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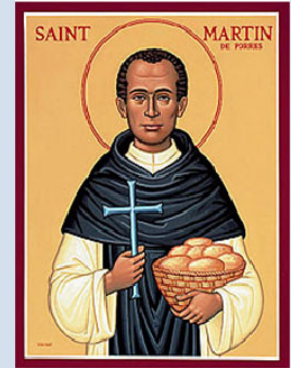


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Parish Membership
Please contact the Parish Office
for more information on registering.

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.
"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.

Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2015

If God is for us, who can be against us?

— *Romans 8:31b*



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PASTOR'S CORNER

**“This is my beloved Son.
Listen to him.”**

This weekend's Gospel is the Transfiguration. We have an opportunity to be transformed from our sinful state to a forgiven state in the sacrament of reconciliation or confession. This is one of the sacraments of healing and has four major parts. The first part is contrition since we have to be sorry for our sins in order to be forgiven. God calls us to have contrite hearts in being sorry for our sins. It is important to note that contrition is different than shame. Many times we are reluctant to confess our sins because we are ashamed of them. Shame keeps us in our woundedness and denies God permission to heal us.

The second part of this sacrament is confession where we actually tell our sins to the priest. It is important to understand that we tell our specific sins because it helps us to get rid of those things. People always tell me it is hard to say their sins but once they do that they feel better. That is because we finally give God permission to take these things when we confess them. The third part of reconciliation is penance. We receive a penance to atone or demonstrate our sorrow for our sins. A penance is also medicinal and is like the priest writing a prescription. The idea is doing the penance will help us to heal from the wounds our sins caused.

The last part is absolution. The priest acts in the person of Christ when he says, "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit". After the priest says this prayer we have been forgiven of our sins and reconciled to God. Reconciliation is the process by which our relationship with God is healed and restored so we can once again

live out our identity as beloved daughters and sons. During the Lenten Season we are asked to go to confession so that we can be transformed. Under our Lenten Schedule you will see how there is an opportunity to go to confession 6 days of the week during Lent. Our Lent Mission this year will focus on how to make a good confession so I hope you will join us!

Please join me in congratulating Deacon Dan Pearson who recently celebrated his five year anniversary of ordination to the diaconate. I also want to congratulate Luke Hodsden, one of our parishioners, who is the state champion in the 182-pound division in 5A, finishing off an undefeated season.

As I announced at last weekend's Masses, we have paid off the debt note on our church sanctuary building. This leaves us with one last debt note to pay off. We have paid off a little more than \$300,000 worth of parish debt in the last eleven months which is a wonderful accomplishment! I am grateful for our parish's generosity and encourage us to keep the momentum going. To celebrate, we will burn the church note after all Masses this weekend and Fr. Jim Evans, pastor when the church was built, will join us after the 11:00 am Mass to burn the note.

Fr. Charlie

THE ART OF LISTENING

If you want God to listen to you when you pray, shouldn't you listen to God when God speaks to you?
—Anonymous



STATIONS OF THE CROSS Church

Every Friday During Lent at 7:00 PM

**LENTEN FISH FRY—Triangle
Friday, March 6th
4:00—7:00 PM**

**LENTEN MISSION—Church
March 3-5 at 6:30 PM**

**LENTEN HOLY HOUR—Chapel
(Starting after Ash Wednesday)
Evening Prayer and Reflection
Wednesday During Lent at 6:15 PM
(except March 4th and March 18th)**

**PENANCE SERVICE
March 26th at 7:00 PM**

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT:
Saturdays 4:00—4:55 PM
Tuesday-Thursday 5:00—5:25 PM
Tuesday 6:30—7:30 PM
Friday 11:00—11:50 AM

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**VIACRUCIS EN ESPANOL
En la Iglesia
Cada Viernes durante la Cuaresma
7:30 pm
Sigüientes fechas:
Marzo 6, 13, 20, 27**

**Se empezara a vender pescado frito
6 de Marso
4:00—7:00 pm
En el triangular de la ciudad**

**Confesiones durante la Cuaresma
Los Domingos a la 1:00—1:25 pm**



Get excited everyone! This weekend the Culture Project, a touring group of young adult missionaries, will be visiting Lifeteen! They travel all over Texas sharing their stories and teaching about our dignity as humans. Come check it out! It's open to the general public!

Kevin Kapchinski
Director of Faith Formation

PRAY FOR:



Anna Castro, Dora Ramirez, Teresa Lopez, Art Mika, Tom Houle

You may also write in the names in the book in the Narthex. We pray for them at every Mass.

**St. Teresa of Avila
Fifth Centenary Celebration**

Austin area Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites
Sat., March 7, 2015 8:30 am-12:30 pm
St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church
Pflugerville
Keynote Speaker: Fr. Ralph Reyes OCD
Bi-lingual Mass
For information and registration:
<https://www.facebook.com/Austinocds>

**Celebracion de V Centenario Santa
Teresa de Jesus (Avila)**

Patrocinado por la Comunidad Seglar de Carmelitas Discalzos, Austin
Sab. 7 de Marzo, 2015 8:30 am-12:30 pm
Iglesia Catolica de St. Elizabeth
Pflugerville
Principal presentador:
El Padre Ralph Reyes



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.

