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.
**Today’s Readings**

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10  
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15  
1 Cor 12:12-30  
Lk 1:1-4

**Entrance:** Glory and Praise to Our God #546  
**Gloria:** Mass of Creation #871  
**Responsorial Psalm:** pg. 64  
**Gospel Acclamation:** pg. 65  
**Offertory:** Para Amar como Tu #485  
**Eucharistic Acclamations:** Mass of Creation #872, 873, 874  
**Lamb of God:** Misa Santa Fe, Cordero de Dios #899  
**Communion:** Your Words Are Spirit and Life #593  
One Bread, One Body #339  
**Recessional:** Love Has Come #484

*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.*

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**The origin of our happiness**

Once again, we hear in the scriptures the rejoinder to rejoice! Both our first reading from Nehemiah when Ezra tells the faithful to, “go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks” and in our Gospel the Lord Himself declares to us that the time has come to bring glad tidings, liberty, sight, and freedom. For us, coming off the holiday season and maybe seeking to get back to a routine in our daily life, a call to celebrate can at times feel daunting. Rarely do our daily lives consist of physical hardships like hunger or captivity. Most of us are familiar with rich tasting foods and sweet drinks. We are accustomed to freedom of movement should we desire to travel for pleasure. What has become common in our life seems to lose its grandeur. Aren’t we already living what the Lord is calling us to live? This is a valid question and thankfully we are given the second reading to assist us in our understanding of the Lord’s statement that the scripture from the prophet Isaiah is fulfilled in their, in our hearing it. Why we celebrate will always affect how we celebrate. If we are free because of our own efforts then our freedom is a matter of justice. We earned it. If we are fed because of our own efforts then we deserve the bread we have. The Lord promises us the Bread of Life, the Eucharist, and this is not earned by us. The Lord promises us the freedom of eternal life, freedom from death. Only the Lord has earned this. Our second reading reminds us that we have a claim on this rich food and true freedom because we are His body. He has earned these things, not us. If we are united with Him as His body, only then can we make a claim. The origin of our happiness is Christ the Lord and His gift to us of becoming part of His body, the Body of Christ. Gratitude is our reason for rejoicing. That is unless we are content with the food we earn ourselves and the freedom which we provide. We are grateful for His gift of the Church and to receive from her everything He has earned!

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**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**January 26**

*Saturday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM  Dorothy Tinnello (†)

**January 27**

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 AM  Pro Populus  
9:30 AM  Bernie & Mary Slemmer (†)  
11:30 AM  Lloyd & Gladys McGregor (†)

**January 28**

*Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

8:30 AM  Louie Trevino (†)

**January 29**

*Tuesday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time*

**January 30**

*Wednesday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time*

8:30 AM  Bernie & Mary Slemmer (†)

**January 31**

*Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest*

8:30 AM  Stan Passman (†)

**February 1**

*Friday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time*

8:30 AM  Stan Passman (†)

*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*
Many Gifts, One Nation
A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools
January 29 at Noon - January 30 at Noon

Established in 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. A Day of Giving is part of Catholic Schools Week - January 27th through February 2nd, 2019. This year’s theme is “Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed.”

Catholic school education is an investment. Families work hard to cover the cost of tuition because they value faith-filled and quality academic formation for their children. Many families rely on financial assistance, scholarship opportunities and development support in order to bridge the gap.

Please support Catholic school education at St. Martin de Porres Catholic School with your contribution on A Day of Giving. Contributions may be made anytime during that 24-hour period by visiting www.NCEA.org/csw/manygifts to find the giving page link and search for St. Martin de Porres Catholic School, Prosper, Texas, or you can contribute by check anytime that week. If your contribution is by check, please see the instructions in the Principal’s letter on the reverse.

outreach weekend  feb 9/10
Boxes will be provided in the Narthex for each of the two ministries. Please drop items off before and after Masses on the weekend of 2/9-10

THE GABRIEL PROJECT
Caring Outreach to Women in Crisis Pregnancies
The Gabriel Project is a newer ministry at our parish. We mentor pregnant women by providing emotional support, spiritual encouragement, community resources and needed baby items.

