

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Lord, make  
us turn to you;  
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and we shall  
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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  
**Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper**  
Rose Burke, [rose@saintmartindp.org](mailto:rose@saintmartindp.org)  
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**Director of Family Faith Formation**  
Laura Myers, [laura@saintmartindp.org](mailto:laura@saintmartindp.org)

**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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Light the fourth candle on your Advent wreath. In this final week of preparation for the birth of Jesus, reflect on the beauty and fragility of human life that we see in the infant Christ. Even when people are small, weak, defenseless, dependent, demanding or disgusting by worldly standards, God sees beauty. So should we see this beauty in ourselves and in others. Pope Francis recently captured this when he reflected: "Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

### TODAY'S READINGS:

Micah 5:1-4a

Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

"Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45



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

## Masses for the Week

### Saturday, December 19

5:00 pm Richard Le Grand (†)

### Sunday, December 20

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 am

9:00 am Edwin Devadoss (†)

11:30 am Pro Popula

### Monday, December 21

#### Saint Peter Canisius

9:00 am

### Tuesday, December 22

### Wednesday, December 23 (no daily mass)

#### Saint John of Kanty

### Thursday, December 24

#### The Vigil of Christmas

4:00 pm

6:30 pm Edwin Devadoss (†)

### Friday, December 25

#### The Nativity of the Lord

Midnight:

10:00 am The Family of Fr. Richard Kirkham

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.

## Christmas Week Mass Schedule



December 21: 9:00 am

December 23: no daily mass

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

Christmas Day: Midnight and 10:00 am

December 26: 5:00 pm

December 27: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:30 am

December 28: no daily mass

December 30: no daily mass

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

## Weekly Offering

Please make checks out to Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church

Week ending December 13, 2015

Weekly Need:	\$5,000.00
Offertory Collection:	\$2,641.85
Faith Direct:	\$2,455.00
Annual Need to Date:	\$120,000.00
Collections to Date:	\$118,277.00

- \$1,733.00

Retired Religious Collection: \$174.00

Mass Attendance: 451

5 pm: 95, 7:30 am: 25, 9 am: 154, 11:30 am: 177



## In Our Parish

- Midnight Mass Choir rehearsal is on December 23 from 7-9 pm.
- The parish office will be closed for Christmas beginning on December 24, and will re-open on Monday, January 4. For emergencies, please call 469-287-7624.
- Did you leave something behind after mass? Please check the lost and found basket in the parish office!
- 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.**
- NO parking in the fire lane at any time.

*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

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- ♦ St. Martin de Porres Catholic School students will be on Christmas break starting Friday, December 18, and will return on Monday, January 4.
- ♦ 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).

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

*\*All year-end contributions MUST be post-marked no later than December 31, 2015 to be posted on this year's contribution record\**

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.

If you are interested in purchasing a gift for our parish, please stop into the parish office and ask to see our Wish List. 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. Please note that Building Fund donations cannot be made through Faith Direct. If donating by check, please put "Building Fund" in the memo.

Thank you for your generosity!



The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites welcomes you to attend a continuing series of discussions of Carmelite Spirituality. These will be held on the second Saturday of each month at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Denton, Room 207, 2:30-3:30 pm, starting January 9, 2016. Contact [amdawson33@gmail.com](mailto:amdawson33@gmail.com) or [paul.dworak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paul.dworak@sbcglobal.net) for more information about these sessions or to learn about membership in the secular order.

## 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: [www.saintmartindp.org/ministries](http://www.saintmartindp.org/ministries).





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