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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.

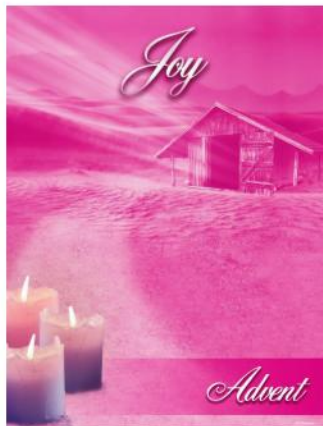


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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



TODAY'S READINGS

ZEP 3:14-18A
 IS 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
 PHIL 4:4-7
 LK 3:10-18

Entrance: Emmanuel #56

Kyrie: Mass of Comfort and Joy

Responsorial Psalm: page 40

Gospel Acclamation: Advent Gospel Acclamation #74

Offertory: Christ, Circle Round Us #55

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

Lamb of God: Chant Mass Agnus Dei #936

Communion: Christ, Be Our Light #596

Song of the Body of Christ #332

Recessional: God Has Chosen Me #379

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



Mass Intentions for the Week

December 15

Saturday of the Second Week of Advent

5:00 PM Denise Petrey (†)

December 16

Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Pro Populo

9:30 AM Mike and Jim Canty (†)

11:30 AM Carol Bison (†)

December 17

Monday of the Third Week of Advent

8:30 AM Donald Chlebove (†)

December 18

Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent

December 19

Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent

8:30 AM Mary Albanese (†)

December 20

Thursday of the Third Week of Advent

8:30 AM Jim and Anne Stakem

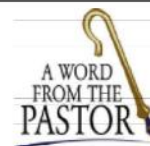
December 21

Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM David Craft

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

Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again, Rejoice!



This Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, is a very special Sunday across the entire Church. Together we celebrate Gaudete Sunday or Rejoice Sunday! This Sunday is usually marked with the introduction of the color rose to the normal purple which marks this season. This is the Sunday when we light the rose-colored candle on our Advent Wreath along with the two purple candles giving witness to our fidelity to the season. The Church bids us rejoice because we have been faithful these prior two weeks and the time of preparation is quickly ending. Our long-expected messiah is coming soon! As a parish, we too rejoice with the universal Church, but also in a particular way we rejoice today. This Sunday marks our first anniversary in our new building at our permanent location! Today is a great opportunity to celebrate! Our readings and our mass for this Third Sunday of Advent speak to us of fidelity and of worship. We are reminded that our fidelity in preparation for the coming of the Lord at Christmas, and the looking forward to His second coming, is done through right worship and right living. John the Baptist reminds the people how they are to live as testament to their repentance. The way we live our life will always give testament to what or who we believe in. There is a difference between being a nice person because it's "nice to be nice"; and being kind and living justly out of love and recognition for all that Christ has done for me. Living a life rooted in gratitude to God for the many unwarranted gifts He has given to me allows me to encounter the world with that same gratitude the Lord has for me. Firstly, this is done by right worship of Christ in the mass. By keeping holy the sabbath, by being faithful to attending mass, on time :-)) we live the reality that we are grateful to God and that He is a priority in our life. Our fidelity to God is no longer something we have but something we live when we keep holy the sabbath and worship the Lord as He has asked to be worshiped, at and through the one prayer that is the mass. We can rightly rejoice if we have properly prepared for the coming of the Lord. We rightly rejoice because we know what His coming means for us and the world. Happy One Year Anniversary and thank you for your fidelity to Christ!

To. Stephen Hancock



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve
4:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Christmas Day
Midnight and 10:00 AM

Doors will open 45 minutes prior to the start of each Mass.

Please note that seats may not be saved or reserved for any reason, so we strongly recommend that your entire group arrive at the same time. Our ushers will fill any empty seats 15 minutes prior to the start of each Mass.

In years past, the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve has filled to capacity within 15 minutes of the doors opening. In compliance with the Town of Prosper Fire Department, when the building reaches capacity, the doors will be locked, and nobody else will be allowed to enter. In the event that the building does reach capacity, Mass will start as soon as the doors have been closed.

Thank you for your assistance, and we look forward to celebrating this most special feast day with you!



News from the Principal

In recent months, our school has re-formed its School Advisory Council. We had a discernment in late August and the nine new board members began their ministry in September. The School Advisory Council is comprised of school parents (1/3) and St. Martin de Porres parishioners (2/3). The role of the council is to advise our pastor and principal on issues regarding our parish school. Each council member is actively part of one or more committees involving the well-being and growth of our school: Catholic Mission, Marketing & Development, Finance, Membership, and Technology. These committees, in turn, are comprised of members from the school staff and community and the parish, and they meet monthly (or more often) to work on items pertinent to their committee's focus. The School Advisory Council meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the school building.

