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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
 8:00 am

 Wednesday
 8:00 am

 Thursday
 8:00 am

 Friday
 8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. (school lobby) 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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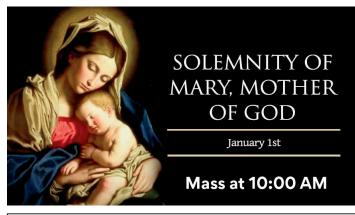






## Welcome to St. Martin de Porres!

Merry Christmas! We are so glad that you have joined us to celebrate this wonderful and joyous time! If you are new to the area and looking for a church home, you are always welcome. 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. We are an active, vibrant, and growing parish, and encourage you to become a registered parishioner. There is a place for everyone, and our goal is to help you find your place as you come to understand the parish and the ministries we have to offer. We invite you to visit our website at www.saintmartindp.org, follow us on social media, or call the parish office at 469-287-7624 if you have any questions. Our Pastor, Rev. Stephen Hauck, and our entire St. Martin de Porres parish family looks forward to meeting you!





St. Martin de Porres Catholic School, a ministry of our parish, offers a classical education rooted in Gospel values and the teachings of the Catholic Church for students in PreK3 through eighth grade.

We offer a Christ-centered learning environment with a low student/teacher ratio, and foster the development of leadership, self-confidence, service to others, and academic achievement.

For more information about the enrollment process, visit: www.smdpcatholic.org/admissions

# Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Thursday, December 24 Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Family of Fr. Stephen Hauck 6:00 PM Lloyd and Gladys McGregor (†)

Friday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day

8:00 AM Robert Austria (†)

10:00 AM Family of Father Walter Dworak

12:00 PM Bernard Sulak (†)

Saturday, December 26

Vigil Mass

5:00 PM Me Nguyen (†)

Sunday, December 27

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30 AM Joan Harrigan (†) 9:30 AM Pro Populo

11:30 AM Prudencio and Maria Manglona (†)

Monday, December 28

Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs 8:00 AM Robert Pritchard (†)

Tuesday, December 29

The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

Wednesday, December 30

The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas 8:00 AM Bernie and Mary Semler (†)

Thursday, December 31

The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas 8:00 AM Dorothy M. Chlebove (†)

Friday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 AM Phung Lam (†)

Saturday, January 2

Vigil Mass

5:00 PM Rudy Ibanez (†)

Sunday, January 3

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 AM Pro Populo 9:30 AM Susan Colson 11:30 AM Tony Yasilli (†)

There will be no Daily Masses January 4 - 8, 2021 as Fr. Stephen Hauck will be on a retreat.

# Merry Christmas!

The beautiful poinsettias were donated by parishioners, and given in honor or in memory of their loved ones, named below.

# In Memory Of:

A. Charles Shikany Anne Kirchoff & Tony Wiemann Anthony von Pongracz, Sr. Aria Heitman Yamnitz Aurora Keubke Bill & June Owen Brenda Weber Camelita Ramirez Catherine & Lillian Sabella Charles & Eleanor Rush Chester & Norma Campbell Christina Horn EDL Diane Karnages Don Stoterau Donna & Jerry Bloodworth Dzan Creech Frances Ramirez Francisco Ramirez Sr.

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# In Honor Of:

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Firemen

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U.S. Military

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Chris Hagan's Family
John Moore, Jr. Family
Charlotte Tesmer
Mildred Podmolik

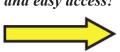
# Parish Office Closure Our Parish Office will be closed from December 24th through January 3rd for the Christmas break, and will re-open on Monday January 4, 2021 at 9:00 AM. We wish you a very Merry Christmas, and happy New Year!

Have you downloaded our parish app yet? It has great features such as a worship aid for weekend Masses, daily Mass readings, news, prayers, quick access to online tithing, our events calendar, confession reminders, and our weekly bulletin. To get the app, you



can text "App" to 88202, visit **myparishapp.com**, or search for myparish on your phone's app store (look for the blue and white logo), and stay connected with us all week!

Or, simply open the camera on your smartphone and scan our QR code for quick and easy access!







OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO THOSE IN NEED, TO ADVOCATE COMPASSION AND JUSTICE IN THE STRUCTURES OF SOCIETY, AND TO CALL ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL TO DO THE SAME.

www.CatholicCharitiesFortWorth.org/Get-Involved

# **Helping Families Impacted by COVID-19**

Catholic Charities Fort Worth (CCFW) is pleased to be able to offer limited housing (rent or mortgage) and utility assistance for families affected by the COVID-19 crisis. This financial assistance is available to anyone residing in the 28-county diocese.

