

# St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church

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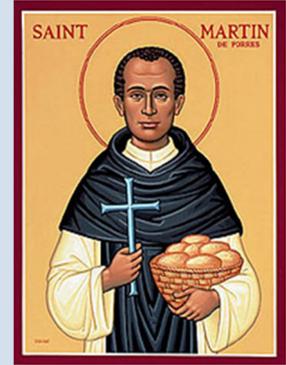


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**Psalm 147: 3 "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds"**



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## Masses

### Weekends:

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:15, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm  
(Spanish) 1:30 pm

### 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.

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.

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)

**Thirtieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
October 25, 2015**



In this weekend's Gospel we hear Jesus ask the blind man, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man of course responds that he wants to see. The man is blind and in darkness but has a powerful desire in his heart to see what is hidden by the darkness of his blindness. God knows how there are so many ways that we can lose our sight in life, especially when we fall into sin. The question is if we wish to acknowledge our blindness and invite God into those places.

After we acknowledge our blindness then the next step is expressing the desire of our heart. God knows every desire of our hearts because God reads human hearts. However, God wants us to express the desires of our hearts. So often we fear expressing these desires out loud but it is important to do so. Every year when I go on retreat the first question of the retreat director is what desire do I have on my heart going into the retreat. This causes me to reflect on what is going on and what has blinded me. I then have a choice of putting words to that desire and inviting God into it.

The reason why it seems so often that we stay in blindness is we have not expressed our desire. God waits for us to express ourselves and to invite God in. The reason God does that is because God never wishes to control us or force his way into our heart. By waiting and allowing us to express our desires to God, we grow in spiritual maturity and our relationship with God. God has pity on us in our blindness and desires to restore our sight through his mercy.

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I wish to express my gratitude to everyone who has put so much effort into our annual Fall Festival. I am especially grateful to our Fall Festival Chair, Nicole Browning, and the Fall Festival Committee. I look forward to seeing everyone at our Fall Festival this weekend!

Next weekend we will celebrate All Saints Day and the weekend Masses count for both the Sunday obligation and for the Holy Day Obligation of all Saints Day. Monday, Nov. 2nd is All Souls Day so I invite everyone to bring a framed picture of a loved one to church the weekend of Oct. 31/Nov. 1 so we can remember our deceased loved ones. There will be a special All Souls Mass on Nov. 2nd at 7 PM and our parish Feast Day Mass is Nov. 3rd at 7 PM. We will also have the book of remembrance near the place of remembrance by the statues of Mary and Joseph during the month of November.

What is that desire of your heart that you wish to express to God today?  
Fr. Charlie

## **PRO-LIFE & CHASTE LIVING**

### **Baby Bank Campaign**

Please remember to bring your baby banks next week and dropped them off in the Narthex. All donations go to support the Gabriel Life Center and related activities in our parish. Thank you for your commitment to Life!

### **40 Days for Life Update**

Reports from vigil sites around the world just keep getting better. During the 3<sup>rd</sup> week, we received confirmation that another 97 lives were saved from abortion. Praise be to Jesus! Visit [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com) to read the inspirational details on some of these saves.

### **Word of Life**

"Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court or kill you."

~ Pope Francis



**Project Rachel Retreats** offer an opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has experienced an abortion. Retreats offer a chance to get away from the daily pressures of work and family. The retreat provides a time to be open to the mercy and love of God which allows healing to begin in a supportive and non-judgmental setting. The next weekend retreat is scheduled for Oct. 30 to Nov. 1. For more information confidentially email [Project-Rachel@austindiocese.org](mailto:Project-Rachel@austindiocese.org) or call (512) 949-2488.

For more information on how to get involved contact Jeff & Sheila Bosworth at 512-569-8219, [mbosworth@austin.rr.com](mailto:mbosworth@austin.rr.com)

**All Souls Day Mass**  
**Monday, November 2 at 7pm**

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls) will be celebrated during the month of November. Please bring any pictures of deceased loved ones you would like to put on our Table of Remembrance. You can drop the framed pictures off at the Parish office this week. Please remember to put your name on the back of the picture and a phone number.

**Parish Feast Day Mass**  
**Tuesday, November 3 at 7pm**



St Martin de Porres has a very robust Knights of Columbus Council. We meet the second Thursday of each month. Any men who are interested in joining, or learning more about the Knights of Columbus are encouraged to either: (1) Talk to any Knight (often seen

wearing a Knights of Columbus shirt); or (2) Call our Membership Chairman, Mike Duke at 512-999-0213.

**Cancer Support Group** is for those who have cancer or have had cancer in the past. The meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Education Center, Room #7; RSVP preferred but not necessary to [drnoffsinger@gmail.com](mailto:drnoffsinger@gmail.com).



**LEGION OF MARY**

The Legion of Mary has scheduled a "Mass for the Souls of Departed Legionaries" on November 10, 2015 at the 5:30 Mass. We will be praying the Rosary 30 minutes prior to the Mass.



