

"This is the one about whom it is written:  
'Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;  
he will prepare your way before you.'"

Matthew 11:10



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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](mailto: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** 8:00 am  
**Wednesday** 8:00 am  
**Thursday** 8:00 am (with school students)  
**Friday** 8:00 am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturday** 3:30-4:30 pm  
or by appointment

## ADORATION

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday**  
8:30-12:00 noon & 7:00-9:00 pm  
**Sunday** Holy Hour for Healing will be offered on the 2nd Sunday of every month from 6:30-8:00 pm

## REQUESTS FOR EUCHARIST FOR THE SICK, HOMEBOUND & HOSPITAL VISITS

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

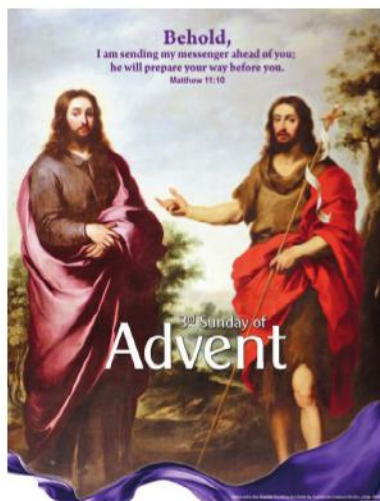
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### Today's Readings

Is 35:1-6a, 10  
Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
Jas 5:7-10  
Mt 11:2-11

### Today's Music

**Entrance:** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #38  
**Kyrie:** Chant Mass #842  
**Responsorial Psalm:** page 35  
**Advent/Christmas Gospel Acclamation:** #75  
**Offertory:** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming #82  
**Eucharistic Acclamations:** Chant Mass #844, 845, 846  
**Lamb of God:** Chant Mass #848  
**Communion Antiphon:** page 42  
**Communion:** Bread of Angels #365  
Make Your Home in Me #620  
**Recessional:** We Are Called #616

*Interested in joining our Music Ministry? We are always looking for cantors, choir members, and instrumentalists! Please see Joe after Mass, or send him a note: [jdavisson@saintmartindp.org](mailto:jdavisson@saintmartindp.org).*



### Mass Intentions for the Week

*As the entire Church remembers our loved ones who have passed, you are invited to write the names of your loved ones in the Book of the Names of the Dead. The book is located outside of the chapel doors.*

#### December 14

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

5:00 PM Bryan Fraim (†)

#### December 15

**Third Sunday of Advent**

7:30 AM Pro Populo

9:30 AM Judi Villani (†)

11:30 AM Bill Nephew (†)

#### December 16

**Monday of the Third Week of Advent**

8:00 AM Ava Grace

#### December 17

**Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent**

#### December 18

**Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent**

8:00 AM Susan Conte (†)

#### December 19

**Thursday of the Third Week of Advent**

8:00 AM Donald Chlebove (†)

#### December 20

**Friday of the Third Week of Advent**

8:00 AM Judi Villani (†)

*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](http://www.saintmartindp.org/intentions-and-prayers)*

### Special Collection This Weekend

**Retirement Fund for Religious  
December 14-15, 2019**



**Support aging religious.** Our special collection is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please give generously. For more information, visit [www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org).

SAVE THE DATE

## A NIGHT IN MONTE CARLO

JANUARY 24 TH, 6-11 PM

at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church Parish Hall

Join us for a night of Casino games, Silent/Live Auction, DJ & Dancing.

Please join us for **A Night in Monte Carlo** - a fun-filled event with all proceeds to benefit St. Martin de Porres Catholic School! Enjoy delicious food, beer and wine, and casino games. There will be plenty of items to bid on in our live and silent auctions, followed by DJ music for our dance floor so you can kick up your heels in style! To order your tickets, visit <https://smdpcatholic.org/gala>.



## Offertory Information

### Collection December 7-8, 2019

Offertory Collection: \$11,763.50

Immaculate Conception: \$635.00

Year to date Offertory Collected: \$318,860.64

### National Collections

Campaign for Human Development: \$25.00

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$50.00

### Total Weekend Mass Attendance: 1,442

Saturday 5:00 PM - 300

Sunday 7:30 AM - 177

Sunday 9:30 AM - 425

Sunday 11:30 AM - 540



As we reflect on the upcoming Christmas season, it is likely that we will be busy with parties and family gatherings. **Simplify your life, save time, and enjoy the peace of mind** this Christmas season knowing that your generation donations will be sent to St. Martin de Porres even when you are unable to attend Mass. **To enroll, just go to [faith.direct/TX706](http://faith.direct/TX706).**

**YOU ARE INVITED**  
**MEN'S MORNING RETREAT**  
 OPEN TO ALL MEN OF  
 ST. MARTIN DE PORRES PARISH  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH**  
**8:00 AM-12:30 PM**  
**IN THE PARISH HALL**  
 There is no cost to attend this event.

All men of St. Martin de Porres parish are invited to attend this free morning of prayer, camaraderie, reflection, and talks about being a Catholic Man in today's society. Coffee, breakfast and a light lunch will be provided. We hope you'll join us!