Those in need may contact CCFW's Community Care Team at 817.534.0814, Monday-Friday, 8am-12pm. Or, you may contact Alexis Campbell, our Outreach Coordinator, who can help facilitate the application process: acampbell@saintmartindp.org.

# Offertory Information

(new fiscal year began on July 1, 2020)

Due to an early printing deadline, offertory information for the remainder of 2020 will be reported in an upcoming bulletin.



So much is different this Christmas season, yet the focus and dedication of our parish ministries remains constant! We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, phone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting **faith.direct/ TX706**, or **text 'Enroll'** to **469-217-6310**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



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 to 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! Please complete and return the commitment form that was mailed to you, or you can donate online at bit.ly/ADADonate.



# News from the Principal

What a busy and surreal first semester of school we had. The pandemic certainly brought with it many changes to how our school day looks, how we teach, how we practice safe protocols, and how we bravely try not to worry!

Our parish Catholic school opened the new academic year on August 18<sup>th</sup> virtually and returned to in person school on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Families were given a choice between virtual and in person learning, and this choice will be extended for the remainder of the academic year. I give the teachers a lot of credit for their ability to simultaneously teach in person students and those who are eLearning at home. The teachers are now extremely proficient in the use of their cameras (purchased for all teachers at the beginning of the school year), laptops, Google classroom, Seasaw, and Zoom. Our goal is to make the learning experiences the best we possibly can for all students, and I think the teachers are doing an excellent job with this new way of teaching. All of this takes a lot of extra preparation; one teacher estimated it has added six or seven hours to her prep time each week.

For all the positives, I would be remiss if I didn't honestly say that the pandemic has put quite a financial strain on our school. Decreased enrollment and increased tuition assistance have made balancing the budget next to impossible. We have also had to make sure that all students in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade have either iPads or Chromebooks checked out to them so if they need to go virtual, they will have a device to use at home. This also ensures that devices are not shared, as was done in the past. Sadly, our iPads are eight years old and need to be replaced since they no longer support software updates. The Chromebooks are close to needing replacement as well. Further, with teachers using their laptops for extended periods of time now, we have also had to replace some of these devices this year, which was not originally budgeted.

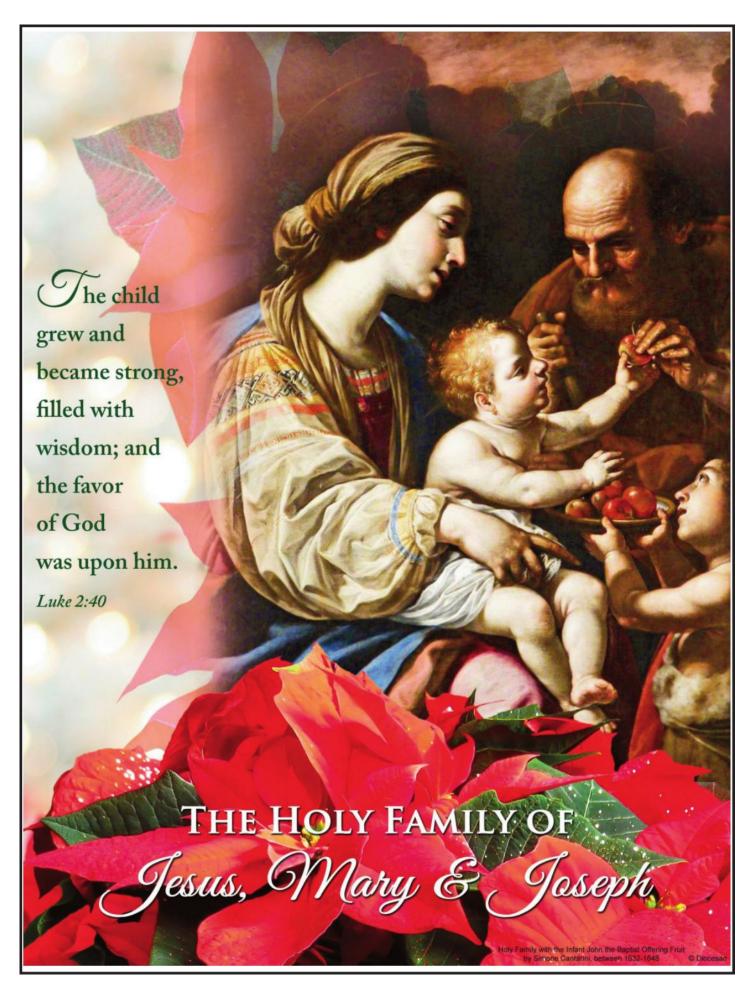
So, since this is the giving time of year, I want to remind all of our generous St. Martin de Porres parishioners that we have two programs that help with these things: Tuition Angels and Technology Angels. Donations to these programs are tax deductible, and you can give via Faith Direct as well. Every donation helps, and all are greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our parish school and your prayers. The St. Martin de Porres Catholic School Community wishes you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Please join me in praying that 2021 brings relief from this pandemic and that we can get back to a more normal existence in the new year.

