

# St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church

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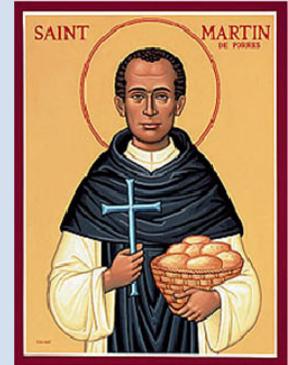


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**Parish Membership**  
Please contact the Parish Office  
for more information on registering.

**Matthew 6:33**



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Those seeking a deeper relationship with Christ through membership in the Roman Catholic Church are guided through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process. This year-round process always welcomes new participants: those who are unbaptized; those baptized Catholic, but uncatechized, never having celebrated First Communion and Confirmation; and those baptized in another Christian tradition. Fully initiated Catholics are always needed to serve as sponsors for those interested in becoming Catholic. For more information, please contact the parish office at 512-858-5667 or [office@stmartindp.org](mailto:office@stmartindp.org).  
"Come and see!" (John 1:39)

## Masses

### Weekends:

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:15, 11:00 am, 5:00pm\*  
(Spanish) 1:30 pm  
\*September—May

### Weekdays

Tuesday-Thursday 5:30 p.m.  
Friday 12:00 pm  
Holy Days 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday 11:30 am—12:00 pm  
Saturday 4:00 – 4:45 pm  
Tuesday 6:00—7:30 pm  
- or by appointment

## Sacrament of Baptism

Parishioners who wish to have their children baptized at St. Martin's must attend the baptism preparation class, held on the third Wednesday of every other month.

Children of non-parishioners may be baptized here, provided that there is a family connection with a registered parishioner of St. Martin's. Non-parishioners must bring a letter from their pastor, giving permission for the Priest or one of the Deacons to baptize their child. Parents must also show proof that they have attended baptismal classes either at their parish or at St. Martin's. At least one godparent/sponsor must be a fully-initiated practicing Catholic.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. No wedding date can be set until the couple meets with one of the deacons.

## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Those who are seriously ill; elderly individuals who are weakened; those facing or recovering from surgery; children who are sick; or pregnant women may participate in the Sacrament celebrated following any Mass. Please let the Priest know, or by appointment.

# The Baptism of the Lord

## January 11, 2015

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

— *Isaiah 55:1*



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### PASTOR'S CORNER

**“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”**

Last weekend we celebrated the Epiphany and I emphasized the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gold represented how Christ was a servant King, the frankincense how he is the eternal High Priest and the myrrh how he would sacrifice his life for all of us. This weekend as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we remember how by virtue of our Baptisms that we are priests, prophets and kings. We too must sacrifice for others, serve others and preach the Gospel at all times.

While all of those identities are important, the most fundamental identity is the one we hear God the Father highlight. Jesus Christ is the beloved son of the Father and God the Father is very pleased with God the son. At each of our Baptisms, God the Father spoke these same words to us since we are all God's beloved sons and daughters. That is the identity at the center of each of us. So often we go through life trying to find or earn this identity of love but we must realize it was one freely given to us at our Baptism.

The more we live in the identity of a beloved daughter or son, the less likely we are to sin. Who needs to sin if they fully realize this core identity? A very powerful meditation is to close our eyes and imagine John the Baptist is washing us of our sins, fears, woundedness and that God the Father speaks these words into our hearts that you are my beloved son or daughter with whom I am well pleased.

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I wish to express my gratitude to all those who have been very generous to me in

the last few weeks by providing me with meals and all sorts of goodies. Thank you also for welcoming seminarian Colby Jackson during his week at the parish. Everyone made Colby feel very welcome. Please keep Colby, Sean Dewitt (seminarian from our parish) and all our seminarians in your prayers.

This past Sunday we started our Spanish Mass at 1:30 pm and it was a great success! We had **232 people** attend. I am grateful to everyone who made the Mass a success especially *Deacon Edward Rositas, Nick Rios* and all of our *liturgical ministers*. Please always help to invite visitors, especially your friends, family, and neighbors to visit our parish.