The 2018-2019 St. Martin de Porres Catholic School Advisory Council's membership roster is:

Laurie Trevizo – Chair	Finance Committee, Marketing & Development Committee
George Siller – Vice-Chair	Finance Committee (Chair), Marketing & Development Committee (Co-Chair)
Kim Sine –Secretary	Catholic Mission Committee, Technology Committee
Julie Cavanagh	Marketing & Development Committee (Co-Chair, Membership Committee
Adelina Christensen	Membership Committee (Chair)
Stefan Matura	Catholic Mission Committee (Chair), Technology Committee
Kathleen Neuwirth	Marketing & Development Committee
Betty Schearf	Marketing & Development Committee
JP Tubuo	Technology Committee (Chair)

I know you will join me in welcoming and thanking these board members for the giving of their time, talent, and treasure to St. Martin de Porres Catholic School.

Have a blessed week,

Mrs. Flanagan

Do you love sharing your faith with others, and want to learn how to be an effective witness for Christ?



We are excited to announce that St. Martin de Porres Parish will offer the Diocese of Fort Worth *St. Francis de Sales Basic Catechist Certification* program one Thursday per month January 2019-October 2019 (no class in July). Whether you are a volunteer in a Catechetical ministry, are a parent in SMdP Faith Formation or School, or would just like to learn more about how you can participate in the universal call for evangelization and holiness, these sessions are for you! Throughout this journey, participants will become familiar with basic catechetical concepts; understand the role of the liturgy, the RCIA process, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, proper methodology, lesson planning, and so forth in the areas of catechesis and catechetical instruction.

Our hope is that anyone who participates in this program will gain a better awareness and appreciation of catechesis and the central role it plays in bringing others to experience an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

These sessions are open to all who would like to register. You do not need to be a volunteer or parishioner of SMdP to register. Registration requested by January 2 for planning purposes. The cost for the course is \$70 for 9 classes. Dates and topics are below. All classes will be held in the Parish Hall.

Questions? For more information on the program, please contact Mrs. Niki MacDougall, Director of Religious Education: nicole@saintmartindp.org.

Ready to register? Follow this link to sign up!

<https://diocesefortworth.regfox.com/sfds-en-st-martin-de-porres-prosper>

Date	Topic
January 24, 2019, 7pm-9pm	What is Catechetics?
February 21, 2019, 7pm-9pm	The Content of Catechetics
March 21, 2019, 7pm-9pm	Teaching the Salvation History through Sacred Scripture
April 11, 2019, 7pm-9pm	Using RCIA as a model of instruction
May 16, 2019, 7pm-9pm	Teaching from the Catechism
June 6, 2019, 7pm-9pm	Teaching the Liturgy and the Sacraments
August 15, 2019, 7pm-9pm	Teaching According to Age
September 19, 2019, 7pm-9pm	Teaching Methods in Catechesis
October 17, 2019, 7pm-9pm	Developing your Curriculum

The end of the year is a busy time, full of holiday fun with family and friends, special celebrations and a time of rejuvenation for the New Year. It's also one of the best times to review financial decisions, especially decisions regarding charitable giving. There are certain benefits to making gifts before the end of the year!

YEAR-END GIVING



Visit www.advancementfoundation.org/year-end-giving for information to help you accomplish your giving goals. Want to simplify your giving even more? Enrolling through Faith Direct 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.*



Join us for Adoration in the Chapel

Monday: 9-10 AM
Wednesday: 9-11 AM and 7-8 PM
Thursday: 9-10 AM

Holy Hour for Healing
Second Sunday of Every Month, 6:30-8 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.



LIVING OUR FAITH

- The **Catholic Guys Group** for parish men in their 20s and 30s will meet on Wednesday, **December 19** from **7-8:30 PM**. The topic will be, "How do I keep my "yes" as a "yes" and my "no" as a "no"?"
- 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 Symbol 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.



This weekend, December 15-16, marks our one year **Dedication of Altar anniversary!** Please join us for cake after all Masses this weekend as we celebrate!

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 9

Offertory: \$11,259.62
Faith Direct: \$9,993.00
Immaculate Conception: \$1,274.00
Year to Date Collected: \$273,709.77
Special Collection: \$766.00 (Priest Care Fund)



Total Weekend Mass Attendance: 1,562



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 St. Martin de Porres, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season.

Signing up is easy! Simply visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **TX706**

Already using Faith Direct? Log in to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

Welcome, Deacon Bill Herbers!

Bill was born and raised in Memphis, and graduated from the University of Memphis. He was ordained on March 4, 2000, in the Diocese of Memphis where he also served as Director of Facilities and Risk Management for 22 years until his retirement. He met and married his wife, Judi, in Miami, Florida where he was stationed with the Coast Guard. They moved to Texas to be close to their daughter, son-in-law, and four grandsons. The move also allowed them to be closer to their son and daughter-in-law who live in Tulsa. Bill is an avid racquetball player, and tries to play golf. He can be reached at DeaconBill@saintmartindp.org.

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