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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church seek to further the worship of Our Lord Jesus Christ within our local community while maintaining a loving attitude and servant's heart toward all. As St. Martin de Porres did, our community embraces and protects the vulnerable, and welcomes all as brothers and sisters in Christ. We respond to God's call by creating a vibrant and faithfilled community through worship, education, stewardship, Christian fellowship, and prayer. We strive to spread spiritual virtues by serving the Lord and each other through acts of love and compassion, sharing our time, our talents, and our blessings.

"Why do you seek the living one among the dead?
He is not here, but he has been

Luke 24:5-6

raised."

Holy Women at Christ's Tomb by Annibale Carracci, 1590

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CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

 Saturday
 5:00 pm

 Sunday
 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am

 Monday
 8:00 am

 Tuesday
 8:00 am

 Wednesday
 8:00 am

 Thursday
 8:00 am

 Friday
 8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00-4:30 pm (Chapel)
Monday 7:00 pm (Chapel)

ADORATION

 Monday - Thursday
 8:30 am - 9:00 pm

 Friday
 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

 Saturday
 6:15 am - 7:15 am

 Sunday
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

 First Thursday
 8:30 am - 6:30 am (24-hour)

 First Friday
 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

REQUESTS FOR EUCHARIST FOR THE SICK, HOMEBOUND & HOSPITAL VISITS

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

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This Week's Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 8th

8:30pm Vigil Mass of Easter

Sunday, April 9th

6:45am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

7:00am Rosary (Parish Hall & Chapel)
7:30am Mass (Huguette Dufanal)
8:45am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:00am Rosary (Parish Hall & Chapel)

9:30am Mass (Darrell Bohrer †)

10:45am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

11:00am Rosary (Parish Hall & Chapel)

11:30am Mass (Pro Populo)

1:00pm CDA Easter Egg Hunt (School Soccer Field)

6:30pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) - Canceled

Monday, April 10th

Easter Monday – No Mass, Adoration, or other parish events or meetings

Tuesday, April 11th

7:20am Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary (Chapel) 8:00am Mass (Christian Joseph Kolbe Miller) 8:30am-9:00pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapél) 9:30am Adult Catechism Class (Overflow Room) 10:30am Prayer & Reparations Study (Overflow Room)

12:00pm Prayer & Reparations Holy Hour (Chapel) 6:00pm Middle/High School FFF (Multipurpose Room)

7:00pm Weekly Choir Rehearsal - Canceled

7:00pm St. Catherine of Siena Girls - Canceled

7:00pm Journey thru Church History (Overflow Room)

Wednesday, April 12th

7:20am Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary (Chapel) 8:00am Mass (Miguel Angel Gallardo Reyes) 8:30am-9:00pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 7:00pm Elevate Youth Group (Multipurpose Room) 7:00pm Amplify Youth Group (Learning Lab) 7:00pm OCIA formerly RCIA (Overflow Room)

Thursday, April 13th

7:20am Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary (Chapel) 8:00am Mass with School (Irene Florendo †) 8:30am-9:00pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 10:00am Lectio: Eucharist (Choir Room)

6:00pm CDA Meeting (Overflow Room) 6:30pm Our Lady of Seven Sorrows (Chapel)

Friday, April 14th

7:20am Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary (Chapel) 8:00am Mass (Maria A. Alanis †)

8:30am-3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

Saturday, April 15th

6:15am Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

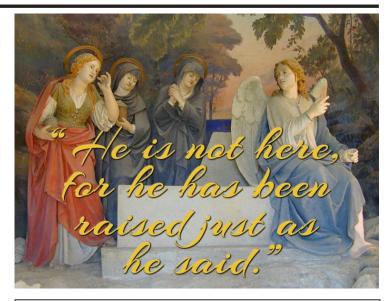
6:30am Rosary & Litany of St. Joseph (Chapel) 7:15am Eucharistic Adoration Concludes (Chapel) 7:20 am Men's Fellowship (Parish Hall)

3:00pm Confessions (Chapel)

3:30pm Little Flower Girls Club (Multipurpose Room)

4:15pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 4:30pm Rosary (Parish Hall & Chapel)

5:00pm Vigil Mass (James Dietert)