**On Friday, January 16th at 7:00 pm we will host a Diocesan Healing Mass at St. Martin de Porres.** I am hoping for a strong turnout from our parish to welcome the visitors from across the Diocese who will be attending. A healing Mass is one that includes the Anointing of the Sick and special prayers for whatever physical, emotional, or spiritual illnesses we or our loved ones might have.

Please remember you are always a beloved daughter or son of God!

*Fr. Charlie*

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### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” As we give to the poor, we can also hear these same words of Our Father to us.

**As you give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering right now. You give them reason to believe, hope and trust for better times.**

Our next SVdP meeting is **Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 in the Education Center.** It's the perfect time for resolutions, to begin anew if you are interested in serving our brothers and sisters in Christ.

#### Special Needs (ext. 209):

**Pantry:** Canned or Packaged Chicken, Canned Tuna, Soups, Ravioli, Chili, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Vegetables, Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter, Spaghettios, Pasta, Cheese/Peanut Butter Crackers, Oatmeal, Cereal, Refried Beans

### REHEARSAL

Psalms are sung in the home and rehearsed in the streets.

—St. Ambrose

## Rachel's Reflections

*"If God is love, then the perfect expression of that Love is Calvary. And what awaits us there is not condemnation but salvation . . . For He is the one who bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things."*  
Fr. Peter Cipriani from *Sharing the Heart of Christ* by Kevin Burke.

If you or someone you know has experienced an abortion, we can help. Please contact Project Rachel at (877) WE CARE 2 or [project-rachel@austindiocese.org](mailto:project-rachel@austindiocese.org). Additional information is available at [www.austindiocese.org/projectrachel](http://www.austindiocese.org/projectrachel).

Our next retreat is scheduled for **March 27-29, 2015.**

## Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day in Austin

Please join the Diocese of Austin for these Pro-Life Activities:

### January 24, 2015

- 7:00 am** **Prayer Vigil** at Planned Parenthood, 201 E. Ben White Blvd, Austin, Texas 78704. (Blessing will be held at Planned Parenthood.)
- 9:15 am** **Rosary for Life** led by teens and young adults while elementary school student reenact the Joyful Mysteries at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 9500 Neenah Ave., Austin, 78717
- 10:00 am** **Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** celebrated by Bishop Joe Vásquez at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 9500 Neenah Ave., Austin, 78717
- 1 pm** **March for Life** will gather for pro-life march at 1600 N. Congress
- 2-3 pm** **Texas Rally for Life** program on the South Steps, State Capitol.

## Elementary Faith Formation

### Catechist Needed for Elementary Faith Formation

We are in need of a 5th grade catechist for the Wednesday, 4:30 Faith Formation class beginning in January. Please contact Michele Van Nostrand at 512-858-5667 Ext. 206 if you are interested in sharing your faith with this wonderful group of children.

The children in Wednesday Faith Formation classes will celebrate their First Reconciliation **January 14th** during their regular Wednesday class times.

*Michele Van Nostrand*, Coordinator Children's Faith Formation



The Knights of Columbus Super Bowl BBQ pre sales will be taking orders after all Masses this weekend through the weekend of the 25th. Please support this worthwhile event as you will be helping the Youth of the Church, the community and the Parish. Thank you for your support.

The Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese is celebrating a **Healing Mass** here starting with Praise and Worship on **Friday, January 16, 2015 @ 7:00 pm**, followed by **Mass with a Healing Service**. Join us as the Lord opens the Flood Gates of Heaven; this is our charismatic heritage beloved by Pope Francis. Expect Healing and Breakthrough as the presence of Jesus and the Holy Spirit bring us new wine.

Celebrants: **Fr. Charlie Garza**  
**Fr. Robert Becker**

Sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Austin of the Diocese of Austin. Contact: Christina Turullois @ 512-563-7851.