**Live the Love and Discover the
NFP Difference**

NFP respects God's plan for love, marriage, and sexuality. For many couples, this is the overriding reason they are glad to have found it. A CCL class series is made up of three classes spaced one month apart. A couple learns enough at the first class to enable them to start practicing NFP the very next day! Contact Randall and Grace-Marie Kolb at rkolb@austin.rr.com, 512-891-5341 to attend the March 10th class. (On-site babysitting available when arranged in advance)

**2015 Spring Campaign:
February 18 - March 29th**

To commit to 1 hour per week during Lent go to:
<http://www.centraltexascoalition.com/get-involved/spring-2015-campaign/>
To sign-up with a fellow parishioner, contact Jeff at mbosworth@austin.rr.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Fish Fry
March 6, 2015
4:00—7:00 pm
Dripping Springs Triangle

Total Consecration Rosary and Mass:

Please join over 5,000 Faithful in our Diocese to collectively make or renew our "**Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary**" at a special Holy Mass on the Annunciation of the Lord. Rosary and Mass will be offered on **Wednesday, March 25th at 6:00 pm** at Saint Mary Cathedral, Austin.

Rosario y Misa para la Consagración Total:

Por favor únase a miles de Fieles a lo largo de nuestra Diócesis para hacer o renovar colectivamente nuestra "**Total Consagración a Jesús a Través de María**" durante una Santa Misa especial el día de la Anunciación del Señor. El rosario y la Misa serán ofrecidos el Miércoles 25 de marzo a las 6pm en la Catedral de St. Mary (Austin),



Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more importantly to "give something".

Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, we want them to know they can call upon us for help, prayer and support. In effect, they are ringing your doorbell.

Your almsgiving to the Society of SVdP will help the poor find hope in their lives, no matter how difficult their situation is. When Vincentian volunteers travel "two-by-two" on home visits, they pray before the visit that the Holy Spirit will work through them to bring dignity and love to the families they visit. This ministry is very personal...entering someone's home, talking to them about their struggles, and sometimes praying with them if they would like us to. At the Food Pantry, our volunteers greet visitors in need of food with a warm welcome, visit with them and enjoy their company as our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, **March 11th at 7:30 pm** in the Education Center. If a "personal" ministry is what God is calling you to do...please join us to learn more about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

Set Clocks Ahead



Remember to set your clocks ahead next weekend.

READINGS & MASSES 2/21—3/1/2015

Saturday

2/28 Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

5:00 pm— +Lauren Caswell

Sunday

3/1 Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19;

Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

8:15 am — +Jim Schenk

11:00 am— +Lauren Caswell

1:30 pm— Carmen Estrada

5:00 pm— SMdP Parishioners

Monday

3/2 Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

3/3 Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

5:30 pm— +Lauren Caswell

Wednesday

3/4 Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

5:30 pm— +Elmo “Diego” Uribe

Thursday

3/5 Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

5:30 pm— +Elmo “Diego” Uribe

Friday

3/6 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

12:00 pm — +Chris Rosilier

Saturday

3/7 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

5:00 pm— +Joseph M. Kovach

Sunday

3/8 Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25;
Jn 2:13-25

8:15 am — Oscar Cantu

11:00 am— SMdP Parishioners

1:30 pm— +Dora Alejos

5:00 pm— +Jaime Ruiz

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for
Candidates for Full Communion

Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel

Wednesday: St. Casimir;
Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

Friday: First Friday; World Day of Prayer; Abstinence

Saturday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity;
First Saturday



The Sanctuary Candles will burn from Saturday,
February 21st thru Friday, March 6th in memory of:

Church: Lauren Caswell
Brian, Abby & Andy Caswell

Chapel: Lauren Caswell
Brian, Abby & Andy Caswell

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURER

FY 7/1/14—6/30/15

Envelopes, loose checks, and cash.

Offertory—February 21-22, 2015 \$ 8,114

Mass Attendance - 1,041

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 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.

All collections are on WeShare.

FROM ASHES TO EASTER

Ashes to Easter annual Lenten Mission project has begun. Each family is invited to pick up a special Mission box. You may keep it on or near the dining table in your home. Put in some coins each day during Lent and pray for missions worldwide. Return your Lent box to the parish on Easter. Money collected will help local missionaries and missionary projects from our diocese.



DE LAS CENIZAS A LA PASCUA

El proyecto anual Misionero de Cuaresma llamado de las Cenizas a la Pascua ha comenzado. Todas las familias están invitadas a recoger una alcancía especial para las Misiones. Usted puede ponerla sobre la mesa del comedor de su casa o cerca de ella. Deposite algunas monedas cada día durante la Cuaresma y ore por las misiones en el mundo entero. Regrese su alcancía de Cuaresma a la parroquia en la Pascua. El dinero juntado ayudará a misioneros locales y a proyectos misioneros de nuestra diócesis.