This Week's Song List

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle Procession

Exultet: Sung by the Deacon

Responsorial Psalm 1: page 118

Responsorial Psalm 2: page 119 Responsorial Psalm 3: page 121

Responsorial Psalm 4: page 122

Responsorial Psalm 5: page 123 Responsorial Psalm 6: page 124

Responsorial Psalm 7: page 125

Gloria: Mass of the Sacred Heart Gospel Acclamation: page 127

Baptismal Liturgy

Litany of the Saints: page 129, #33

Springs of Water page 131, #34

Sprinkling Rite: Isaiah 12: We Shall Draw Water Joyfully #822

Offertory: Alleluia! Love is Alive #164

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of the Sacred Heart

Lamb of God: Mass of the Sacred Heart

Communion Antiphon: page 135

Communion: I Am the Bread of Life #326

Bread of Angels #361

Recessional: Christ the Lord is Risen Today #165

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Entrance: Christ the Lord is Risen Today #165

Gloria: Mass of the Sacred Heart **Responsorial Psalm:** page 136 **Sequence:** page 136-137, #37

Gospel Acclamation: page 138

Offertory: To Live with Him Forever #523

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of the Sacred Heart

Lamb of God: Mass of the Sacred Heart Communion Antiphon: page 138

Communion: I am the Bread of Life #329

Recessional: Alleluia! Love is Alive # 164

Supper of the Lamb #351

www.saintmartindp.org Easter 2023

A Note from Our Pastor Very Rev. Stephen Hauck, VF



A very happy Easter to you and your family!

Our Lord's resurrection is the triumph of God's love and God's will. In short, it is the triumph of God, a ratification of His sovereignty over His creation. Death is the end for the created, but God is not created, He is the creator. That which He creates will always be subject to Him. Easter is a demonstration of justice and a ratification that God is in charge!

The beauty of Our Lord's resurrection is the ability of both God and man's free will to be upheld, affirmed, and compatible. God desires through creation for man to be in union with Him, in right relationship. Sin destroys this union, but sin can only happen if a creature has free will. The resurrection of Christ allows for the love of God, for His creation, to be returned freely and to have real meaning, even though we have sinned and turned away from right relationship with Him.

To return the love of God is a real act, with real consequences that overcome the real consequences of turning away from God, which is sin. Through the resurrection of Christ, the wages of sin, death, are paid, but they no longer must be the end. Our death no longer must be our end. Not only can we have a future after our death, but it can be a future with an abundant life a life in Christ. Our new future can only be in Christ for He is the only one who has conquered death. It is out of love of the Father that the Son has come into the world. This reconciliation becomes possible with Easter. Humanity was not able to be truly reconciled with God until our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection.

This celebration of Easter is the beginning and not the end of the mission of the Lord, because reconciliation must still be received. We must desire to be reconciled with God and respond. Easter gives us a path with which to be truly reconciled with God, but now we must respond to the Lord's invitation.

When we respond to the Lord's invitation, we change the way in which we live our life, because it is no longer our life which we live, but that of the Lord. We let our old way of life die with Christ on the cross, and we live the new life of Christ in the resurrection. His new life becomes our new life. The Easter Season is the living of this new life. The mission of the Lord to reconcile God and man which was begun at Christmas, made possible at Easter, is fulfilled in Pentecost when we take this new life into the world reconciling the world with God.

A very happy Easter to you and your family. May the peace of Christ, reconciliation, be with you!

Va. Styther Hanck



Work on the 2023 Fall Festival is well underway! A new core team and over 20 of your fellow parishioners are involved in the preliminary planning for an event that we want everyone to attend. Accordingly, we are asking you to take a short survey to give feedback

and recommendations on how to improve your Fall Festival! The survey is short, and your participation is very important! We will collect responses over the next several weeks, and will share our findings. You can access the survey by scanning the QR code to the right. Thank you for participating!



Eucharistic Adoration

Amen. Yes, Lord, we believe! Our Lord Jesus Christ has risen, and we too must die to ourselves and rise in Him. The struggle to do this is real each and every day. What is you holding back from God? Come to adoration, and let Christ into the areas of life you struggle most to turn over to Him!

