

FEAST OF THE Holy Family

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:40



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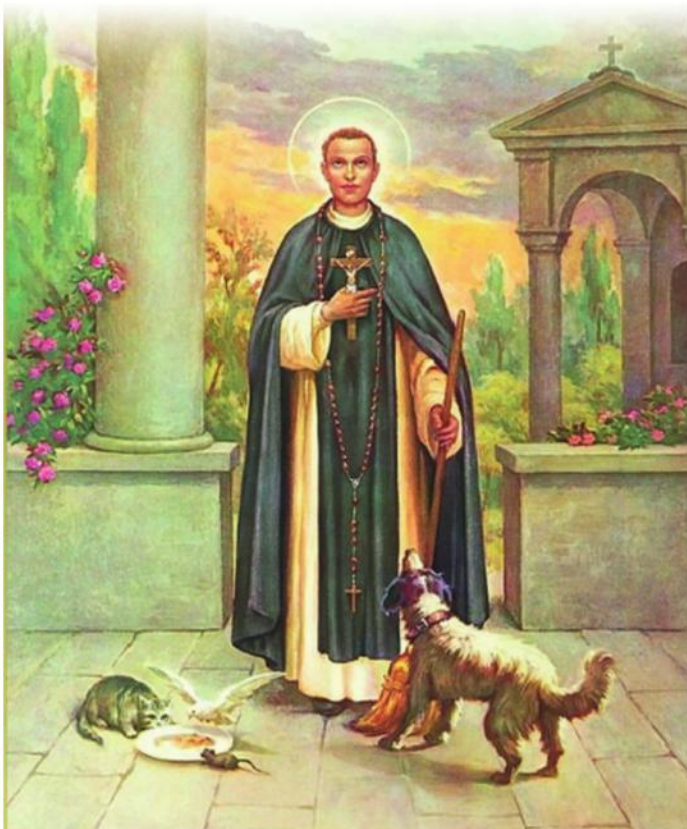
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WELCOME TO ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CATHOLIC CHURCH!

We are so glad you are here, and invite you to become involved in our parish. If you wish to become a parishioner, please pick up a registration form in our narthex, call the parish office, or download a form online by visiting our website. New parishioner welcome receptions are held several times throughout the year.

Celebration of the Mass

Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:30, 9:00, 11:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m.
Monday	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	8:30 a.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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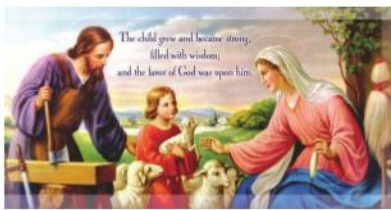
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Today's Readings

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

"Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

Colossians 3:12-21

Luke 2:22-40

Welcome to St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church! This is a very exciting time for our parish, and we are thrilled that you have decided to join us.

Our parish was established in February 2015, by **The Most Reverend Michael F. Olson, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth**, to serve the rapidly-growing areas of Frisco, Little Elm, and Prosper in eastern Denton County, Texas.



Bishop Olson appointed **Rev. Richard Kirkham** as the first Pastor of the parish. The first mass of St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church was celebrated on February 8, 2015, at Purefoy Elementary in Frisco. The Diocese of Fort Worth purchased 52 acres in Prosper on March 4, 2015, upon which St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church and St. Martin de Porres Catholic School was to be built. In June 2015, all masses were moved to the St. Martin de Porres Catholic School building, located at 303 King Road in Frisco. The last mass at that location was celebrated on Monday, December 11, 2017.

We encourage you to become a registered parishioner of St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church! You can pick up a registration form in our narthex, call the parish office at 469-287-7624, or download a form online by visiting our website. New parishioner welcome receptions are held several times throughout the year. **We look forward to meeting you!**

Last Weekend for End-of-Year Giving!

Your gift, in any amount, will create a meaningful and lasting impact on our church! *End-of-year contributions must be received by December 31, 2017.*



There will be no Daily Masses January 1 - 5

Since the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on January 1, falls on a Monday this year, it is NOT observed as a Holyday of Obligation.

