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.

Find us on Facebook:
St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church - Frisco/Prosper

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Today’s Music

Entrance: Christ in Me Arise #513
Gloria: Mass of Creation #871
Responsorial Psalm: page 76
Gospel Acclamation: page 77
Offertory: Make Your Home in Me #621
Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Creation #872,873,874
Lamb of God: Misa Santa Fe, Cordero de Dios #899
Communion: I Received the Living God #326,
Amen. El Cuerpo de Cristo #337
Recessional: Beautiful Savior #198

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.

Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes!

We invite you to help St. Martin de Porres by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will help our parish save money and resources, and it helps simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season - signing up is easy!

Simply visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: TX706.
Generously I have received, generously I should give!

"Can a blind person guide a blind person? 
Will not both fall into a pit? 
No disciple is superior to the teacher; 
but when fully trained, 
every disciple will be like his teacher... - LK 6:39-40

Our Gospel this eighth week of the season of Ordinary Time is a continuation from last week concerning forgiveness. Last week we heard from the Lord that the standard we should use when dealing with others is the standard by which we have received from the Lord. In other words, we are to show mercy and forgiveness to others not because they have earned it or deserve it but because the Lord has shown us mercy and forgiveness precisely when we did not earn it or deserve it. Unfairly have we received from the Lord to our benefit and now we are asked to extend this same generosity in forgiveness and mercy to those whom we encounter. This week in the Gospel the Lord invites us to consider just what it is that we have received from Him as our teacher. Our actions will always demonstrate what we truly believe and from whom we have chosen to follow. If the Lord is our teacher and we truly are His students, then our actions will demonstrate the lessons we have learned. We can never surpass the generosity of the Lord. The Lord has given us everything and done so even after we threw it away by our sins. We cannot outdo the Lord, but we can fall short in our return. When we chose not to extend the same generosity to others, freely, which is the way we received it from the Lord, then we are turning our backs on the teachings of the Lord. We are choosing to follow other teachers. A fully trained disciple will be like his teacher. What do our actions today, say about who we have chosen as our teacher? The oldest and original sin is disobedience. If we wish to receive the good things of the Lord, then His command is that we share what we have received from Him and in the same way we have received it from Him. In this matter, disobedience is the same as disowning the teachings and gifts of the Lord. Gratitude is the best basis for generosity and the surest way to remain faithful to the teachings and example the Lord has provided. A grateful heart assumes nothings is deserved or earned or claimed as a right. A grateful heart, a full heart, produces good fruit and lasting fruit. The Lord cannot be outdone in generosity. How generous can I be?
Once again, I am amazed how time is flying by! We had a busy couple of months starting off the new year. Catholic Schools Week, at the end of January, was a great success and lots of fun! Then, our Mardi Gras Celebration topped off February in a super way. We saw a $15,227.00 profit from this event, and we want to thank all parishioners and school families that supported us by sponsoring items for our dance and auctions and/or by joining us that evening. Next year, we are moving this event to the Friday before the start of Catholic Schools Week, which is January 24, 2020. We will begin the week with our dance/auction/celebration and end with the 5K/1K run. So, mark your calendars and make plans to join us for both of these fun events!

Have you ever thought about a faith-filled education for your children or grandchildren? At St. Martin de Porres Catholic School, our Catholic faith is integrated into every educational experience, while our Education in Virtue program teaches the students about the four Cardinal virtues of Justice, Temperance, Prudence, and Fortitude and the Theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity. Open enrollment has begun for the 2019-2020 school year. Private school tours can be arranged by calling the school office at 469-362-2400. Our school website also has tuition information on it and the enrollment paperwork. Tuition assistance is available for those families who demonstrate need.

Have a blessed week!

Susan Flanagan
Lent begins on March 6!
During the 40 days of Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to prayer, almsgiving and fasting. During Lent, we are called to reflect on our baptismal promises and focus on repentance and reconciliation to facilitate conversion in our lives.

When is fasting required? Who must fast?

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. Fasting is required of those who are between the ages of 18-59 years old. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

Are there exemptions other than for age from the requirement to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill, including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

Who must abstain from meat on Fridays? What is classified as meat?

On all Fridays during Lent, all Catholics who are 14 years old or older must abstain from eating meat. Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs - all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consommé, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, and seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste). Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted.

The above information was taken from the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, usccb.org
# Outreach Weekend

**March 9/10**

All proceeds benefit our local food pantry: Bethlehem Place

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Please drop off all items in the box located in the Narthex before and after masses on the dates listed above.

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**Encounter Lent**

We are called forth from the desert to encounter resurrection.

**Hungering for the Journey**

Join the St. Martin de Porres community and more than 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's rice bowl in the Narthex or at the entrance to the Chapel next weekend, March 9th/10th. Don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app for daily reflections and recipes. Remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives.

Rice bowls may be returned beginning the weekend of April 6th-7th, before and after Mass in the parish hall.

For more information, please visit crsricebowl.org
**Offertory Information for Week Ending February 23rd**

**Stewardship**

**Offertory Collection:** $7,802.08  
**Faith Direct:** $7,863.00  
**Year to date Offertory Collected:** $425,624.78  
**Mass Attendance:** 1,365

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](https://tinyurl.com/smdpyoungmarrieds).

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**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.

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**Prayer Requests and Prayer Warrior Ministry**

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](http://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.

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**So far, 62 families from St. Martin de Porres have pledged $17,593.13 towards our parish goal of $32,500!**

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

**Join us Fridays at 10AM or Mondays at 6:30PM during Lent to grow in community and faith with other SmDP moms. The devotional starts Ash Wednesday (March 6th) so please contact Niki MacDougall by March 1st for more information about the study, including book purchase and meeting details.**

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**“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.” (Luke 6:43)**

Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don’t have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.