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SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Whoa! Awesome!** We have some stuff happening in faith formation this semester. Here are some dates to keep in mind:

**January 11** - First day back for Sunday Classes

**January 14** - First day back for Wednesday Classes

**January 16-18** - DCYC

**February 13-15** - KARDIA Spring Retreat

**April 11-12** - Godstock feat. Matt Maher

**July 11-18** - MISSION 2015 in San Juan, TX

Kevin Kapchinski  
Director of Faith Formation



*A warm St. Martin de Porres welcome to all Visitors and Newcomers! Please register by visiting the Parish Office.*

## VISITS TO THE SICK

Please let us know when a member is ill or elderly, or in the hospital or facing surgery. If possible, please do not wait until it becomes an emergency.

Contact the office at 512-858-5667.



## Sanctuary Candle

A Sanctuary Candle burns in the Church and the Chapel to indicate the presence of our Lord. The candle burns for 14 days and then is replaced by a new candle. If you would like to donate a candle in memory of a loved one or as a thanksgiving offering ("on the occasion of..." "In honor of...") please contact the parish office. The name(s) or occasion will be listed in the Sunday bulletin. We ask for a \$15 donation.

**READINGS & MASSES 1/10—18/2015**

**Saturday**

1/10 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
**5:00 pm**— +Dennis Strauss

**Sunday**

1/11 Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11  
**8:15 am** — +Earl Prescott  
**11:00 am**— +Arthur & Rubie Kloesel  
**1:30 pm**— +Dominga Rodriguez  
**5:00 pm**— SMdP Parishioners

**Monday**

1/12 Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday**

1/13 Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28  
**5:30 pm**— +Sr. Norma Gutierrez, MCDP

**Wednesday**

1/14 Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39  
**5:30 pm**— +Jim Schenk

**Thursday**

1/15 Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45  
**5:30 pm**— +Arlitta “Libby” Hedinger

**Friday**

1/16 Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12  
**12:00 pm**— +Chris Rosilier  
**7:00 pm** — Healing Mass

**Saturday**

1/17 Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17  
**5:00 pm**—+Eddie Lopez

**Sunday**

1/18 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42  
**8:15 am**— Protection of Unborn Children  
**11:00 am**— +Fred & Julianne Strauss  
**1:30 pm**— SMdP Parishioners  
**5:00 pm**— Parker Johnston

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord  
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins  
Tuesday: St. Hilary  
Saturday: St. Anthony



The Sanctuary Candles will burn from Saturday, January 10th thru Friday, January 23rd in honor of:

Church: Josh Villarreal  
Laura Zordilla

Chapel: Enrique Sada-Coeto  
Laura Zordilla

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURER**

**FY 7/1/14—6/30/15**

Envelopes, loose checks, and cash.

Month of December Collections:

Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$35,615
WeShare Collection	\$18,836
Our Lady of Guadalupe	338
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,920
Christmas	\$10,859

Debt Reduction	\$ 9,456
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 6,533

New Year's—January 1 \$ 2,368

Offertory—January 3-4, 2015 \$7,903

**January Collections:**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul	1/17-18/2015
Debt Reduction	1/24-25/1015

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**Online Giving via WeShare!**



Our parish uses an Online Giving system called WeShare that is strengthening stewardship as well as making it easier for members to support our parish. If you would like to enroll, please visit our web page [www.stmartindp.org](http://www.stmartindp.org) and click on the WeShare link.

If you have any questions about the program or setting up your account, don't hesitate to call our parish office at 512-858-5667.



**The ACTS Retreats are fast approaching! The women's ACTS Retreat is Jan. 22 - 25. The men's ACTS Retreat is Feb. 26-Mar 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Are you wondering how you can help *even though you might not be on team?***

**Here are some ways:**

- Invite people to attend**
- Offer to watch their kids so that they can attend**
- Let us know if you need registration forms. Registration forms can be found in the Narthex, the church office and in the Chapel.**
- Plan to attend Candlelight (more details to come)**
- Pray for the retreatants and for team members**

**You are vital to the retreats' success!!!**

**Any questions please call the Retreat Directors**

**Chrissy Oertli 512-970-6891  
Ron Rice 512-431-7620**