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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.

Facilities Mgr.

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

REQUESTS FOR EUCHARIST FOR THE SICK, HOMEBOUND & HOSPITAL VISITS

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

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7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Readings

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

Mass Intentions for the Week

February 23

Saturday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Lucila de Caraccioli (†)

February 24

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Pro Populo 9:30 AM Petra & Peter Shiti 11:30 AM The Dobblestein Family

February 25

Monday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Joan Gerlacher (†)

February 26

Tuesday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

February 27

Wednesday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Noli Velardi (†)

February 28

Thursday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Mary Edwin (†)

March 1

Friday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Bernie & Mary Semler (†)

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/intentions-and-prayers

Today's Music

Entrance: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy #476

Gloria: Mass of Creation #871 Responsorial Psalm: page 74 Gospel Acclamation: page 75

Offertory: Christians, Let Us Love One Another #475 Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Creation #

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Lamb of God: Misa Santa Fe, Cordero de Dios #899 Communion: Pan de Vida # 335. Be Not Afraid #431

Recessional: City of God #385

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**.



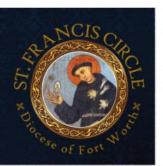
So far, 62 families from St. Martin de Porres have pledged \$17,490.57* towards our parish goal of \$32,500! We are still striving for 100% parish participation!

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.

For those who have not yet made a donation, you can find forms in the Narthex, or Text-to-Give information can be found below.

You can even pay in monthly installments rather than making a one-time gift!

*Please note that an incorrect amount was listed in last week's bulletin.



Give to the Annual Diocesan Appeal year round through monthly bank draft or credit card donation.



Text SFC to 91999 or bit.ly/StFrancisCircle

The Lord cannot be outdone in generosity!

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

- LK 6:26-28



This is standard of the Lord and the standard the Lord asks of His followers, but why? Rightly, this is confusing to us. When dealing with each other this does not seem like the appropriate way to do really anything, which is why so many of us have trouble carrying it into action. This becomes even more difficult to "live up to" when dealing with someone close to us, it's personal to us. Often the hardest people to love and forgive are those who hurt us the deepest, those closest to us. It's personal. Why does the Lord ask this of us? Why love our enemies and bless those who curse us and pray for those who mistreat us? The main reason we struggle with this is because it doesn't seem fair. This is very true, it is not fair. It is important to recognize that what the Lord is asking of us is something which is unfair. His expectation is not rooted in fairness. So why does He ask this of us, why this standard? This is the standard of the Lord for His followers because this is what His followers have received from Him. When the Lord loves us, though we are sinners, and blesses us, though we curse Him in word and deed, and prays for us, though we mistreat Him through our habitual sin, He does not do this out of a sense of justice or fairness as if we earned His love or blessing or prayers. Lord has freely given these things to us though we did not and do not deserve them. When the Lord asks His followers to do the same to their enemies. He is asking us to bring Him into our encounters with others. He asks us to remember Him and what He has done for us, personally. In short, the Lord is asking us to put into action our gratitude to Him. Gratitude is the key to understanding why the Lord asks anything of us regarding each other. Gratitude is never forgetting what God has done for me freely. I have earned and deserve nothing from God other than the wages of my sin. God in His freedom and love of His creation has chosen to offer me salvation. I can make no return on this gift. The only appropriate gift to God in response to His gift is me is a life converted to Him and a life of gratitude. Gratitude is also the basis of our term tithe. When we are asked to make a tithe offering to God it is generally done as 10% of our income. Traditionally, 5% is to our parish and 5% is to whatever charitable causes we feel the Lord placing on our heart. The key aspect of any tithe is that it is done out of gratitude to God. Always, a tithe is a response for what God has already done for us in our life, undeserved by us. It is no longer a tithe if we have an expectation of future response from the Lord. This is a transaction and not a tithe. You are always welcome to tithe with us, but my main concern is that you tithe. Respond to the Lord's generosity with generosity in your actions with others. A life lived in gratitude is the best response to what the Lord has done in our life. The Lord will always provide for things that glorify Him and His will. May our standard for dealing with others be the standard the Lord has used for dealing with us!

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Safe Environment Certification for Employees and Adult Volunteers is REQUIRED PRIOR TO SERVING in Ministry, and must be RENEWED EVERY TWO YEARS.

The next VIRTUS Safe Environment Awareness session at St. Martin de Porres will be on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the school gym. To register for this session, or any other session offered in the Diocese of Fort Worth, visit:

www.saintmartindp.org/safe-environment-awareness.

Please contact Alexis Campbell at alexis@saintmartindp.org with any questions.