A new baby boy was born last month. The items you contributed helped make it easier for him to be welcomed into the world! Thank you for your generosity. Currently, we are collecting the following:

new and gently used baby clothing
(ONLY sizes NB to 2T please)

PERU MISSION
PERSONAL
toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo,
disposable razors, deodorant, foot powder, towels

HEALTH
children multivitamins, glucosamine, sunblock,
fungicides, hand sanitizer, band aids, triple antibiotic ointment, gauze pads, gauze rolls or squares, silk tape

CLOTHING
Clothing MUST be new as Peruvian law does not allow used clothing for health reasons.

BOYS AND GIRLS SIZES 6-18
pants, dresses, shirts, underwear, socks, swimwear,
shoes, sandals, flip flops

Every year, (for a decade) Oscar and Peggy Salas have taken a group of people to Lima, Peru on a mission trip. Their efforts benefit:
1. The Posada de Belen (home for abused boys)
2. El Monastario de la Incarnacion (a convent of Augustinian nuns)
3. Children of Costa Azul - an area of extreme poverty (providing school supplies and supporting a hot breakfast program before school)
4. Helping Father Augusto build a church
Parents, Family Members, Parishioners, and Supporters,

You may not be familiar with the concept of Giving held in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week celebrations. **Giving is the opportunity to celebrate generosity to worthy causes.**

St. Martin de Porres Catholic School is such a cause, and the reason is easy to explain: our school, like all other Catholic schools across the nation, exist with the mission of providing the highest quality education in a strong academic environment reinforced by strong Christian values. We embrace that mission today as we celebrate our first year in our new school campus.

**On this Giving Week, would you consider supporting St. Martin de Porres Catholic School with a special gift?**

Your gift will help the school foster strong minds, bodies and spirits of our most precious students.

Your gift will help facilitate our growth in student population and the services we are able to provide. We are currently over 200 students strong and growing daily.

And, your gift will help provide a strong financial foundation upon which our school will grow and continue in our mission to provide the highest quality education in a strong Christian environment.

If you believe these goals are worthy of support, **please make your best, tax-deductible gift to St. Martin de Porres Catholic School during A Day of Giving, from noon on January 29th to noon on January 30th** by visiting www.NCEA.org/csw/manygifts to find the giving page link and search for St. Martin de Porres Catholic School, Prosper, Texas. Alternatively, you may make a check payable to St. Martin de Porres Catholic School. Place it in an envelope and drop it in the Sunday collection or mail it to the School at:

St. Martin de Porres Catholic School  
4000 West University Drive  
Prosper, TX 75078

Thank you in advance for your generous support of Catholic education here at St. Martin de Porres Catholic School.

Blessings,

Susan Flanagan
Principal, St. Martin de Porres Catholic School
Candlemas! The Annual Blessing of the Candles and The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

"Receive the light of Christ. This light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. You have been enlightened by Christ. You are to walk always as a child of the light. May the flame of faith be kept alive in your heart. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom." - from the Rite of Baptism

Every February 2nd, the Church celebrates the great Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple along with the Blessing of the Candles. This is a very ancient feast and celebration going all the way back to the early Church Fathers. Christ, the Light of the World enters His temple after His birth and is obedient to the law. The Lord fulfills the law of God given to Moses. We too are called to fidelity to God and His law. Candles when lit represent fidelity, life, and faith. The wise and prudent virgins maintained enough oil for their lamps so the light of faith would not run out prior to the Lord's arrival.

Many families keep a devotional area or altar somewhere in the home with images of loved ones and religious images. This becomes a place of prayer. It is appropriate to have a vigil candle lit during such times of prayer. Typically, candles used for this purpose are simple in design, unscented, and beeswax.