Mass Intentions for the Week

December 30

The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas
5:00 PM

December 31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30 AM Dorothy Defeo (†)
Requested by Vicki Sipes

9:00 AM Paul Defeo (†)
Requested by Vicki Sipes

11:30 AM

4:30 PM Pro Popula

January 1

*The Octave Day of Christmas
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God*

8:30 AM NO DAILY MASS

January 2

Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

January 3

Christmas Weekday

6:30 PM NO DAILY MASS

January 4

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:30 AM NO DAILY MASS

January 5

Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

8:30 AM NO DAILY 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 or visit the parish office, or visit our website.

Don't miss out on the blessings of service! At St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, we encourage everyone to become active in parish life. Our ministries offer many opportunities to get involved, enjoy fellowship, and deepen your relationship with God.

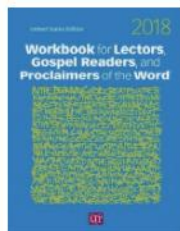
As we continue to grow, we are in need of volunteers for ALL of our ministries, especially:

- * Homebound Ministry
- * Ushers
- * Hospitality



If you would like to get involved, please visit www.saintmartindp.org/ministries, and use the link at the bottom to sign up via Ministry Scheduler Pro. You will receive a note with volunteer information. *Thank you for the gift of your time and talent!*

2018 Lector Workbooks are now available in the parish office!



These workbooks contains the readings in large print for practice, with words in bold indicating suggestions for emphasis, commentaries that give background and explain the meaning of the reading, margin notes with pronunciation guides and tips for proclamation. *Suggested donation of \$15 per book.*

On December 10, our Family Faith Formation had Service Centers. It was an amazing night! We packaged items that our families generously donated for 6 local charities. Many cars were filled to the brim with packaged donations, complete with cards and artwork made by our youngest parishioners!



Our next Family Faith Formation class will be on January 7 at 6:00 PM.

For more information, please contact our **Director of Family Faith Formation, Laura Myers**, at laura@saintmartindp.org.



Offertory Envelopes for 2018 are in the Parish Office!

If you recently registered in our parish, please call to check if your envelopes have arrived. Please note that if you use Faith Direct, you will not receive a boxed set of envelopes.

If you wish to have your child(ren) Baptized, please visit www.saintmartindp.org/baptism for important information and our parish policy. All first-time parents, those families new to the parish, and families who have not had a child baptized in the last five years must attend a Baptism Preparation class. Please send a note to **Anne Savoie** (anne@saintmartindp.org) for more information.



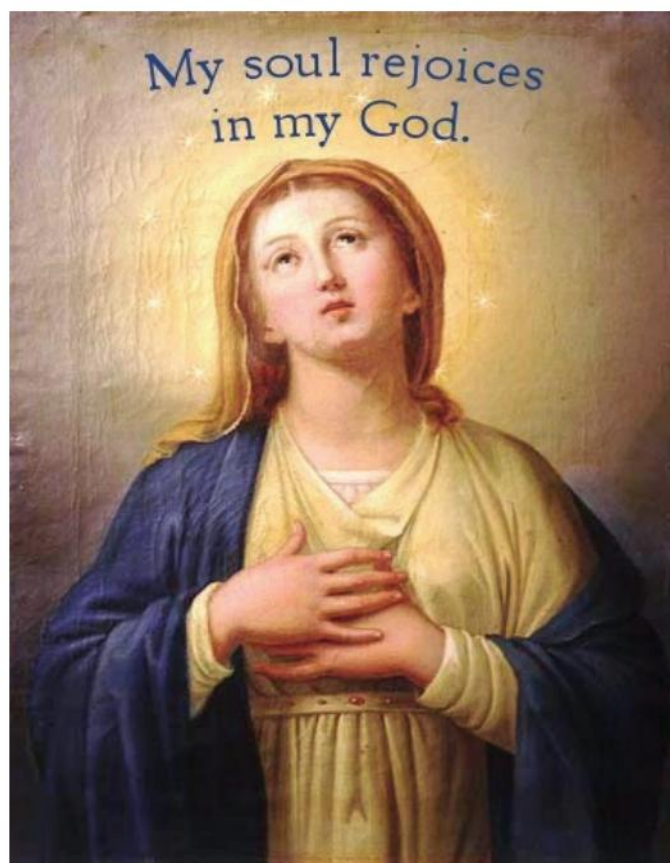
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Would you be interested in **Purchasing HoneyBaked Gift Cards** to help St. Martin de Porres reach our Phase I Building Campaign Goal?