Regular Adoration Hours:

Mon-Thurs (8:30am-9:00pm); Fri (8:30am-3:00pm); Sat (6:15-7:15am) Sun (6:30pm-8:00pm)

Our next First Thursday 24-Hour Adoration is May 4/5. To be a weekly or First Thursday Committed Adorer, please sign up at:

http://adorationpro.org/martintx

There will be no Adoration on Easter Monday. The regular Adoration schedule will resume on Tuesday, April 11.

The beautiful Easter lilies were donated by parishioners in memory of their loved ones, listed below.



Adolphus Register II All Martyrs All Unknown Souls Amanda Peters Ann Harding Anna & Rita Sabella Anthony & Clara Yannetti Anthony L. & Barbara vonPongracz Antony Sequeira Arnold & Margaret Nephew Art Thelen Baby Joseph Roten Barb Heitkemper Barbara & Jim Werner Betty & Doyle McCord Beverly Millhorn Bill Chavey Bill Cox Bill Nephew Bill Wieber Billie Cox Brian Lundy Brian Thelen Catherine & Lillian Sabella Catherine Hogan Cecilia Samuel Mlay Charlotte & Raymond Tesmer Chris Gottschalk Clement Francis Spraley Crispina S. Daral Darrel Bohrer Dennis Buck Denny & Willy O'Connor Donna Siller Dorothy Chavey Dorothy Gottschalk Edward & Grace Lundy Edward J. Sarti Edwin Devadoss Edylin Velasco Elaine Marie Siller Elaine Rodriguez Eleanor & Charles Rush Eleanor Howe Elisabeth Rogers Elizabeth Ann Spraley Elmer Schearf Elsie Cotter Esther Wilson

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Lucas Kinser
Mildred Podmolik
The Al & Anne Elliott Family
The Wimsatt Family



ALL WOMEN (AGES 14+) ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF PRAYER, REFLECTION, AND ADORATION.

SATURDAY, MAY 6 9:00AM-1:00PM

Guest Speaker

SR. CATHERINE MARIE MORSE, CJD

Sr. Catherine, a founding member of the Sisters in Jesus the Lord, completed her final vows in 2011. She holds an MS in Psychology from Divine Mercy University, and a BA in Catholic Studies from the University of St. Thomas. She is a sought-after spiritual director who has assisted in her sisters' formation since 2015. Sister has a passion for inner healing, the 12 steps, and helping people grow in the interior life. Since 2009, she has primarily served in Vladivostok, Russia, working with adult faith formation, Catholic students, and children. She has also helped to establish Rachel's Vineyard retreats for post-abortion healing in Kansas City and Russia.







The Parish Offices
will re-open on
Tuesday, April 11th
at 9:00am.



The Evangelization Ministries of our parish are sponsoring a Holy Hour & Meditation to honor our Lady of Seven Sorrows. This devotion will take place over seven weeks each Thursday evening at 6:30pm in the Chapel starting on Thursday, April 13. The seven-week devotion will focus on one Sorrow each week. The schedule is as follows:

April 13: The Prophesy of Simeon

April 20: The Flight to Egypt

April 27: The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple May 4: The Meeting Jesus on His Way to Cavalry

May 11: The Crucifixion of Jesus

May 18: The Body of Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross

May 25: Jesus Was Laid in the Tomb

Each Holy Hour will start with the Lady of Seven Sorrows rosary and include meditative reflections throughout the hour.





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Offertory Information

(new fiscal year began on July 1, 2022)

April 1-2 Collection

 Offertory:
 \$10,975.05

 Easter:
 \$20.00

 Year to Date Offertory Collected:
 \$899,045.90

Diocesan and National Collections

Catholic Relief Services: \$5.00 Holy Land Collection: \$20.00

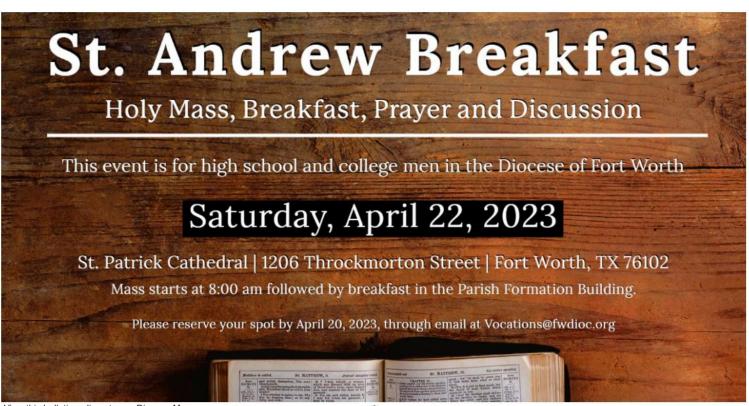


eGiving through Faith Direct

Christ is Risen! As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. To ensure such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct. Enrolling in eGiving is easy, and can be done in any of the following ways:

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Thank you for your continued support of our parish!





