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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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today’s Readings
Jer 17:5-8
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
1 Cor 15:12, 16-20
Lk 6:17, 20-26

Today’s Music
Entrance: All Are Welcome #414
Gloria: Mass of Creation #871
Responsorial Psalm pg. 72
Gospel Acclamation: pg. 72
Offertory: Jesus, Meek and Humble #132
Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Creation #872,873,874
Lamb of God: Misa Santa Fe, Cordero de Dios #899
Communion: Bread for the World #344,
Para Amar como Tu #485
Recessional: We Are the Light of the World #597

Level ground to instruct through example.

This Sixth Sunday of the season of Ordinary Time we hear of the beatitudes from the gospel of Saint Luke. Many of us are familiar with the Lord’s admonition of those who are worldly wealthy and His blessing of those who are poor in spirit. It is easy for us to be confused since Our Lord’s words are so different from anything we have heard from anyone else. All of this means that a closer look should be given to what is happening in addition what the Lord is saying. It is not insignificant that the Lord begins by coming down to level ground to His disciples. Disciples are students or those seeking to learn from the Lord rather than persons just interested in hearing what He is saying. Those seeking to learn from the Lord will have the ability to do so when the Lord comes among them on level ground. This is also another way to express the accessibility of the Lord to us. God does not simply hurl down commands from on high, separate from His people. The Lord has come to us and among us to instruct us and He does this firstly through His example. He models for us what it is He asks of us. When the Lord states that those who are poor, hungry, and weeping are blessed. He is speaking specifically of His disciples gathered with Him. These are the people who are seeking more than what the world has to offer them. Their poverty is in things of the world. Their hunger is due to the insufficiency of the world. They weep for lack of true depth and true justice found in the world. For them the world is not enough. The calls them blessed because they have rightly sought after the Lord to provide what the world cannot. This is also why those who find their fill in the world and are content with this world will be lacking in the future. Those people see no reason to seek beyond or deeper than this world for they are content. This world will pass away, but the Lord will not pass away. The Lord shows us what a heart focused on God looks like. He shows us what a heart unsatisfied with the world should be concerned with. The Lord has not simply provided us with instruction but has provided us with His example. He does this from level ground and from among us. When our life is conformed to Him, when our actions are conformed to His actions, then our hearts will no longer hunger or weep or be poor.

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/intentions-and-prayers
Would You Spend an Hour With Me?

As I was spending time in adoration last week, I felt the Lord telling me that ‘if people only knew I (He) was there, they would come in droves.’ The exhortation Jesus gave the disciples in the garden of Gethsemane came to mind:

Mt. 26:40 “And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, ‘So, could you not watch with me one hour?’”

The disciples, of course, were struggling to stay awake. In many ways this is what we too are doing. Spiritually it becomes difficult to focus when the world and our personal circumstances are pressing down upon us. Brothers and sisters, one thing is important - to spend time with our Lord, who has complete control of all things anyway. You will find that the time spent with Him will make those other things more bearable, as the Lord bears them with you. And in some cases, the concerns will be resolved completely! We have no actual excuse not to spend time with Him. And, He really is here, He really hears you and it really will make a difference.

For those of you who can, please consider spending at least an hour a week with the Lord. Times are below. He is here waiting patiently for you to join Him, to watch and pray. We are trying to expand adoration, and the response you give to the Lord will result in great blessings for you, your family and our whole parish.

Join us for Adoration in the Chapel
Monday: 9-10 AM
Wednesday: 9-11 AM and 7-8 PM
Thursday: 9-10 AM

Holy Hour for Healing
Second Sunday of Every Month, 6:30-8 PM

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Stephen Hauk
With the growth of our parish comes new opportunities for service. I am very pleased to announce the creation of a Parish Council. You are invited to prayerfully discern if the Lord is calling you to serve Him and His Church in this manner. The Parish Council is an advisory council to the pastor of a parish. This council provides feedback to the pastor regarding the direction of the parish as well as issues facing the parish. It should reflect the parish in a multitude of ways.

We are also in need of members to serve on our Parish Finance Council. This too is an advisory council to the pastor. This council has a specific focus on financial competence in their advice as opposed to the focus or direction of the parish.

To serve as a member of the Parish Council or Finance Council one must be a registered parishioner, fully initiated into the Catholic Church (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and if married - married in the Catholic Church).

On the afternoon of Sunday, February 24th, we will be hosting a time of prayer and discernment for persons interested in serving on either council. If you are interested in attending the afternoon discernment, please contact the parish office for the application form.

Both councils have handbooks along with basic guidelines which will be provided at their first meeting. Prior experience on a council is not required.

Please do prayerfully consider if the Lord is calling you.
Safe Environment Certification for Employees and Adult Volunteers is REQUIRED PRIOR TO SERVING in Ministry, and must be RENEWED EVERY TWO YEARS.

