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*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	8:30 am
Wednesday	8:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	8:30 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	3:30-4:30 pm or by appointment
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REQUESTS FOR EUCCHARIST FOR THE SICK, HOMEBOUND & HOSPITAL VISITS

Please call the parish office at 469-287-7624.

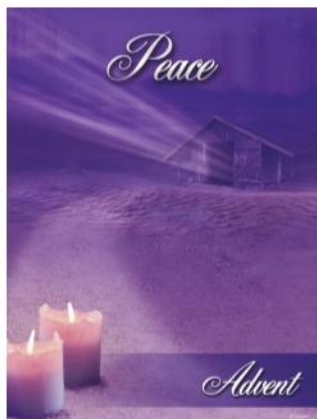


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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



TODAY'S READINGS

BAR 5:1-9
 PS 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
 PHIL 1:4-6, 8-11
 LK 3:1-6

Entrance: Emmanuel #56

Kyrie: Mass of Comfort and Joy

Responsorial Psalm: page 36

Gospel Acclamation: Advent Gospel Acclamation #74

Offertory: Ready the Way #63

Eucharistic Acclamations: Chant Mass, Sanctus, #932, 873, 934

Lamb of God: Chant Mass Agnus Dei #936

Communion: Servant Song #376, Come, Emmanuel #70

Recessional: Alleluia, Hurry the Lord Is Near #52

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

December 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 AM

5:00 PM Deacon Werner and Provie Rose

December 9

Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Jackie Powers (†)

9:30 AM Pro Populo

11:30 AM Gordon Lee Christenson (†)

December 10

Monday of the Second Week of Advent

8:30 AM Silvia "Bethany" Banda

December 11

Saint Damasus I, Pope

December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 AM Ledoardo Santamaria, Sr.

December 13

Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:30 AM Teresa Jimenez

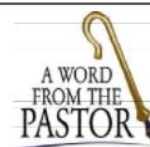
December 14

Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Michael Lucignani (†)

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/mass-intentions

Setting out in haste to meet the Lord



A very blessed Advent to each of you and your family! This second Sunday of Advent we begin to hear of the urgency with which we must enter our preparations to receive the Lord when He arrives. The season of Advent is shorter than the season of Lent though both have similar focuses of preparation. We undertake this preparation as individuals and as a community. Our preparation is also both internally or spiritual and externally through our actions. It is important that we undergo preparation for the Lord's coming. The Lord enters into the world and takes a human nature to Himself so that it is easier for us to allow Him to enter into our heart. His coming physically is for the purpose of receiving Him internally. This is also the reason the Lord gives us for why He must leave and ascend to heaven. This is so we may receive the Spirit. It is incredibly beneficial for us to welcome the Lord among us as truly one of us, fully human! However, the Lord does this for the purpose of not merely walking among us as friend but to give us His very spirit. In this way He is giving us His very life to live as our life! Without preparation to receive Him in our heart, His coming to dwell among us simply remains a wonderful but external event for us. Our Gospel today calls us forth to make straight His paths, to fill every valley, make every mountain and hill low, to make winding roads straight and rough roads smooth. This is how we prepare to receive the Lord into our heart by removing obstacles and anything which might delay or make difficult the roads in our life. We do this first through gratitude for all the many gifts the Lord has given to us, individually and collectively. Because the roads in our lives are not straight, level, or smooth, the Lord has conquered much to give us the graces and blessings which He has already provided to us. Gratitude is the first step to preparing our heart to receive Him when He comes. Let us set out in haste to meet the Lord and do so with a joyful and grateful heart!

To. Stephen Hancock



News from the Principal

Our school had a very successful Scholastic Book Fair the week before Thanksgiving. It was so successful that we sold over 1,000 books, much to the delight of our students. Now, myself and Coach D will get to dress up as Book Fairies for a day!! Look for that to happen right before we leave for the Christmas Holiday.

These last weeks of the first semester are filled with many learning activities. The middle school will take final exams the week of December 17th, which is a first for our school. Our Christmas Pageant is Friday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. We welcome parishioners to come experience the joy of children singing and performing. The Pre-K – 1st graders will perform two Christmas songs each at the beginning of the program. The play being performed by our 2nd-8th graders is *Christmas in Black and White*.

When we return from Christmas Holiday, we begin planning for Catholic Schools Week which begins on the last Sunday in January. We have special events and activities planned for the whole week, which I will share more about closer to that week.

Believe it or not, we have already begun giving tours for the 2019-2020 school year. I expect that our classes will fill pretty quickly this new year. If you or someone you know is interested in a Catholic education for a child in grades PreK-3 through 8th grade, please have them call the school to get more information and to schedule a private tour of our school.

