The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.

Matthew 4:10
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.
Today’s Readings
Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11
Mt 5:17-37

Lent is the time where all Christians are called to consider how they are making personal and spiritual sacrifices to renew our faith, and thank God for the blessings He has bestowed upon us. Almsgiving is one way that we can honor Christ’s sacrifice while providing our parish the financial means to continue our work in the community to share the Gospel.

This year, we prayerfully ask that you consider giving up your envelopes, and using our secure and easy-to-use electronic giving program, Faith Direct. Signing up is easy and only takes a few minutes - and if you need assistance with signing up, Faith Direct is there to help you every step of the way. Join the many parishioners who have shared with us how they love the convenience of not having to write checks anymore! Thanks to eGiving, their weekly offertory is already taken care of – which saves them time, while our parish can save money by eliminating all those unused offertory envelopes.

To answer the call and sign up, visit: faith.direct/TX706

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church

PreK3 - 8th Grades
Now Enrolling!
www.smdpcatholic.org

Our Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, February 28. Food will be served between 5PM and 6:45PM (dine-in and carry-out options are available). There is no set fee for the meal, but the Knights will be accepting donations towards the St. Martin de Porres’ Monument Sign Fund and other Council #17304 charities. The menu includes: hand-battered fried fish, baked fish, French fries, coleslaw, hush puppies and homemade desserts.

Today’s Music
Entrance: Led by the Spirit #125
Kyrie: Chant Mass #842
Responsorial Psalm: page 80
Gospel Acclamation: page 81
Offertory: Gracious God #118
Eucharistic Acclamations: Chant Mass #844, 845, 846
Lamb of God: Chant Mass #848
Communion Antiphon: page 82
Communion: In Memory of You #347
Recessional: Leave in Silence

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 29
Saturday after Ash Wednesday
5:00 PM  The Anthony Family

March 1
First Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM  Lou Brull (†)
9:30 AM  The Greg Anthony Family
11:30 AM  Pro Populo

March 2
Monday of the First Week of Lent
8:00 AM  All Souls in Purgatory (†)

March 3
Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

March 4
Saint Casimir
8:00 AM  Charlie Paguio (†)

March 5
Thursday of the First Week of Lent
8:00 AM  Adelaide Roscom (†)

March 6
Friday of the First Week of Lent
8:00 AM  Carol Pelzel (†)

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
Offertory Information

February 22-23, Collection
Offertory Collection: $11,269.80
Deficit Reduction: $585.00
Faith Direct Collection: $10,914.28
Year to date Offertory Collected: $558,156.67

National Collections
Home Missions: $20.00
Rice Bowls: $190.00
Church in Latin America: $25.00

Total Weekend Mass Attendance: 1,505
Saturday, 5:00PM - 320
Sunday, 7:30AM - 147
Sunday, 9:30AM - 415
Sunday, 11:30AM - 623

So far, 57 of our registered families have contributed $22,300.23 towards our parish goal of $51,500. We are striving for 100% parish participation! Please text ADA to 91999, or you can find a form in the Narthex.

Outreach Opportunities
Help fulfill the mandate of the Lord to His faithful

Hunger in Our World
When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, "Give them some food yourselves." Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry in your community?

Visit enricedowel.org for more.

CRS Rice Bowl

Join the St. Martin de Porres Outreach Team
Informational Meeting
SUNDAY
MARCH 1, 2020
10:45 AM
ST. MARTIN DE PORRES
SCHOOL CHAPEL

Help fulfill the mandate of the Lord to His faithful - to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, visit the sick, shelter the homeless, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead, and give aims to the poor.

The Great Pasta Drive
Supporting Bethlehem Place Prosper's Food Pantry

outreach weekend
March 14-15

Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Top Ramen
Macaroni & Cheese

Please drop off all items in the outreach cart located in the Narthex before and after any Mass on the dates listed above.
The Season of Lent

As we embark on this new season of Lent, we might feel like a rut or pattern has developed in our faith life. This can happen when we become familiar with a pattern. The goal of having different seasons within the Church’s calendar is not to form cycles per se, but to allow for spirals - familiar actions, but with progress. The overlap and cyclical pattern each year means that we don’t have to tackle everything at once. It also means that each year we should be moving deeper in our relationship with the Lord. Each year, much has changed in our life, and a change in season should allow us to bring those changes in our life to the Lord.

