de Dios a través de Caridades Católicas y el Ministerio Correccional.

**Amor y Fortalecimiento para las Familias** - a través de los ministerios de Matrimonio y Vida Familiar que nos unen más a Cristo a través de nuestro amor y respeto mutuo en las familias comprometidas con la proclamación del Evangelio.

**Fe y Formación para Generaciones Futuras** - Programas de Asistencia Matriarcal y del Ministerio a Universitarios para empoderar a nuestros niños, jóvenes y adultos jóvenes a crecer en su fe católica en preparación para una vida de liderazgo y servicio cristiano.

Thank you for your prayerful sacrifice and support.
Le agradezco su sacrificio y apoyo.

**ST. FRANCIS CIRCLE**
Monthly Giving Program

The program provides a consistent source of funding for our mission as Church. Authorize continuous, monthly credit card or automatic bank account withdrawals. Gifts will repeat for 12 months and continue from year-to-year.

**PROGRAMA DE DONACIONES MENSUALES DE ST. FRANCIS CIRCLE**
El programa proporciona una fuente constante de fondos para realizar nuestra misión como Iglesia. Autorice un cargo mensual continuo de su tarjeta de crédito o un débito automático mensual continuo de su cuenta bancaria. Las donaciones se repetirán por 12 meses seguidos y continuos de año en año.
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. This training, “Protecting God’s Children for Adults,” will be offered at St. Martin de Porres on **Thursday, October 11 at 6PM** in the school gym.

**TO ATTEND THIS SESSION, you will need to create a Virtus profile and register for the session using this link:** [https://fwdioc.org/training-sessions](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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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.*

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**Stewardship Information**

**Week Ending September 30, 2018**

(new fiscal year began July 1)

**Offertory Collection:** $6,748.80

**Year to Date Collected:** $151,714.29

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**Last Week’s Mass Attendance**

- Saturday, 5:00 PM - 257
- Sunday, 7:30 AM - 175
- Sunday, 9:30 AM - 390
- Sunday, 11:30 AM - 415
- **Total Attendance:** 1,237

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Fall into eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to St. Martin de Porres. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff. Simply visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: TX706. Thank you for your continued support!

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- **Our lives sometimes go through seasons of change; of closeness to God and distance from Him. Yet God the Father’s love is steadfast and ever-present to those who seek with a sincere heart, no matter what sins or situations have caused separation.** If you have thought about becoming Catholic, or wish to return to the Catholic Faith, and are ready to begin a new “season” in your life, please contact Niki MacDougall at nicole@saintmartindp.org.

- **Are you a faithful, practicing Catholic who desires to share the beauty of our Catholic Faith?** Consider becoming a Sponsor for RCIA or RCIA adapted for Children! We’re in need of Sponsors who wish to walk with RCIA candidates and catechumens as they learn about the Catholic Faith, and how to apply this faith to all aspects of life. Previous experience as a Sponsor is not necessary! Training will be provided. Please contact Niki MacDougall at nicole@saintmartindp.org for more information.

- **We invite you to join our parish community for Eucharist Adoration and Evening Prayer Sunday, October 14 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.

- **Calling all Moms!** SMdP is beginning a new ministry for Catholic Moms, and we would love for you to join us! Please join us for brunch and fellowship on Saturday, October 20 from 10-11:30AM and get to know other moms in the parish as well as the overall vision of this new ministry. RSVP’s requested. Please send any inquiries or RSVP’s to Niki MacDougall: nicole@saintmartindp.org.

- **Is your child ready to prepare for Reconciliation/Eucharist or Confirmation?** If you would like to learn more about the readiness-based preparation approach at SMdP, please attend the Sacrament information meeting on Thursday, October 25 from 6:30-8PM in the Parish Hall. Please note that students who are preparing for sacraments should also be enrolled in SMdP Catholic School or Family Faith Formation. RSVP requested to Niki MacDougall: nicole@saintmartindp.org.

- The next **Exploring our Catholic Faith** session will be held on **Monday, October 29 from 7-9PM**. 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) Pyometra