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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Fourth Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S READINGS
Mi 5:1-4a  
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
Heb 10:5-10  
Lk 1:39-45

Entrance: O Come, O Come Emmanuel #38  
Kyrie: Mass of Comfort and Joy  
Responsorial Psalm: page 42  
Gospel Acclamation: Advent Gospel Acclamation #74  
Offertory: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming #82  
Eucharistic Acclamations: Chant Mass, Sanctus, #932, 873, 934  
Lamb of God: Chant Mass Agnus Dei #936  
Communion: Like a Shepherd #607  
Creator of the Stars of Night #73  
Rcessional: People, Look East #40

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@saaintmartindp.org.

Mass Intentions for the Week

December 22
Saturday of the Third Week of Advent  
5:00 PM Vivian Chambers

December 23
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
7:30 AM Pro Populo  
9:30 AM Edwin Devadoss (+)  
11:30 AM Sarah, Anne, and Jude Praveen

December 24
Christmas Vigil  
4:00 PM Praveen and Margaret  
7:00 PM Clemens Buena (+)

December 25
Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord — Christmas  
Midnight Family of Father Richard Kirkham  
10:00 AM Family of Walter Dworak

December 26  
Feast of Saint Stephen, the First Martyr  
8:30 AM Father Jim McLinden (+)

December 27  
Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist  
8:30 AM Dorothy Tinnarelo (+)

December 28  
Feast of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs  
8:30 AM Father Richard Kirkham

A heart prepared is the truest manger, ready to receive the Lord!

The fourth and final Sunday of Advent has arrived! As a Church, we have been spending this season in preparation and expectation. Hopefully, we have found time to go to Confession and begun to live a life renewed in the Holy Spirit. This Sunday we are given the reading of the Annunciation when Our Lady provides for us the best example of preparation and expectation. Our Lady formalizes what she has repeatedly lived throughout her life to that point. Her yes to the Lord at the Annunciation was not the first time she had said yes to Him. The manner in which we live our life is a preparation for our future. If we do not foster a habit of communion with the Lord, it will not all of a sudden happen at the moments when we feel we need it most. We must practice tuning our heart and mind to be sensitive to the Lord. Just like a mother can determine what her child needs by the sound of their cry, so too can we become sensitive to the movements of the Lord in our daily life. No one else can do the preparation for us. We have either done it or we haven't. The Lord will not force us into a relationship with Him. He will only ever invite us into that relationship. When we have become sufficiently sensitive to Him in our life, He will dwell within us. A heart prepared and tuned to the Lord is the best manager and the proper place for the Lord to lay His head this Christmas. Our children will only ever know what they witness demonstrated to them. The Lord learned obedience and fidelity, He grew in wisdom and knowledge, from Our Lady and St. Joseph. Our Lady is always the best example for us, her children, of patience and fidelity to God. Her heart was so prepared to receive the Lord, the Lord was physically conceived with and through her. Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us!
The end of the year is a busy time, full of holiday fun with family and friends, special celebrations and a time of rejuvenation for the New Year. It's also one of the best times to review financial decisions, especially decisions regarding charitable giving. **There are certain benefits to making gifts before the end of the year!** The requirements for **tax deductible year-end giving** are as follows:

- In order to be credited as a donation in the 2018 tax year, checks must be dated and mailed with a postmark **on or before Monday, December 31, 2018**.
- Credit card gifts are effective on the date the card is charged.
- Electronic funds transfer is effective on the date of the transfer.
- Stocks transferred electronically are effective on the date of transfer.

Visit [www.advancementfoundation.org/year-end-giving](http://www.advancementfoundation.org/year-end-giving) for information and resources to help you accomplish your giving goals.

Want to simplify your giving even more? Enrolling through **Faith Direct** is a safe and secure way to give to our parish, and getting started is easy! Simply visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **TX706**.
**DONUT SUNDAY**
last Sunday of every month

Donuts - Coffee - Fellowship

Join the Donut Sunday Ministry!

children are welcome to volunteer with you

meet new fellow parishioners

For more information, email alexis@saintmartindp.org

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**EVENTS Committee**
planning community fellowship, food and fun

BEGIN PLANNING OUR NEXT EVENT:
**Spring Festival**

Please contact Alexis Campbell for more information
alexis@saintmartindp.org

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**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER EVENT!**

**jan 19th**

Get to know Father Stephen Hauck, our parish and fellow parishioners

SMdP SCHOOL LOBBY

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

10:30AM

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**APPLES**
**CEREAL**
**DIAPERS**
**DEODORANT**
**CANNED TUNA**
**CANNED FRUIT**
**CANNED BEANS**
**CANNED CHICKEN**
**CANNED TOMATOES**
**CANNED VEGETABLES**

All proceeds benefit our local food pantry, Bethlehem Place

OUTREACH WEEKEND

**jan 12-13**

Please drop off items in the box in the Narthex
Poinsettias are one of the most popular plants during the Christmas season, but did you know that they are also known for their symbolism? The shape of the plant’s flower and leaves resemble the Star of Bethlehem, which led the Three Wise Men to the newborn King, Christ the Lord. The red color reminds us of Christ’s Blood, shed for our salvation. Some poinsettias have white leaves, which remind us of Christ’s purity. The green symbolizes life and hope. The beautiful plants on the altar for all of our Christmas Masses were donated by parishioners, and given in honor or in memory of their loved ones, named below.

