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 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am
Thursday 8:00 am (with school students)
Friday 8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm
or by appointment

ADORATION

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30-12:00 noon & 7:00-9:00 pm
Sunday 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 Readings
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
1 Cor 3:16-23
Mt 5:38-48

Today’s Music
Entrance: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus #721
Gloria: Mass of Renewal #860
Responsorial Psalm: page 75
Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Renewal page 75
Offertory: Love Goes On #477
Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Renewal #863,865,867
Lamb of God: Misa Santa Fe #897
Communion Antiphon: page 76
Communion: I Am the Bread of Life #327
Recessional: We Belong to You #63

Interested in joining our Music Ministry?
We are always looking for choir members, instrumentalists, and cantors! Please see Joe after Mass, or send him a note: jdavisson@saintmartindp.org.

Mass for the Week

February 22
Father Brian
Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle
5:00 PM   Ann Sutherland (†)

February 23
Father Brian
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM   The Massman Family
9:30 AM   Pro Populo
11:30 AM  Don and Diane Anthony

February 24
Father Brian
Monday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM   Rose Jacobsen (†)

February 25
Father Brian
Tuesday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

February 26
Father Brian
Ash Wednesday
8:00 AM   Lourdes Ongchangco (†)
6:30 PM

February 27
Father Brian
Thursday after Ash Wednesday
8:00 AM   Kathy and Ted Weber

February 28
Father Brian
Friday after Ash Wednesday
8:00 AM   All Souls in Purgatory (†)

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.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com
You have heard it said… but I say to you…

Our Gospel this weekend is so familiar that it is easy to hear it and to default to familiar understandings. It has almost taken the status of a wise saying which we promptly dismiss. This happens when familiarity and lack of depth collide. We tend to simply pause, nod, and go about our familiar way with no change to our daily life. When this happens, the seed which is the Word of God has fallen on the rocky path and is trampled underfoot, and cannot bear fruit. When Satan engages the Lord in the dessert, he quotes Scripture to the Lord but he misquotes and misapplies it to try and confuse. When we allow a misinterpretation of the Scriptures, we render the Word of the Lord barren. It is no longer the message of the Lord. Our Gospel this weekend is not about letting someone get away with an injustice.

If we leave the message of the Gospel at dealing with matters of justice, we have missed the greater part of the message the Lord is giving, and we will completely misunderstand the final words of the Lord. The Gospel is about patience and enduring in faith when situations are difficult for our faith. The instinctual reaction to many situations in our life when we not only feel slighted but when an injustice has been done to us is a feeling of revenge. Our Lord tells us that revenge will not serve us for salvation. Patience during hardship and endurance in faith, particularly when instructing those ignorant of the Lord, will not only serve our salvation but also the other person’s salvation.

Justice belongs to God and God will have His justice. He offers to us not justice, but forgiveness and patience and He does this freely to us. The forgiveness which is freely offered to us cost Him His very life. God is perfectly patient and perfectly faithful. When we learn to set aside personal motives like revenge and learn to endure in faith we too will be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect, perfect in selflessness.

Fr. Stephen Hauck

We are called
Join the St. Martin de Porres community - and 14,000 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 - 2/29 - 3/1. Don’t forget to download the daily reflections and weekly meatless recipes. Remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives.

Rice bowls may be returned beginning the weekend of March 28-29th, before and after Masses in the Parish hall.

Then, taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to [his] disciples to set before the people.

-Mark 6:41
Ways to Evangelize during Lent

During Lent, when your friends or co-workers express curiosity about Catholic customs and symbolism, use those moments as opportunities to evangelize! Following are some common questions Catholics hear during Lent, and some evangelizing answers.

