

# St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church

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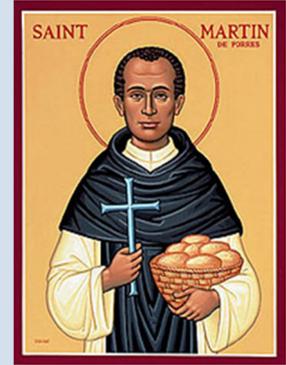


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**Psalm 147: 3 "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds"**



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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)

## First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015

I will raise up for David a just shoot;  
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

— *Jeremiah 33:15*



This weekend we begin the Season of Advent and on December 8th we will begin what is called the Year of Mercy. Pope Francis has asked us to reflect on this spiritual gift for a year. As we prepare for Christmas this is a time of year when we begin shopping for Christmas gifts. I invite us to reflect on how do we "shop" for the gift of mercy? The Hebrew word for mercy is hessed and means God's covenant of loving kindness. The Greek word is oiktirmos which means compassion or to show mercy.

The spiritual gift of mercy is a drive to respond to the emotional and spiritual needs of others. When we live out this gift of mercy then we seek out those who are hurt and respond to them with love and understanding. In our lives we seek people who will respond to our pain with merciful love and are called to show this kind of love to others as well. When we see someone in pain and respond with God's love then we give them the gift of mercy. God's mercy always draws us back into covenant or relationship with God and our mercy can draw others back into relationship with us or with God. Our kindness helps to bring about this reconnection or reconciliation.

This weekend's first reading from the Prophet Jeremiah reminds us of how the Israelites or Jews were in a place of pain and seeking God's love and mercy. God knew their pain and through Jeremiah was reminding them that he would send a Messiah from the house of David to show them merciful love. God was letting them know that the covenant of loving kindness was being honored and would be fulfilled. In the Second Reading, St. Paul instructs us to increase and abound in love so that we can always be kind to others and avoid sinning. We need such a strong outpouring of God's love in our hearts so that we can remain in the loving kindness or mercy that God calls us to. Who is God calling us to show mercy or loving kindness to most this Advent Season?

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We had a very successful Fall Festival and Fall Gala! These two fundraising efforts allowed us to pay off an additional \$74,500 of parish debt. If we have a good December debt collection then we should be debt free by the end of 2015! Let's finish the year up strong so we can be debt free in the New Year!

I am very grateful to our Chair Nicole Browning and the Fall Festival/Gala committee for all their hard work. The members of these committees are: Myra Alilain, Kat Berbel, Sylvia Blancarte, Nicole Browning, John Costilla, John Ganzerla, Melanie Ganzerla, Karen Hotstettler, Donna Inman, Michael Kersten, Charla Miller, Tony Quevedo, Allison Rice, Paul Sanchez, Judy Tixier-Fyall, Patsy Ward, and Jimmy Winkler

Please see our Advent/Christmas Column of the bulletin to see all of our upcoming Advent/Christmas events!

Lord, help us to share the gift of mercy this Advent Season,  
Fr. Charlie



Teams of Our Lady (TOOL) is forming new TEAMS here at St. Martin's. Each team consists of 5 to 7 couples that meet once a month to share a simple meal, pray together, and have lively discussions. This is a wonderful opportunity to have a night out with your spouse once a month and have an opportunity to grow closer to each other and to God. More information is available by visiting [www.teamsofourlady.org](http://www.teamsofourlady.org) or [www.stmartindp.org](http://www.stmartindp.org), under Ministries, Couples Ministries.

We will be holding a 1-hour information meeting on Friday, December 4th at 7 p.m. in the Education Center main room, please join us and learn more about this exciting couples ministry that is growing at St. Martin de Porres. Wine and cheese will be provided!



### Texas Trotters

On December 4th, we will attend first Friday Mass at noon. Afterwards we will gather for our annual potluck lunch at the parish hall. All parishioners are invited to join us. Please bring a dish.

### PRO-LIFE & CHASTE LIVING

#### Word of Life

“Unfortunately, what is thrown away is not only food and dispensable objects, but often human beings themselves, who are discarded as ‘unnecessary.’ For example, it is frightful even to think there are children, victims of abortion, who will never see the light of day.”

~ Pope Francis



# Fall Gala



A wonderful time was had by all at the Fall Gala this past Saturday! Dining and dancing under the stars at the beautiful Hog Heaven Barn made for an amazing evening, while a very lively auction supported our debt reduction and infrastructure expansion goals.

Preliminary figures show a profit of \$18,500. Our Parish came together in an amazing way to make this an incredible success.

A special thanks to those who attended and generously participated, as well as to our 2015 Fall Festival & Gala Committee.



Fr. Charlie Garza, Pastor  
Nicole Browning, 2015 Fall Festival & Gala Committee Chair



Yvonne Garza was one of the Raffle Winners of the lesser prizes. Her number and address are incomplete on the stub. If anyone knows Yvonne Garza from Odessa, TX please contact Judy at the Parish Office 512-858-5667x202

### Register Now for Women's ACTS Retreat January 28-31, 2016

Please join the Women of St. Martin for an opportunity to focus on faith and its application to daily life and to cultivate friendships among women of our church community. The Retreat begins on Thursday evening and ends after 11:00 a.m. Mass with a meal of fellowship. Contact the Parish Office or Mary Pomeroy marypomeroy3@gmail.com



As we begin Advent we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they call us with humble, reluctant hearts. In effect, they are ringing your doorbell.