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" And he answers, "Master, I want to see." Let us ask Jesus for the grace to "see" our brothers and sisters who are poor and lonely.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of SVdP was able to help several families with rent and utility/water bills. One family member lost their job and obtained a new one at half the salary. Another family member's illness caused other injuries and now is unable to work. The Society helped both families with their housing needs. These families are grateful to you and the sacrifices you make to help the. Thank you and God Bless you!

Our next meeting is **Tues, Oct 27<sup>th</sup> @7:00 in the Education Center**. You are welcome to visit to find out more about SVdP.

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

**Pantry:** Canned or Packaged Chicken, Tuna, Soups, Ravioli, Chili, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Kernel Corn, Pinto Beans, Refried Beans, Peas, Carrots, Mac & Cheese; Peanut Butter, Spaghettios, Pasta, Cheese/Peanut Butter Crackers, Oatmeal, Cereal



**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:**

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**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.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Fridays by noon (10 days in advance) to Laura Zordilla via email, [communications@stmartindp.org](mailto:communications@stmartindp.org)  
**Meeting Space Request:** reserve online at: [stmartindp.org/facilities-scheduling](http://stmartindp.org/facilities-scheduling)

## Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Homilies

- Recent or past homilies
- Easy access at any time
- Provided by our parish or other Catholic sources

Learn more or download our parish app at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)

\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

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**Vincent Van Gogh: A Self Portrait:** Crossroads Cultural Center Austin invites you to a dramatic reading of van Gogh's letters to his brother Theo by artist **Isaac Monteleone**, accompanied by music and images of van Gogh's paintings. 7pm, Thursday, Nov 5, Carter Auditorium, St. Edward's University 3001 South Congress Ave  
For more information about Crossroads, you can visit the national site here: <http://www.crossroadsculturalcenter.org/>

**MARRIED COUPLES** The car needs a tune-up; your job needs periodic continuing education; the house needs a fresh coat of paint and the grass needs mowing. What about your marriage? Isn't it time to place your relationship at the top of the list of things that need tending to? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWE) weekend and give your marriage a tune-up. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends will be held November 13-15 at Cedarbrake Renewal Center in Belton. To register call 512-522-8409 or go to [www.austinme.org](http://www.austinme.org). Call early to ensure a space.

Para información en español llamar al 512-635-1036.

**Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center**  
[www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake](http://www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake)

### **Wednesday, November 4 - How to Grieve**

Walking through grief can be the most difficult part of life's journey. Mourning can seem to intensify as the holidays approach. Although there are no right or wrong ways to grieve, there are healthy ways to cope and heal. During this Day of Reflection, we will explore scripture, look at the natural journey of grief, and discover ways to face grief and seek healing. Judy Hoelscher who is a chaplain for Hospice organizations will be leading this retreat. Cost is \$35 and includes lunch.

### **November 6-8, 2015 - Merciful Like the Father**

Join us for a weekend of Scripture, Prayer, Reflection and Sacraments dealing with the wonderful mystery of the Mercy of God. Follow the course of Salvation History from Eden to the present with Our Lady, Saint John Paul II, Saint Faustina and others as guides. Learn why "Now, more than ever, is the time of mercy" and how we are all called to participate. Deacons Ronnie Lastovica, Jim DiSimoni, and Tim Dorsey will lead this retreat. Cost is \$195 for a private room, \$160 per person for a shared room and \$85 for commuters.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURER**

**FY 7/1/15—6/30/16**

Envelopes, loose checks, and cash.

Offertory - October 17-18           **\$ 5,800**

Mass Attendance:                   998

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**Second Collections in October:**

**October 24-25    Debt Reduction**

**All collections are available on WeShare**

**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 x202.

**READINGS & MASSES 10/24–10/25/2015**

**Saturday**

10/24           **5:00 pm** - Frances Costilla

**Sunday**

10/25           **8:15 am** - SMdP Parishioners

**11:00 am** - +Mr. & Mrs. A. Amar

**1:30 pm** - +Msgr. Joseph Schmitt

**5:00 pm** - +Florence Moritz

**Monday**

10/26           **NO MASS**

**Tuesday**

10/27           **5:30 pm** - +Rene Gomez

**Wednesday**

10/28           **5:30 pm** - Verlyn Bowers

**Thursday**

10/29           **5:30 pm** - +Gabriel Chac Doan

**Friday**

10/30           **12:00 pm** - The Schenk Family

**Saturday**

10/31           **5:00 pm** - Sophia Costilla

**Sunday**

11/1            **8:15 am** - SMdP Parishioners

**11:00 am** - +Mr. & Mrs. A. Amar

**1:30 pm** - +Msgr. Joseph Schmitt

**5:00 pm** - +Florence Moritz



The Sanctuary Candles will burn from Saturday, October 17 thru Friday, October 30:

Church           +Rene Gomez  
                          Mary Gomez

Chapel:           +Rene Gomez  
                          Mary Gomez