The weekend of February 2nd and 3rd, we will celebrate Candlemas and the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple at all Masses. You and your family are encouraged to bring personal candles from home which you wish to have blessed for use throughout the year.

Prior to each Mass that weekend, we will meet outside of the sanctuary. All candles to be blessed are brought with you, and after being blessed, some are lit, and together we will process into the church and begin Mass.
Our next Exploring Our Catholic Faith session will be January 28 from 7-9PM in the Daily Mass Chapel. Our Guest Speaker 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.

You are invited to join our parish community in a Catholic Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke. This study will be led by Father Walter Dworak and will be held on Tuesdays at 10AM from February 5- April 9. Registrations are requested. For more information or the link to register, please visit https://saintmartindp.org/bible-and-faith-studies or email Niki MacDougall.

Are you looking for ways to be involved in our parish community while deepening your faith? SMdP has newly-formed faith and fellowship groups for Young Marrieds, Moms, Women, Men, and Families! Contact Niki MacDougall at nicole@saintmartindp.org for more information.

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration! Spending time with our Lord through Adoration is one of the many gifts our Catholic faith offers to us. In Adoration, we can place our hopes, our fears, our joys and our sorrows in the hands of God, while growing closer in relationship with Him. We offer Adoration at the following times in the Daily Mass Chapel: Mondays, 9AM to 10AM; Wednesdays, 9AM to 11AM, and 7PM-8PM; Thursdays, 9AM to 10AM; and the 2nd Sunday of Every Month from 6:30-8PM.

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 for more information.

Our 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. To get plugged in on upcoming events and learn more, please visit https://tinyurl.com/smdpyoungmarrieds. Please send any questions to Niki MacDougall.

Were you married civilly, but wish to bring your marriage into the Church so that you may participate fully in the sacraments and receive the graces the Sacrament of Matrimony has to offer? Marriage Validation (often referred to as a convalidation or having your marriage blessed) is the process for civilly married couples who wish to bring their marriage into the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Niki MacDougall.

Come, join our 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! Please reach out to our Music Director, Joe Davisson: joe@saintmartindp.org.
Offertory Information for Week Ending January 20

Offertory Collection: $7,479.42
Year to date Offertory Collected: $355,967.56
Mass Attendance: 1,416

By supporting St. Martin de Porres through online giving, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind. Signing up is easy! Thank you for your continued support!

Simply visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: TX706.

Thank you to the 59 families of our parish who have responded generously to the Annual Diocesan Appeal! Our goal is to reach 100% participation!

For those who have not yet made a donation, you can find forms in the Narthex, or Text-to-Give information can be found below.

Thank you!

Supporting the needs of the ministries and outreach programs of the Diocese of Fort Worth is as easy as texting ADA to 91999.

Text ADA to 91999 or bit.ly/AnnualDiocesanAppeal

Catholic Schools

News from the Principal’s Desk

Each year, beginning on the last Sunday in January, the National Catholic Education Association recognizes all of the Catholic schools in our nation with Catholic Schools Week. Starting with Sunday Mass on January 27th, we have a whole week of activities planned to show what our students are accomplishing and to celebrate the community we have built to educate tomorrow’s citizens and church leaders.

The theme of our celebration is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” The theme encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, educators are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed.

The theme also focuses on key elements of Catholic education: faith development, academic excellence and dedication to service. These elements set Catholic schools apart from other educational options. They are why families make sacrifices to provide their children with a Catholic education.

Each day this week we will be honoring different parts of our community in different ways. On Thursday evening, we will hold our 1st Annual International Night. Parents are invited to “Tour the Countries” that their students have studied, and then all families are invited to join together for a Cultural Potluck Dinner. The next day, all students will have an opportunity to tour each country and get their passports stamped.

I am grateful every day for the teachers, staff, board members, parents and volunteers who make our school a success. National Catholic Schools Week is a good time for all of us to thank them for their dedication and service.

Have a blessed week,

Susan Flanagan
Susan Flanagan, Principal