If you know someone in need of the basic necessities of life, let them know they can call **SVdP** at **ext 209**. One never knows when we will be struck with a tragedy and need help feeding our family. Let's do what we can to support struggling families so they can celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

During home visits we inform callers of community resources, pray with them, assist with rent/mortgage and utility bills and assess, and sometimes find there is something special they need we may be able to provide.

Our next SVdP meeting is **Wed, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm** in the **Education Center**. We encourage newcomers to attend to see if this is *your* calling.

**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, Spagghettios, Pasta, Cheese/Peanut Butter Crackers, Oatmeal, Cereal

## FAITH FORMATION

Children's Christmas Choir rehearsals will be held in the church on the following dates:

Sunday, November 29 - 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Sunday, December 6 - 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Sunday, December 13 - 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 20 - 12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(Party to follow in the Parish Hall until 2:30 p.m.)

Come hear our Children's Choir sing before the Children's Christmas Eve Mass beginning at 4:00 p.m.

### Elementary Faith Formation Families

Please choose an angel ornament from our Angel Tree in the Education Center and help support our holiday service project. All items need to be turned in to the Education Center no later than Sunday, December 13th.



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I would like to invite all our recent confirmed youth to consider volunteering as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher, Altar Server, Sacristan, Choir member, or something new that you think the Church is missing. For those of you who are good with technology, Kevin is looking for a few good hands to help with a special assignment.

To get more information on how you can serve our Church as Bishop asked of you during his message to you, go to our parish website. None of these are big time commitments, but are Absolutely vital to our Church being a great place to worship God. Please pray and consider using your gifts.



Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) January 29-31st  
Come and worship with over 2,000 of your closest Catholic friends from all over the Diocese of Austin! Forms are online on the parish website and available in the office. Deposit is \$100 due with the forms. Spots are limited.

## 2015 Advent & Christmas Calendar

### Spread the Light of Christ

The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ brought a great illumination of hope into the world. The Knights of Columbus invite our Parishioners, their families, and friends to help "Spread the Light of Christ" on Tuesday, December 1st, by lighting our outdoor Christmas tree at the circle in front of the church immediately after we have celebrated daily Mass(6pm). Now is a great time to start a new tradition at St. Martin de Porres parish and help spread the joyful tidings of Christ's birth. We will sing a few Christmas carols before we end the event.

### Advent Holy Hour

Evening Prayer and Reflection offered by Geoff Unger

**Wednesdays – December 2nd, 9th & 16th**

6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. - Chapel

### Advent Mission

Fr. Matthew Kinney

**Monday, December 7th:**

7:00 p.m. in the Church

### Immaculate Conception

Mass Schedule

**Monday, December 7th - Vigil Mass**

6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 8th**

12:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m. – Spanish

### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Vigil Mass**

7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 a.m. – Mañanitas

6:00 a.m. – Mass (Spanish)

7:00 a.m. – Reception

### Dive into Scripture this Advent

Mondays – Bible Study 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Education Center

Wednesdays – Lectio Divina (praying with scriptures) 9:00 a.m.

- 11:00 a.m. Education Center

### Confessions

(Daily confessions will be offered except on Mondays beginning December 1st)

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays – 5:00 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Fridays – 11:00 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

Saturdays – 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Sunday, November 29th, December 13th & 20th:

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**No confessions on December 6th, 10th, 24th & 25th**

**Bulletin Deadline:** Fridays by noon (10 days in advance)

**Holiday Bulletin Deadline:** Due to the Christmas Holiday, bulletin notices for the December 27 and January 3 bulletins are due by noon on Friday December 11. Please email bulletin notices to [communications@stmartindp.org](mailto:communications@stmartindp.org).

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURER**

**FY 7/1/15—6/30/16**

Envelopes, loose checks, and cash.

Offertory - November 21-22: Reported in next week’s bulletin

Mass Attendance: Reported in next week’s bulletin

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**Second Collections in November:**

**November 29 Human Development**

**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.**

**Stock Gifts:** As a reminder, if parishioners want to make donations through stock gifts, contact Lisa Rosenberger at (512) 949-2450 or [lisa-rosenberger@austindiocese.org](mailto:lisa-rosenberger@austindiocese.org)

**READINGS & MASSES 11/28–12/6/2015**

**Saturday**

11/28 **5:00 pm** - +Gabriel Chac Doan

**Sunday**

11/29 **8:15 am** - SMdP Parishioners  
**11:00 am** - +Arthur & Rubie Kloesel  
**1:30 pm** - +Guadalupe Rios  
**5:00 pm** - +Fred & Julianne Strauss

**Monday**

11/30 **NO MASS**

**Tuesday**

12/1 **5:30 pm** - +John Marland

**Wednesday**

12/2 **5:30 pm** - +Ramona Gonzalez

**Thursday**

12/3 **5:30 pm** - +Guadalupe Perez

**Friday**

12/4 **12:00 pm** - +Chris Rosilier

**Saturday**

12/5 **5:00 pm** - +Joseph M. Kovach

**Sunday**

12/6 **8:15 am** - +Ramona Gonzalez  
**11:00 am** - +Marie Den Huynh  
**1:30 pm** - For the people of France  
**5:00 pm** - SMdP Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candles will burn from Saturday, November 28 thru Friday, December 11:

Church +Gabriel Chac Doan  
Tuan Huy’s Family

Chapel: +Gabriel Chac Doan  
Tuan Huy’s Family