Ash Wednesday: “What’s with that dirt on your head?”
Who hasn’t gotten that question on Ash Wednesday before? Do you feel silly when people ask you about your ashes? And is it hard to answer their questions? Having ashes on your forehead isn’t just some weird Catholic thing: it’s a tradition that finds its roots in the Old Testament. “I turned to the Lord God, to seek help, in prayer and petition, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes” (Daniel 9:3). When the ashes are placed on our foreheads in the sign of the Cross, it is a reminder of several things. First, it is a call to repentance: a physical sign that we are sinners in need of forgiveness, which is how the prophets used it in the Old Testament. Second, it is to remind us that God created us from the earth and when we die, we will return to it. But here’s the best part: As Pope Benedict XVI has said, “Man is dust and to dust he shall return, but dust is precious in God’s eyes because God created man, destining him to immortality.” God so loves us that, even when our bodies return to the dust, our souls are meant to live forever with him. The ashes symbolize all of this. Not so silly anymore, is it?

Abstinence: “So why aren’t you eating pepperoni pizza on Friday?”
You love pepperoni pizza. You eat it all the time. Suddenly, you can’t have it on Fridays?! What could possibly be going on? It must be that Catholic thing, again. Absolutely! On Fridays during Lent, we particularly remember the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. In memory of this great sacrifice, we continue the tradition of penance and sacrifice – abstaining from meat on Fridays is an outward manifestation of an interior reality: the conversion of our hearts. As Pope John Paul II has said, “In fact, the external aspects of fasting, though important, do not convey the full measure of the practice. Joined to the practice should be a sincere desire for inner purification, readiness to obey the divine will and thoughtful solidarity with our brothers and sisters, especially the very poor.” Christ himself fasted and prayed in the desert. Through fasting and praying, we unite ourselves with the sacrifice of Christ and offer him reparation for our sins and failings. It’s a little thing to give him in the face of his ultimate sacrifice, but what a grace that our God accepts and loves little gifts!

External Sacrifice: “So why exactly are you not eating candy for the next month?”
This is a very popular penance during Lent, and the questions about it are just as popular. Heaven forbid you should avoid the cake at the birthday party! You LOVE cake! But it’s Lent – a time for penance and sacrifice. Christ has said, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Luke 9:23). Giving up something we enjoy strengthens our love for Christ and our resilience against temptation. As Pope Benedict XVI said in his Lenten address of 2009, “Through fasting and praying, we allow [Christ] to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God.” It unites us with Christ’s own sacrifices and gives us a deeper appreciation of the blessings in our lives.

The information above was taken from United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, www.usccb.org
Offertory Information

February 15-16 Collection
Offertory Collection: $18,842.05
Deficit Reduction: $4,804.66
Faith Direct Collection: $15,890.14
Year to date Offertory Collected: $535,387.59

Total Weekend Mass Attendance: 1,499
Saturday, 5:00PM - 316
Sunday, 7:30AM - 208
Sunday, 9:30AM - 474
Sunday, 11:30AM - 501

So far, 56 of our registered families have contributed $19,528.37 towards our parish goal of $51,500.

We prayerfully ask that you consider using our secure and easy-to-use electronic giving program, Faith Direct, because it automatically process donations to the offertory or any second and/or special collections of your choosing.
To enroll in online giving, visit faith.direct/TX706.

St. Martin de Porres Lenten Penance Service
Monday, March 23
7:00 PM

Got Experience, Strength & Hope?
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For more information:
Gregory C.
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Please join us for an informational meeting on Wednesday,
March 4 at 7:00 PM in the school chapel.

THE COST FOR THIS TRIP IS $1,799 PER PERSON (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 25 PEOPLE (FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS)

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The Black and Indian Mission Collection (BIMC) exists to help diocesan communities to build up the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God.

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**Enlivening Parish Life & Catechesis**
Grant funds from the BIMC enable us to support parish-based catechetical programs. We help form and train catechists who will form children to be disciples of Jesus in the world and get bibles and catechisms in kids’ hands so they can learn the ways of the Lord and take their place around His altar.

**Empowering Evangelizers**
BIMC grant funds help African American and Native American ministries to sponsor events and formation that encourage living the Christian life in culturally appropriate ways. Religious sisters shown here, serve Native American Catholics spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Helping Educators Reach Kids**
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**Encouraging Vocations**
We need men and women to answer the call to the consecrated life and offer their witness as radical disciples of Jesus Christ. We need priests in order to have the Eucharist! Supporting the BIMC enables us to help encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life in diocesan communities across the country.

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