HOLY EUCHARIST/RECONCILIATION RETREAT FOR CHILDREN

On Sunday, May 7, from 1:00-3:00pm, we will be offering a beautiful retreat for children 12 and under, and their parents, to learn more about the abundance of grace received through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. There will be fun activities, and adoration opportunities as well! Please join us!

MAY CROWNING

On Sunday, May 7, we will be crowning the Blessed Virgin Mary in honor of her queenship and motherly love! The crowning will take place at the 11:30am Mass! Children are welcome to bring flowers to offer to the Blessed Mother for this special occasion!



HOLY SPIRIT MISSION

We are blessed to have Bishop Emeritus Robert E. Guglielmone of the Diocese of Charleston to guide us in preparation to receive the Holy Spirit in a special way this Pentecost!



Please join us on the following days:

May 14: The Apostles at Pentecost

May 15: The Gifts and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit

May 16: Restoring the Church by Restoring Ourselves





Mission Support Ministry

The Mission Support Ministry was created to support the formation, growth and development of groups of parishioners who have migrated to the United States and our parish, and still have a relationship with the Pastor of the parish in their home country. The next upcoming meeting is April 16th for our Peru group.

Peru Support Group

Coordinator: Oscar & Peggy Salas

Meeting: 1:00pm on April 16 (Overflow Room)

Email: peru@saintmartindp.org

For more information about our Africa and Russian mission groups, please send a note to the contacts listed below.

Africa Support Group

Coordinator: Roland Ibhade

Email: africa@saintmartindp.org

Russia Mission Support Group Coordinator: Mike Jacobsen

Email: russia@saintmartindp.org

If you are interested in learning more, or are interested in forming a group, contact **ministries**(**a**)**saintmartindp.org**.



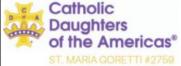
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Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court St. Maria Goretti #2759 meets once a month (typically the first Thursday at 6:30 pm). The next monthly meeting for of the Americas CDA (Catholic Daughters of the Americas) is Thursday, April 13, at 6:30pm in ST. MARIA GORETTI \$2759 the overflow/choir room. All women ages 18 and older are invited join us!



Thanks to all the ladies who donated new clothing to our last baby shower for Loreto House! We will be hosting another baby shower for Loreto House to help them stock their new facility in Flower Mound. We are collecting new clothes (for boys and girls) sizes newborn to 4T. You may bring clothing to our April meeting or the Easter Egg hunt. For questions, please email cda2759@cda2759.onmicrosoft.com.





St. Martin de Porres Catholic School



School Employment Opportunities

St. Martin de Porres Catholic School is seeking full-time elementary school teachers for the 2023-2024 academic year. Desired applicants will fulfill the mission of St. Martin de Porres Catholic School by modeling the teachings of the Church, providing engaging and active instruction, possessing content knowledge and teaching experience, while nurturing the students' sense of wonder and natural curiosity. Candidates must also possess excellent classroom management skills and be able to engage students with different learning styles. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree and meet the minimum requirements for classroom teachers as set forth by the Diocese and TCCBED.

All interested applicants should email cover letter, resume, completed application and pre-employment affidavit to the school Principal, Susan Flanagan, sflanagan@smdpcatholic.org. Applications are found on the Diocese of Fort Worth website under Employment and will be accepted until the positions are filled.