- **20% of the proceeds will benefit our Founding Families Campaign**
- They can be used at any HoneyBaked Ham location nationwide, as well ordering product online.
- HoneyBaked Gift Cards can be purchased in denominations of \$10, \$25, \$50, or \$100.
- They NEVER expire and there are NEVER any additional fees.
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Here's all you have to do to help your church.

- ***You MUST purchase your Gift Card on-line @ [https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/Founding Families Building Fund Campaign](https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/Founding_Families_Building_Fund_Campaign)***
- Gift cards are mailed and delivery usually takes 7-10 business days. Expedited shipping is available at additional costs.
- E-Gift cards are NOT available.
- Then use your gift card to purchase your HoneyBaked product at any location (there's a store on Preston in Frisco) or use it for on-line purchases.

If you plan on HoneyBaked products this Holiday Season please go on-line to purchase your Gift Card. Don't forget to allow sufficient time for delivery.



Dear Parishioners,

Throughout the Season of Advent, we have been preparing 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 St. Martin de Porres, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season.

Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your End-of-Year contributions to your account!

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: TX706. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,

Rev. Richard Kiekham

So far, 119 families (24% of total registered families) have pledged \$27,965.81 towards our parish goal of \$23,700!

Although we have reached our goal, we are still striving for 100% participation by June 30, 2018!

Please remember to pray for the work of the **Annual Diocesan Appeal** as it supports our seminarians, deacons, Catholic Charities, Catholic schools, marriage and family life ministries and others. Text ADA to 99999, complete one of the commitment cards located in the narthex, or visit our website to make your donation today. *You can even pay in monthly installments instead of making a one-time gift!*

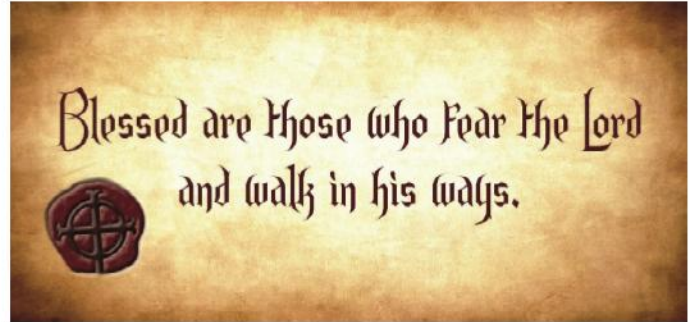


Visit: bit.ly/AnnualDiocesanAppeal



We have 3 new communion cups remaining that can be given in honor or in memory of a loved one. The cost for each cup is \$500.00, and includes engraving. For more information, please call the parish office at 469-287-7624.

Interested in joining our Music Ministry, and/or becoming a Cantor? We would love to have you! Please contact our **Music Director, Joe Davisson** at joe@saintmartindp.org or speak with him after Mass for additional details.



Stewardship News for Week Ending December 24, 2017

Weekly Need:	\$19,393.28
Offertory Collection:	\$16,374.00
Christmas Collection:	\$12,945.16
Year to Date Budget:	\$504,225.28
Year to Date Collected:	\$249,321.56
Under:	\$254,903.72

Special Collections

Retired Religious - \$60.00
Immaculate Conception - \$90.00

Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share.
—Timothy 6:17-19



4th Sunday of Advent

Mass Attendance

Saturday, 5:00 PM - 315

Sunday, 7:30 AM - 84

Sunday, 9:00 AM - 221

Sunday, 11:30 AM - 197

Total Weekend Attendance: 817

Christmas

Mass Attendance

Sunday, 4:00 PM - 846

Sunday, 7:00 PM—390

Midnight—189

Monday, 8:00 AM—119

Monday, 10:00 AM—265

Total Christmas Attendance: 1,809

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