Our Lenten Season is divided into two parts. The first half is focused around how well I have lived my faith. We see in our Gospel this 1st Sunday of Lent with Our Lord tested in the desert, that we too at times will find ourselves tempted. We are tempted to place our faith in only the material world focusing on physical needs and desires. We are tempted to place our faith in technology and entertainment as providing value or finally, we are tempted to trust in government for our salvation. Each of these avenues will ultimately fail us but we still find ourselves tempted. We also see the excuses which are used when defending a decision to not trust in the Lord. Satan encourages us to twist Sacred Scripture to justify whatever actions we desire. It is only in prayer and relationship with the Lord that we find the correct understanding of His Word and, we find His lived example.

This Lenten Season, I am asking each family to take on a triple challenge! Each week during the six-week Lenten Season, as a family, I am asking you to make 1 Holy Hour in Eucharistic Adoration, give up 1 Meal for the week, and feed 1 family by providing a meal for them. When we fast from food, we detach ourselves from this world. When we do charitable acts, we share the free gift we have received from the Lord and grow in humility. When we spend time in prayer with the Lord, we are attaching ourselves to heaven and learning to focus our mind and our heart.

Our parish is very blessed to offer Eucharistic Adoration three days a week, both mornings and evenings. We also regularly collect food for our local food pantries, assisting truly needy families in our community. I hope that this Lenten Season is fruitful for you and your family. Please know that you are in my prayers and I ask you for your prayers for me too!

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Dear SMdP Parishioners,

My name is Laurie Trevizo, and I am the Chair of the St. Martin de Porres (SMdP) School Advisory Council (SAC). I am also a parent of two daughters that attend SMdP Catholic School. The SMdP SAC was formed at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year and has nine members, consisting of both parents and parishioners. For the past year and a half, we have worked diligently on a Strategic Plan for SMdP Catholic School along with Mrs. Flanagan and Father Stephen. The approved strategic plan can be found at [www.smdpcatholic.org/strategic-plan](http://www.smdpcatholic.org/strategic-plan). The plan outlines a greater vision for the school and identifies the goals and objectives to achieve that vision. The Strategic Plan was integral in the SMdP school accreditation approval last October. The visiting accreditation team was very impressed with the Strategic Plan and the effort of the SAC to include stakeholder suggestions. Currently, members of SAC work together to manage several committees: Catholic Identity, Marketing and Development, Technology, and Finance. These committees, along with the SAC, help to implement the goals to work to achieve the greater school vision. This spring and next fall the SAC will continue to implement the goals in the Strategic Plan with the mission to provide a quality Catholic education which educates the whole child in mind, body and spirit.

Many Blessings,

Laurie Trevizo
Join us at St. Martin de Porres for Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent
7:00 PM

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

Holy Week and Easter
at St. Martin de Porres

April 5: Holy Hour for Healing at 6:30 PM (confession will be offered - last opportunity at SMdP)
April 6: No Daily Mass or Adoration
April 8: No Daily Mass or Adoration
April 9: Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:30 PM (No Daily Mass)
April 10: Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion at 7:30 PM (No Daily Mass)
April 11: Easter Vigil at 8:30 PM (no confession, no 5:00 PM Mass)
April 12: Easter Sunday Masses at 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM (No 7:30 AM Mass)
April 13: No Daily Mass or Adoration
April 15: No Daily Mass or Adoration
Questions and Answers about Lent and Lenten Practices

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.

Q. Why do we say that there are forty days of Lent? When you count all the days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, there are 46.
A. It might be more accurate to say that there is the "forty day fast within Lent." Historically, Lent has varied from a week to three weeks to the present configuration of 46 days. The forty day fast, however, has been more stable. The Sundays of Lent are certainly part of the Time of Lent, but they are not prescribed days of fast and abstinence.

Q. So does that mean that when we give something up for Lent, such as candy, we can have it on Sundays?
A. Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices for the whole Time of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous, i.e., kept on Sundays as well. That being said, such practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience.

Q. I understand that all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, but I'm not sure what is classified as meat. Does meat include chicken and dairy products?
A. 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, as well as 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.

Q. I've noticed that restaurants and grocery stores advertise specials on expensive types of fish and seafood on Fridays during Lent. Some of my Catholic friends take advantage of these deals, but somehow I don't feel right treating myself to the lobster special on Fridays during Lent.
A. While fish, lobster and other shellfish are not considered meat and can be consumed on days of abstinence, indulging in the lavish buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point. Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice. On the Fridays of Lent, we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer.

Q. I understand that Catholics ages 18 to 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, but what exactly are the rules for these fasts?
A. Fasting on these days means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

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

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