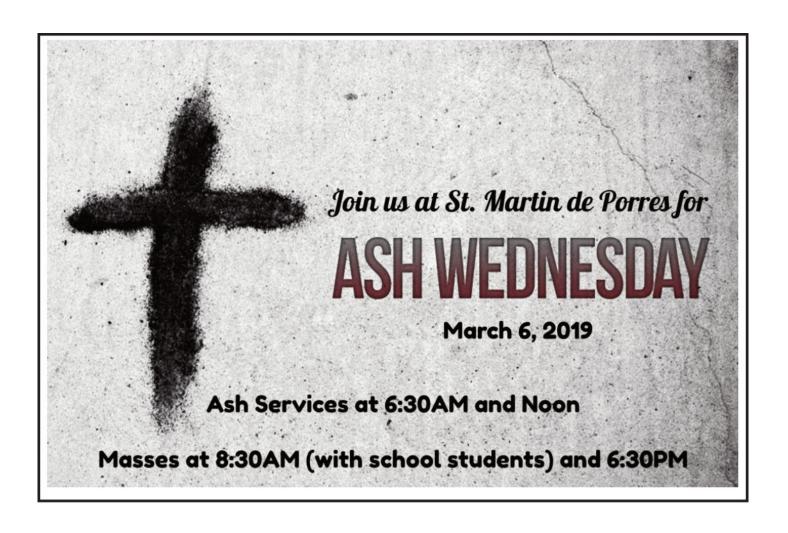
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www.CatholicCharitiesFortWorth.org/Get-Involved

How can I get help? How can I help?







- Our next Exploring Our Catholic Faith session will be February 25 from 7-9pm in the
 Daily Mass Chapel. Our speaker for February will be Deacon Bill Herbers, and the topic will be "One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic". Registration is not necessary. We hope to
 see you there!
- Our next Saturday Session with Fr. Stephen will be on Saturday, March 2nd at 10am. We will start at the Frisco Gun Club then head to Rudy's for BBQ. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to ParishLife@ssaintmartindp.org by Wednesday, February 27 so we can get an accurate headcount.
- Calling all Moms! Please join us for brunch and fellowship on Saturday, March
 2nd from 10AM-11:30AM and get to know other moms in the parish. RSVP's requested. Please send any inquiries or RSVP's to Niki MacDougall (nicole@saintmartindp.org). We hope to see you there!
- Did you know that St. Martin de Porres' RCIA process is a year-round process? You can begin your RCIA journey at any time! Are you interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who is? Have you been away from the Catholic Church and wish to return? Are you an Adult Catholic who is seeking Confirmation? The RCIA process may be for you! We would love for you to join us! Contact Niki MacDougall more information.
- Our 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. To get plugged in on upcoming events and learn more, please visit https://tinyurl.com/smdpyoungmarrieds.
- Come, join our choir! Rehearsals are every Tuesday from 7-9PM in the choir room of the Church. *Please note that rehearsals have moved from Wednesdays to Tuesday evenings!* Anyone in 8th grade through adult who is willing to commit to attending rehearsal and Mass are welcome! Please reach out to our Music Director, **Joe Davisson**: joe@saintmartindp.org.

Offertory Information for Week Ending February 17th



Offertory Collection: \$12,460.02

Faith Direct: \$ 9,963.00

Year to date Offertory Collected: \$409,959.70

Mass Attendance: 1,366

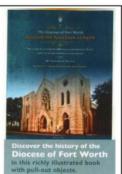
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Get your Copy of The Diocese of Fort Worth's 50th Anniversary Illustrated Book to celebrate the history of the establishment of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth by Blessed Pope Paul VI. The book is filled with tons of interesting facts, and conveys the history of the Church in the 28-county part of North Texas that makes up the



Diocese of Fort Worth. A copy of the book is on display in our Parish Office, as well as order forms if you are interested in purchasing a copy.

The cost of each book is \$37.



When people are in need of prayers, the **St. Martin de Porres "Prayer Warriors"** are here to help! We all know how powerful prayer can be, and we hope those who are in need of our prayers can experience healing, peace, and encouragement through this ministry.

To submit your prayer requests, please visit www.saintmartindp.org/intentions-and-prayers or send an email to prayers@saintmartindp.org.

If you would like to become a member of the Prayer Warriors, we welcome your participation! Please send a note to prayers@saintmartindp.org.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. Give the gift of your love by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is April 12-14, 2019.

To apply for a weekend, go to: http://www.dfwme.org/apply.

For questions please email apply@dfwme.org or call 469-444-0904.

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Join us Fridays at 10AM or Mondays at 6:30PM during Lent to grow in community and faith with other SMdP moms. The devotional starts Ash Wednesday (March 6th) so please contact Niki

MacDougall by March 1st for more information about the study, including book purchase and meeting details. "To the End: the story of sacrificial love," written by Jenna Guizar with co-authors Beth Davis and Nell O'Leary, is your daily companion during our beautiful Lenten season. Through this book, we will dive into the kind of sacrificial love Jesus demonstrates. In this time of bright sorrow—the time of tension between the sorrow of death and the joy of the Resurrection—we will pray with the powerful examples of love Jesus reveals with His life through the Gospel of John, from chapter 11 through chapter 19. This is your personal invitation to dive into Scripture and our beautiful faith alongside the thousands of women in the Blessed is She sisterhood. Open up the Bible, open up your devotional, and listen to what the Lord is saving to you about your own personal story, a story which reflects back His sacrificial love.

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back." - Luke 6:35



Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Mercy and compassion will put us on the path to holiness.

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