In Honor of:

Marie Apatang
Dee & Norm Bafunno
For our Clergy
The Loya Family
The Luna Family
The Molina Family
Willie Newton
Frank Ramirez Sr.
The Roja Family
Roxanne & Charles Shikany
William & Victoria Sipes Family
The Siller Family
The Van Horne Family
The Zaccagnini Family

In Memory of:

Rev. William J. Engbers
Eugene Engbers
Kathryn Engbers
Jewell Huffer
Robert W. Huffer
Marjorie Martufi
Vera & Albert Duesman
Pauline & Woodul Calvert
Janca Family Members
Pataky & Lloret Families
John W. Moore
Frances Ramirez
Joreece Patterson
Carmen Ramirez
Wallace Hotop
Judy Boehner
Ruth & Rich Turner
Esther & Al Dunn
Thomas & Rose
John & Pauline Legrest
Lewis R. Dunson
Dorothy & Paul Defeo
Ray & Josephine Sipes
Mr. & Mrs. Gerard McCann
Mr. Calvin Wolf Sr.
Rosemary Krasinski
Royden Jesse Layn
Candida Roldan
Don Colston
Will Colston
John & Maryann Willohn
Dr. James L. Goodman
Dolores Leven
Mary Pellegrino
Vincent & Alice Frischia
Sam & Nancy Galia
Don Wilson
Meurer/Van Horne Family
Walter & Doris Sliga
Ronnie Harvey
Mr. & Mrs. E.F. Herber
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Woodlee
Mr. & Mrs. Sid Harvey
Hank Kieffer
Ross Rayburn
Parents of Nelson and Ginny Miller
Daniel L. Rogala
Ronnie D. Crowder
Benjamin Magdalena Manglona
Bill & Betty Westhoff
Harlan & Jean Sloan
The Simpson Family
Do you love sharing your faith with others, and want to learn how to be an effective witness for Christ?

We are excited to announce that St. Martin de Porres Parish will offer the Diocese of Fort Worth St. Francis de Sales Basic Catechist Certification program one Thursday per month January 2019-October 2019 (no class in July). Whether you are a volunteer in a Catechetical ministry, are a parent in SMdP Faith Formation or School, or would just like to learn more about how you can participate in the universal call for evangelization and holiness, these sessions are for you! Throughout this journey, participants will become familiar with basic catechetical concepts; understand the role of the liturgy, the RCIA process, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, proper methodology, lesson planning, and so forth in the areas of catechesis and catechetical instruction.

Our hope is that anyone who participates in this program will gain a better awareness and appreciation of catechesis and the central role it plays in bringing others to experience an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

These sessions are open to all who would like to register. You do not need to be a volunteer or parishioner of SMdP to register. The cost for the course is $70 for 9 classes. Dates and topics are below. All classes will be held in the Parish Hall.

Questions? For more information on the program, please contact Mrs. Niki MacDougall, Director of Religious Education: nicole@saaintmartindp.org

REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JANUARY 14!
Follow this link to sign up: https://diocesefortworth.regfox.com/sfds-en-st-martin-de-porres-prosper

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Did you know that St. Martin de Porres’ RCIA process is a year-round process? **You can begin your RCIA journey at any time!** Are you interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who is? Have you been away from the Catholic Church and wish to return? Are you an Adult Catholic who is seeking Confirmation? The RCIA process may be for you! We would love for you to join us! Contact Niki MacDougall at nicole@saintmartindp.org for more information.

We have an immediate opening for an additional **Bookkeeper**. If you are interested, please visit our website www.saintmartindp.org for more information.

SMdP’s **Young Marrieds Ministry** invites all young married couples to participate in a series of topic discussions from the highly-acclaimed Symbolon series, *Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage*. Join them every second Monday of the month for an opportunity to learn about and discuss the meaning, purpose and beauty of marriage. Please visit [https://tinyurl.com/smdpyoungmarrieds](https://tinyurl.com/smdpyoungmarrieds) for more information on the ministry and their upcoming events. Please send any questions to nicole@saintmartindp.org.

Our next **Exploring Our Catholic Faith** session will be **January 28, 2019** from 7-9pm in the Daily Mass Chapel. Due to Christmas break there will be no session in December. Our Guest Speaker for January will be **Jason Spoolstra**, Director of Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries for the Diocese of Fort Worth. He will be speaking about Respect Life Issues.

**Would you like a reserved seat for Mass?** Join the Choir! Rehearsals are every **Wednesday from 7-9PM** in the choir room of the Church. Anyone in 8th grade through adult who is willing to commit to attending rehearsal and Mass are welcome! We also welcome proficient instrumentalists to assist in our ensembles as well. Any questions? Please reach out to our Music Director, **Joe Davison: joe@saintmartindp.org**.

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**Welcome to our Church Family!**

Congratulations to the following children who have been recently baptized:

_Luke Nolan Calvin_
_Jocelyn Rose Exterovich_
_Kelsie Marianne Nguessan_

Congratulations to **Phil Weber**, who came into full communion with the Catholic Church through the RCIA process, receiving Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist last weekend.

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**STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION**

**Week Ending December 16**

- Offertory: $8,398.21
- Immaculate Conception: $90.00
- Year to Date Collected: $282,197.98
- Special Collection: $95.00 (Priest Care Fund)

**Total Weekend Mass Attendance:** 1,286

In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ’s birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting St. Martin de Porres, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season!

Signing up is easy! Simply visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **TX706**

Already using Faith Direct? Log in to add your _Christmas or End-of-Year contributions_ to your account. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

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We have partnered with a new supplier for our contribution envelopes. They will be mailing out envelopes every 2 months to all who have opted to receive them. Contribution envelopes for January and February 2019 will be mailed out this week - please be on the lookout for them in your mailbox!