For more information, or to register for the retreat, please visit our church website, [www.saintmartindp.org](http://www.saintmartindp.org)



ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS  
**WE SING THE CHRISTMAS STORY!**  
 A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WITH NARRATION FROM SCRIPTURE  
**DECEMBER 19, 2019 6:30 PM**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM**  
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"HE IS BORN THAT WE MIGHT TRULY BE FREE THAT WE MIGHT BE BURDENED IN THE LOVE OF GOD AND OF EACH OTHER. TODAY IS BORN OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST THE LORD."  
 -Bishop Michael Olson  
 Celebrate the Christmas season in support of your Annual Diocesan Appeal  
 Text ADA to 91999 or [bit.ly/AnnualDiocesanAppeal](http://bit.ly/AnnualDiocesanAppeal)

***So far, 37 of our registered families have contributed \$9,960.12 towards our parish goal of \$51,500***

During this season of generosity, please remember to pray for the work of the vital ministries that are supported through the Annual Diocesan Appeal! The ADA is an opportunity for all of the faithful in the Diocese of Fort Worth to impact lives beyond the scope of any individual parish. Its mission is to witness God's grace in our lives by together sharing the Gospel message of faith, hope and charity with those most in need of attention through knowing and doing all that we are called to as Disciples of Christ. We are striving for 100% parish participation by June 30, 2020!

***Text ADA to 91999, complete one of the commitment cards located in the Narthex, or donate online at [bit.ly/AnnualDiocesanAppeal](http://bit.ly/AnnualDiocesanAppeal).***



***News from the Principal's Desk***

December and January are certainly busy months for our parish school. Next week, on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, we will present our Christmas program "We Sing the Christmas Story." It will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome! Our last day of school before Christmas Break is Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. We will have our class Christmas parties that day and early dismissal at 11:45. School will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020.

The first month of the new decade brings two major events for our school during Catholic Schools Week. To start off the special week, on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, we will have our *Night in Monte Carlo* from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This event includes a casino night, dance, and auctions. We will have delicious food and drinks as well. Information on tickets and sponsorship opportunities is available on the school website. Last year's event was a great success, and everyone had a wonderful time. This year, we have added a Casino Night to make things even more fun!

Then, to end Catholic Schools Week, we have *Running with the Nighthawks*, our 5K/1K Run which is scheduled for Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, with proceeds benefitting our Athletics Department. This year the students will be seeking sponsors for their race, which will certainly help to motivate them!

Also, thank you to everyone who participated in the *Wreaths Across America* event. What a great way to recognize the military service of so many. It is especially wonderful that all the veterans' graves at the National Cemetery in Arlington, TX will get a wreath on December 14<sup>th</sup> this year.

Finally, from all of us here at St. Martin de Porres Catholic School to all of you, we wish everyone a blessed Christmas and joyous New Year! May your Christmas holidays be filled with family and friends, good food and wonderful memories!

*Susan Flanagan*

**Registration for the Runnin' with the Nighthawks 5K and Fun Run is OPEN!**

Visit the race website:

<http://runninwiththenighthawks.weebly.com/>



The 2020 **Runnin' With the Nighthawks 5K and Fun Run** is February 1, 2020! Join us for a fun-filled morning of fellowship, fun and a morning run in support of St. Martin de Porres Catholic School and the Nighthawk Athletic Program. This a family event full of fellowship amongst our school and community. All proceeds benefit our Nighthawk Athletic Program! The Runnin' with the Nighthawks 5K and Fun Run is currently seeking sponsors. If you would like to sponsor, or know of a business that would like to sponsor, please contact Courtney DeMakas at [cdemakas@smdpcatholic.org](mailto:cdemakas@smdpcatholic.org).



During Advent, we prepare our minds and hearts for the real meaning of Christmas - the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. As we enjoy holiday fun with family and friends, it is also a good time to review financial decisions, especially charitable giving. There are many benefits to making gifts before the end of the year! Visit [www.advancementfoundation.org/year-end-giving](http://www.advancementfoundation.org/year-end-giving) to help you accomplish your giving goals.

If you are already using Faith Direct, simply log-in to add your Christmas and/or End-of-Year contributions to your account today. To enroll in Faith Direct, just go to [faith.direct/TX706](http://faith.direct/TX706).

#### **Tax Deductible Year-End Giving**

The requirements for tax deductible year-end giving as follows:

- In order to be credited as a donation in the 2019 tax year, checks must be dated and mailed with a postmark on or before Tuesday, December 31, 2019.
- Credit card gifts are effective on the date the card is charged.
- Electronic funds transfer is effective on the date of the transfer.
- Stocks transferred electronically are effective on the date of transfer.

#### **A Tax-Saving Way to Help the Diocese of Fort Worth**

If you are 70½ years old or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to benefit the Diocese of Fort Worth and receive tax benefits in return. You can give up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as ours without having to pay income taxes on the money. This popular option is commonly called the IRA charitable rollover, but you may also see it referred to as a qualified charitable distribution, or QCD for short. This law no longer has an expiration date, so you are free to make annual gifts to our organization this year, and well into the future.

#### ***Why Consider This Gift?***

- Your gift will be put to use today, allowing you to see the difference your donation is making.
- You pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions.
- If you have not yet taken your required minimum distribution for the year, your IRA charitable rollover gift can satisfy all or part of that requirement.

*Thank you for prayerfully considering your End-of-Year gift!*



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