

# Third Sunday of Advent

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Cry out with joy  
and gladness:  
for among you  
is the great  
and Holy One  
of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm



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### WELCOME TO SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES CATHOLIC CHURCH!

*We invite you to become involved in our parish. If you wish to become a member, please complete a Parish Registration Form. Forms are available after all Masses and can also be found on our website.*

#### Celebration of the Mass

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:30 a.m.  
Monday 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday 9:00 a.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m. (with school students)

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:15-4:45 p.m.  
or by appointment

#### Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Richard Kirkham  
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**REQUESTS FOR EUCHARIST FOR THE SICK, HOMEBOUND & HOSPITAL VISITS**  
Please call the parish office at 469-287-7624.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated by appointment. If you wish to have your child baptized, please contact our Sacramental Coordinator, Anne Savoie. Parents and godparents are required to attend a pre-baptismal class, which are held the third Wednesday of each month.

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Those wishing to marry should contact the Sacramental Coordinator as soon as possible, but at least six months prior to anticipated date of marriage.

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## Third Sunday of Advent



It's Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday! Light the third (rose-colored) candle on your Advent wreath. Today, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning today, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and

Laetare Sunday. In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

### TODAY'S READINGS:

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Psalms Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

**"Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."**

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18



## Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve:** 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm

**Christmas Day:** Midnight and 10:00 am

**December 31:** Vigil, Solemnity of Mary, 6:00 pm

We will be decorating the altar with beautiful red poinsettias for Christmas. **These poinsettias can be dedicated in honor or in memory of a loved one for a cost of \$20 per plant.** If you wish to donate, please pick up an envelope at the church entrance and include your loved one's name on the envelope with your donation. Please return your envelope to the parish office by December 18.



## Masses for the Week

Two intentions were inadvertently left off last week:

Monday, Dec. 7 at 9:00 am: Gerard McCann (†)

Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 9:00 am: Susie McBride (spec int)

### Saturday, December 12

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

5:00 pm Audrey Wetzel (†)

### Sunday, December 13

*Third Sunday of Advent*

7:30 am Pro Popula

9:00 am Robert Rhyne (spc int)

11:30 am McBride Family (spc int)

### Monday, December 14

*Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church*

### Tuesday, December 15

### Wednesday, December 16

6:00 pm

### Thursday, December 17

9:00 am

### Friday, December 18

9:00 am School Mass

*If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, and/or you would like to have a mass dedicated to someone, please call the parish office.*

## Weekly Offering

*Please make checks out to Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church*

Week ending December 6, 2015

Weekly Need:	\$5,000.00
Offertory Collection:	\$3,733.00
Annual Need to Date:	\$115,000.00
Collections to Date:	\$113,180.00

**- \$1,820.00**

**Mass Attendance: 459**

5 pm: 93, 7:30 am: 48, 9 am: 177, 11:30 am: 141



Dear Parishioners,

In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting Saint Martin de Porres through Faith Direct, both you and our parish can more easily project your future contributions.

You can sign up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) using our church code: **TX706**, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available in the parish office.

God Bless,  
Rev. Richard Kirkham



### The Week Ahead

- A Carter BloodCare bus will be at the church **TODAY from 8:30 am to 2 pm for our Blood Drive**. Breakfast burritos will be provided by the Knights of Columbus.
- Please join us today for a state of the parish update. **After the 11:30 mass, help yourself to a donut, then come back to the church.** We will have a movie for the kids in the library during this meeting to make it easier for parents to attend.
- **Liturgical ministers are asked to check-in 15 minutes before mass.** If you are not scheduled, please see the sacristan to see if you are needed.
- Choir Practice: the 9:00 am mass ensemble rehearses at 8:25am on Sunday, and the 11:30 am mass ensemble rehearses at 10:30am.
- If your child becomes fussy and needs a break during mass, please feel free to go into the hallway, church entrance, or the parish office. **Children under 10 must be accompanied in the halls and restrooms at all times.**
- The parish office inside the school building is open after masses on Sunday, on Monday from 9:30-4:30, and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30-3:30. The parish office phone is answered from 9-5 Monday through Thursday, and 9-3 on Friday.

*If you have a submission for the bulletin, please contact Anne Savoie ([anne@saintmartindp.org](mailto:anne@saintmartindp.org)) by Monday at 5 pm.*



### St. Martin de Porres Catholic School Faith ~ Family ~ Future

- ♦ We have **5 seats available for a partial day program in PreK3!** This is a 5-day program from 8:15 am until 12:00 pm. Students must be 3 years of age, on or before September 1, 2015. For more information, please contact **Nancy Kirkpatrick**, Principal, at [nkirkpatrick@smdpcatholic.org](mailto:nkirkpatrick@smdpcatholic.org).



**Midnight Mass Choir**  
rehearsals are scheduled on  
December 17 and 23 from 7-9  
pm.

### Saint Martin de Porres Parish Wish List and End-of-Year Giving

2016 will be a big year for Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church. We will be breaking ground on our future location, and welcoming new parishioners into our parish family. In all the hustle and bustle that goes with this Christmas season, we ask that you prayerfully consider including Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church in your end-of-year giving. Your gift, in any amount, will assist in your plans to create a meaningful and lasting impact on our Catholic Church.

As we grow, we will need to purchase items for our church. If you are interested in purchasing a gift for our parish, please stop into the parish office and ask to see our Wish List. Any help that can be given towards the purchase of these items would be greatly appreciated! If you don't want to purchase a specific item, you can write "Parish Wish List" in the memo on your donation. Any amount you contribute is tax deductible, and can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one.

If you would like to give your gift electronically, you can download the Faith Direct app today and make a One-Time Gift to Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church.

Thank you for your generosity!



### Volunteer Opportunities

Our parish is in need of many volunteers for different jobs. If you have some spare time and want to help our new parish, please contact **Rose** ([rose@saintmartindp.org](mailto:rose@saintmartindp.org)) or **Anne** ([anne@saintmartindp.org](mailto:anne@saintmartindp.org)) in the parish office. Visit our website to learn about the different ways you can serve in your parish:  
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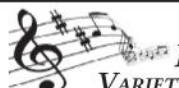


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