Blessings to all during this special Advent season,

Susan Flanagan

Mrs. Flanagan

ADORATION TO EXPAND

Starting December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Martin de Porres will begin expanding adoration of our Lord on Wednesdays from 9:00 – 11:00 AM. Previously, it was from 9:00 – 10:00 AM.



Also, we will begin adoration on Wednesday evening from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. This is the first step towards what we hope will be perpetual adoration of our Lord. As we expand adoration, we would like to have people get into the habit of signing up for slots as though they were spots that need to be filled, even if at the start this might not seem strictly necessary. Be on the lookout for sign-up instructions to commit to an hour of adoration of our Lord. Please reach out to **Deacon Jack Gardner**, deaconjack@saintmartindp.org with any questions.



We hope you'll join us for the Advent Penance Service on Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 PM. Several priests will be available to hear individual confessions. If it has been a while since your last confession, do not be afraid! We invite and welcome you to come and experience the amazing gift of God's mercy. If you need to refresh your memory, please visit www.saintmartindp.org/reconciliation and download a printable version of how to examine your conscience and confess your sins. You will also find information about Advent Penance Services at surrounding parishes within our Diocese.

Deck the Hall

Poinsettia & Decoration Donation Form

We will be including poinsettias in our parish hall and chapel decorations for Christmas. These poinsettias can be dedicated in honor of or in memory of, a family or individual at a donation amount of \$20 per plant.

Please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or return it to the parish office by
Sunday, December 16th

Due to printing schedules, names received after this date will not be included in the bulletin.

All proceeds from the poinsettia donations will go to the Art & Environment Fund. This fund directly supports the preparation of the parish hall and chapel for each liturgical season. This includes but is not limited to flowers, candles and other decor.

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Please drop off items in the box in the
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**December
15th & 16th**



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**All items collected will be donated to
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We do not accept monetary donations on behalf of Bethlehem Place.

**Monetary donations can be mailed to:
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LIVING OUR FAITH

- We invite you to join our parish community for **Eucharist Adoration and Evening Prayer on Sunday, December 9 from 6:30-8PM** in the Chapel. This *Holy Hour for Healing* will be offered on the 2nd Sunday of every month. Please consider joining us for this opportunity to grow closer to our Lord.
- We have an immediate opening for an additional **Bookkeeper**. If you are interested, please visit our website www.saintmartindp.org for more information.
- SMDP's **Young Marrieds Ministry** invites all young married couples to participate in a series of topic discussions from the highly-acclaimed Symbolon series, ***Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage***. Join them every second Monday of the month for an opportunity to learn about and discuss the meaning, purpose and beauty of marriage. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/smdpyoungmarrieds> for more information on the ministry and their upcoming events. Please send any questions to nicole@saintmartindp.org.
- Our next *Exploring Our Catholic Faith* session will be **January 28, 2019 from 7-9pm** in the Daily Mass Chapel. Due to Christmas break there will be no session in December. Our Guest Speaker for January will be **Jason Spoolstra**, Director of Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries for the Diocese of Fort Worth. He will be speaking about Respect Life Issues.
- **Would you like a reserved seat for Mass?** Join the Choir! Rehearsals are every **Wednesday from 7-9PM** in the choir room of the Church. Anyone in 8th grade through adult who is willing to commit to attending rehearsal and Mass are welcome! We also welcome proficient instrumentalists to assist in our ensembles as well. Any questions? Please reach out to our Music Director, Joe Davisson: joe@saintmartindp.org.

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION WEEKS ENDING DECEMBER 2

Offertory: \$7,857.51
Year to Date Collected: \$251,183.15
Total Weekend Mass Attendance: 1,272



Enrolling in eGiving is a safe and secure way to give to our parish and getting started is easy! Simply visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **TX706**.

*We are pleased to announce that **Kathy Campbell** will be assuming the position of **Business Manager** recently vacated by Jean-Marie Miesch. Kathy has been working as our bookkeeper for the past year, and prior to joining us enjoyed an 8-year tenure as the business manager of a private school in Salt Lake City. A native of Canada, Kathy was educated in the Certified General Accountants program and is currently studying to complete her HR certification with the Society of Human Resource Management. Kathy and her husband, Liam, have 2 children, Conor and Sarah, both of whom will be graduates in the spring; Conor will be graduating from Texas A & M University and Sarah will be graduating from Lone Star High School. In her spare time, Kathy enjoys exploring new places in Texas and abroad, reading, wine tasting, and cheering on her favorite sports teams – the Aggies, and Everton FC. She is excited for this new role, and looks forward to helping our wonderful faith community with its continued growth.*



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