Blessings,

Mrs. Flanagan, Principal

Susan Flanagan





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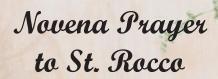
Have you ever wanted easy access to Catholic resources but didn't know where to start? We have a subscription with Formed.org for all St. Martin de Porres parishioners! Sign up for free at saintmartindp.formed.org



Mark your calendars for a virtual investment webinar sponsored by the Knights of Columbus entitled "Building Generational Wealth" with award-winning author Joe Jordan. Joe will share many tips on retirement, and how to build generational wealth during the Zoom meeting on January 19, 2021 at 7 PM. Slots are limited. To register, please sign up at: bit.ly/KoCWealthWebinar.

On December 20, 2020, the Vocations Chalice (sponsored by the Knights of Columbus) went home with the next host for prayer - the Jacobsens. Interested individuals or families are asked to take the Chalice home and pray over it for a week in order to promote vocations. If you would like to take part in this wonderful devotion, please sign up online: bit.ly/SMdPVocationChalice.





O Great St. Rocco, deliver us, we beseech thee,
from the scourges of God;
through thy intercession,
preserve our bodies from contagious diseases,
and our souls from the contagion of sin.
Obtain for us salubrious air;
but, above all, purity of heart.
Assist us to make good use of health,
to bear suffering with patience;
and, after thy example,
to live in the practice of penance and charity, that we may one day enjoy the happiness
which thou has merited by thy virtues.

St. Rocco, pray for us (say three times)



In union, dear Lord, with the priests at every altar of your Church, where your Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father,

I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.

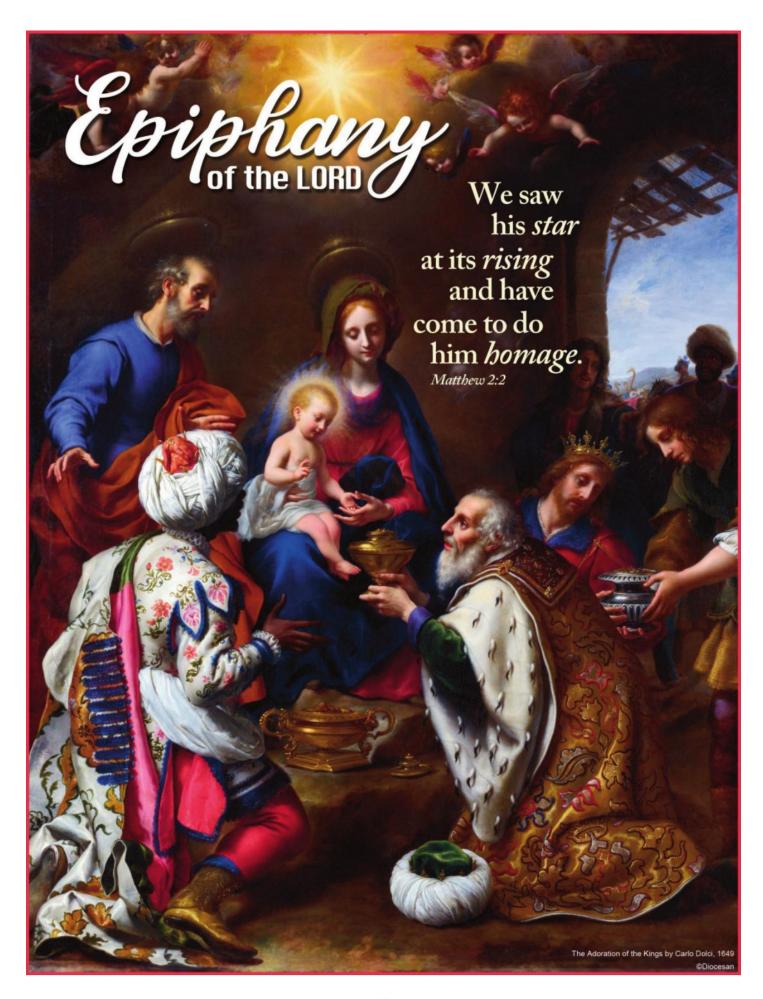
I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that

I may be always united to you.

And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul.

O let nothing ever separate you from me. Let me live and die in your love.

Amen.





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