Fourth Sunday of Lent

Your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.
Lk 15:32

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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.

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 (with school students)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm
or by appointment

ADORATION
Monday 9:00-10:00 am
Wednesday 9:00-11:00 am & 7:00-8:00 pm
Thursday 9:00-10:00 am
Holy Hour for Healing will be offered on the 2nd Sunday of every month from 6:30-8:00 pm

REQUESTS FOR EUCHARIST FOR THE SICK, HOMEBOUND & HOSPITAL VISITS
Please call the parish office at 469-287-7624.

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Today’s Music

Entrance: Glory in the Cross #156
Kyrie: Chant Mass
Responsorial Psalm: page 94
Gospel Acclamation: page 94
Offertory: Gracious God #118
Eucharistic Acclamations: Chant Mass #932, 873, 934
Lamb of God: Chant Mass #936
Communion Antiphon: page 96
Communion: Taste and See #334
Loving and Forgiving #665
Recessional: Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior #591

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

March 30
Saturday of the Third Week of Lent
5:00 PM Berni & Mary Semler (†)

March 31
Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM Sister Pat Kinser (†)
9:30 AM Lucila de Caraccioli (†)
11:30 AM Pro Populo

April 1
Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent
8:30 AM Karolyn Prochaska (†)

April 2
Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

April 3
Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent
8:30 AM Melissa Bernard (†)

April 4
Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:30 AM Lloyd & Gladys McGregor (†)

April 5
Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest
8:30 AM David Gonzalez (†)

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

It’s not too late to donate a beautiful lily in honor or in memory of your loved ones to help decorate our Parish Hall and Chapel for Easter!

The beautiful, trumpet-shaped white flowers symbolize purity, virtue, innocence, hope and life - the spiritual essence of Easter. Donation forms are due by Wednesday, April 10. Please see one of our friendly ushers if you need a form.

Please join the 10,566 families within the Diocese of Fort Worth that have pledged more than $2.7 million to the Annual Diocesan Appeal this year. Because of their generosity, the Diocese of Fort Worth will be able to financially support our seminarians, retired and infirm priests, rural and needy parishes, correctional ministry, marriage and family life ministry, Catholic schools, Campus ministry programs, permanent deacons and those served by Catholic Charities. Lent is the ideal time to make your sacrificial gift for this year’s appeal! All funds stay within our diocese. Text-to-Give: Text ADA to 91999
During these days of the Lenten Season, we have an opportunity to journey down a familiar path. We have experienced Lent before and we have memories and expectations for what Lent should feel like to us. While this can sometimes be repetitive it can also be for us a new opportunity to experience something deeper. With repeated exposure we can either “tune out” or “notice the nuance - fine tune” the experience. At times this can be hard to do because our attention is being divided and we can allow ourselves to “check out”. Our Gospel this 4th Sunday of Lent is the second of three encounters with the Lord highlighting the path of conversion and is explicitly read when a parish has members journeying through the RCIA process to formalize their conversion in Christ and become full members of the Church He established. The Lord is with His disciples and the Jewish Feast of Booths is concluding in the city of Jerusalem. As they gather and celebrate this feast, they enter several rituals. These rituals are familiar experiences to the Jewish people with the Lord. They might even feel repetitive to some of them. The two themes of this week-long Jewish feast are light and water. It is a celebration instituted by God so the Jewish people, His people, would not forget what God had done for them while in the desert. The people dwelt in booths while in the desert; temporarily structures symbolizing the nature of their condition as nomadic. God provided for them a pillar of light to guide them and water to sustain their life. The Gospel this Sunday demonstrates that the Lord is fulfilling the true purpose of a pillar of light by giving sight to a man born blind and leading him to faith. The Lord fulfils the purpose of water by sending the man to be cleansed in the pool of Siloam, a word which means “sent”. The Lord is the water sent by the Father for the purpose of us having eternal life. True light/sight and true-life giving water are found in Him. The time and purpose of the feast was being fulfilled in the Lord. The sight of faith is found by the man born blind and it is found through the fulfilment of the ritual in and by the Lord. Blindness is more than a physical condition and requires more than a physical response. Our familiarity with the ritual can become a blindness to our faith as is demonstrated by the Pharisees. Lent, as with the Feast of Booths, should lead us to a spirit of gratitude to God for all He has provided for us. Then we will be able to “fine tune” our journey through the season and experience the still greater gift of sight and life through Christ the Lord.
We are called forth from the desert to encounter resurrection.

This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl reminds us that the journey through the desert ultimately leads to resurrection.

WEEK 4

Education is key to SIERRA LEONE’s future. That’s why KUMBA is so passionate about school-she wants to make a difference. Our faith upholds our RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: education is a right; we have a responsibility to use it for the common good.

Encounter Kumba

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good?

visit crsricebowl.org for more.

outreach weekend

April 13-14

All proceeds benefit the Little Elm Area Food Bank

12-16oz. Bag of Rice
12-16oz. Bag of Beans
Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
Canned Ravioli or Spaghetti
Canned Peaches
Canned Pineapple
Canned Mandarin Oranges

Canned Fruit Cocktail
12-16oz. Packets Mashed Potatoes
Boxed Saltine Crackers
Boxed Cereal
Bars Ivory Soap
12-16oz. Liquid Dish Soap
16-24oz. Laundry Soap

Please drop off all items in the box located in the Narthex before and after masses on the dates listed above.
THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON:
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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, usecb.org
Offertory Information for Week Ending March 24th

Offertory Collection: $8,172.05
Faith Direct: $8,460.00
Year to Date Offertory Collected: $484,900.78
Special Collections: $165 (Rice Bowl)
                   $55 (Indian and Black Mission)
Mass Attendance: 1,565

So far, 64 families from St. Martin de Porres have pledged $19,653.13 towards our parish goal of $32,500!

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.

Is the Lord calling you to RCIA? St. Martin de Porres’ RCIA process is a year-round process, meaning 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 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.

“No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.” (Joshua 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God’s blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

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.
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