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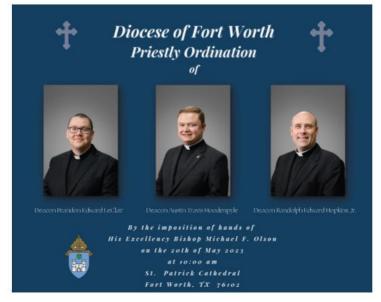
Daily Prayer List

Fort Worth Seminarians 2022 - 2023

A Prayer for a Seminarian

God our Father, thank you for calling [name] to prepare for the priesthood. Grant him the grace to grow closer to You through daily prayer. Help him form his personality as a credible witness to others. Bless him while he studies Your word and the teachings of the Church and give him a generous heart to serve Your people. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Amen

Day of the Month	Thank you for your support and generosity. Please pray for the following seminarians:
1	Deacon Brandon LeClair
2	Deacon Austin Hoodenpyle
3	Deacon Ed Hopkins, Jr.
4	Eric Flores
5	Benjamin Grothouse
6	Isaac McCracken
7	Blake Thompson
8	Trent Barton
9	Paul Trinh
10	Michael Marincel
11	Robert Weisberg
12	Quang Nguyen
13	Javier Escutia
14	Jesus Segura
15	Nicholas Hoelscher
16	Lane Tschirhart
17	Xavier Polisetty
18	Jacob Zimmerer
19	Leo Kaiser
20	Brogan Lane
21	Peter Nguyen
22	Anthony Elandary
23	Luke Vina
24	Ryan Pecoraro
25	For seminarians to have the grace of perseverance.
26	For our seminarians to model the life and virtues of St. Joseph, who loved and served Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary with wisdom, fidelity, and selfless charity.
27	For an increase in vocations to the priesthood.
28	For seminarians in their pastoral year to know the supportant love of our community.
29	For seminarians to grow in self-awareness as they continue to discern Jesus Christ's call.
30	For the spiritual and intellectual formation of our seminarians, that they will grow to become strong and faithful men in perfect imitation of Jesus Christ.



Upcoming Special Collections

April 29/30: Good Shepherd Sunday -Seminarian Education Fund



A Universal Church Feast

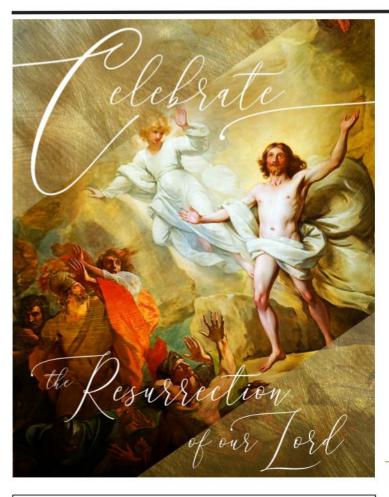
First Sunday after Easter

Sunday, April 16

recorded 14 revelations from our Lord requesting this feast. The most complete, concise description is found in entry 699:

> I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all

observed on the



Souls, and especially for poor sinners.... The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

To receive the extraordinary graces of this feast, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the vigil celebration) by making a good Confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace, and receive with great trust in Divine Mercy.

We also are encouraged to venerate the Divine Mercy Image (see back of flyer) and perform acts of mercy through deed, word, or prayer.

So far, 60 of our registered families have given \$36,747.68 towards our parish goal of \$65,300.

As we strive for 100% participation, please prayerfully consider what your family will donate to support the needs of others.

To learn more, visit: bit.ly/DiocesanAppeal (case-sensitive)



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-1 Peter 4:10

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Read more about this feast at TheDivineMercy.org/celebrate The Image of Divine Mercy

The Image of Jesus, the Divine Mercy, is to be venerated* on Divine Mercy Sunday. It is to be given a place of honor in our churches and homes on this Sunday. Our Lord appeared to St. Faustina and then directed her to have this appearance of Himself as the Merciful Savior painted and then venerated publicly. He told her, I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it (Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowaiska, 341).

In the Image, the pale and red rays symbolize the Blood and Water that flowed from His side while He was on the Cross. But, in His appearance to St. Faustina, they had been transformed into glorious rays, a source of healing graces for sinners who will turn to Him with trust. That is why the Image bears the inscription: "Jesus, I trust in You!"

We can venerate the Image of Jesus, the Divine Mercy, by gazing upon it in prayer and adoration. As signs of our love for Jesus, we can place candles and flowers before the Image. First and foremost, as we gaze upon our Merciful Savior in prayer, we can decide to trust in Him and to perform works of mercy — responding to the call to be merciful as He has shown mercy to us.

* To "venerate" a sacred image simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents.



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