The next VIRTUS Safe Environment Awareness session at St. Martin de Porres will be on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the school gym. To register for this session, or any other session offered in the Diocese of Fort Worth, visit: www.saintmartindp.org/safe-environment-awareness.

Please contact Alexis Campbell at alexis@saintmartindp.org with any questions.

Catholic Charities Fort Worth (CCFW) is the social justice arm and charity of the Catholic Church. CCFW encourages all to know, understand, and end poverty as our call to serve our fellow brothers and sisters with the face of Christ. It’s time to take action. Let’s change the conversation about poverty. Let’s inspire others to join our mission.

How can I get help? How can I help?
- 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.

- Our next **Exploring Our Catholic Faith** session will be **February 25 from 7-9pm** in the Daily Mass Chapel. Our speaker for February will be **Deacon Bill Herbers**, and the topic will be “One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic”. Registration is not necessary. We hope to see you there!

- Join us on **February 28th at 7pm** as we begin a new book study on Dr. Edward Sri’s book **Who Am I to Judge? Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love**. In an age in which preference has replaced morality, many people find it difficult to speak the truth, afraid of the reactions they will receive if they say something is right or wrong. Using engaging stories and personal experience, Edward Sri helps us understand the classical view of morality and equips us to engage relativism, appealing to both the head and the heart. Learn how Catholic morality is all about love, why making a judgment is not judging a person’s soul, and why, in the words of Pope Francis, “relativism wounds people.” This study will be on **Thursdays from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall**, led by parishioner Michael Jacobsen. A free copy of this book is available for download on Formed.org. To register, please visit [https://saintmartindp.org/bible-and-faith-studies](https://saintmartindp.org/bible-and-faith-studies)

- Calling all Moms! Please join us for brunch and fellowship on **Saturday, March 2nd from 10AM-11:30AM** and get to know other moms in the parish. RSVP’s requested. Please send any inquiries or RSVP’s to Niki MacDougall: nicole@saintmartindp.org. We hope to see you there!

- 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/smpyoungmarrieds](https://tinyurl.com/smpyoungmarrieds). Please send any questions to Niki MacDougall.

- **Come, join our choir!** Rehearsals are every **Tuesday from 7-9PM** in the choir room of the Church. **Please note that rehearsals have moved from Wednesdays to Tuesday evenings!** 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 Davison: joe@saintmartindp.org.
**Offertory Information for Week Ending February 10th**

Offertory Collection: $7,085.75  
Year to date Offertory Collected: $387,536.68  
Special Collection - Church in Latin America: $125.00  
Mass Attendance: 1,410

Have you already slipped on those NYE resolutions? Skipped a few days at the gym, or picked up fast food instead of packing a lunch? Don’t worry, eGiving with Faith Direct is an easy resolution to keep!

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

**Welcome to our Church Family!**

Congratulations to the following children who have been recently baptized:

**Isabella Grace Aviles**  
**Emiliano Angelo Lopez**

Last Sunday, we celebrated two important Rites of initiation for inquirers in the RCIA adapted for children process: The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (for those preparing for Baptism) and the Rite of Welcoming (for those already baptized in another Christian tradition who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church).

**Kylie Acuna, Aleksander Acuna, and Alexander Aviles** celebrated the Rite of Acceptance.

**Blakely Stanford** celebrated the Rite of Welcome.

Please continue to pray for our catechumens and candidates as they now enter into a period of deeper formation in the RCIA adapted for children process.

**Get your Copy of The Diocese of Fort Worth’s 50th Anniversary Illustrated Book** to celebrate the history of the establishment of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth by Blessed Pope Paul VI. The book is filled with tons of interesting facts, and conveys the history of the Church in the 28 county part of North Texas that makes up the Diocese of Fort Worth. A copy of the book is on display in our Parish Office, as well as order forms if you are interested in purchasing a copy. The cost of each book is $37.

“**Blessed are you when people hate you, ...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man.**” (Luke 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn’t want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

**Thank you to the 62 families of our parish who have responded generously to the Annual Diocesan Appeal! To date, we have raised $21,192.20 towards our parish goal of $32,500!**

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.

Give to the Annual Diocesan Appeal year round through monthly bank draft or credit card donation.

Text SFC to 91999 or bit.ly/StFrancisCircle

When people are in need of prayers, the St. Martin de Porres “Prayer Warriors” are here to help! We all know how powerful prayer can be, and we hope those who are in need of our prayers can experience healing, peace, and encouragement through this ministry.

To submit your prayer requests, please visit www.saintmartindp.org/intentions-and-prayers or send an email to prayers@saintmartindp.org.

If you would like to become a member of the Prayer Warriors, we welcome your participation! Please send a note to prayers@saintmartindp.org.