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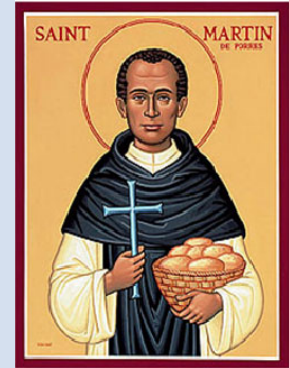


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Psalm 147: 3 "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds"



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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, 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.

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)

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2015**

As for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD.

— *Joshua 24:15b*



Master,
to whom
shall
we go?

PASTOR'S CORNER

This weekend's first reading speaks of how Joshua made a commitment to serve God and asked his community whom they chose to serve. We all need to take time to see who it is that we spend most of our time serving. If it is not God then we are faced with the choice to spend more time with God or continue serving whomever it is we are serving.

This weekend you have heard how our parish has sought to be stewards of the time, talent and treasures entrusted to our care this past year. You have heard me present my vision for this next year. Now it is your choice to decide as did Joshua's community if you as a member of St. Martin de Porres choose to serve God in this way.

Next weekend, August 29th and 30th is our Annual Mission Appeal weekend. This is when we host a guest from another country and hear about the reality of the Catholic Church in their country. Please see the announcement below for more information on this year's Mission Appeal Speaker.

As for me and my house we choose to serve the Lord,
Fr. Charlie

Dear Parishioners of St. Martin de Porres,

I greet you in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. I thank you for the opportunity to introduce to you the Diocese of Fort Portal Uganda for the missionary co-operative plan organized by the Diocese of Austin. Bishop Robert Muhiirwa of Fort Portal will come in person to speak to you on the weekend on August 29/30.

The Fort Portal Diocese is located in Western Uganda with a population of nearly two million Catholics. It was hit by a devastating earthquake in the late 1990s that took many lives and destroyed lives and properties. I am sure you can relate to that, given the recent devastating Memorial Day storms and flooding. Please be assured of my prayers for your own struggles in this regard. Your generosity in reaching out to far off brothers and sisters, even as you are dealing with your own recent losses due to the storms speaks more profoundly.

Fort Portal is in need of repair funds for the Cathedral, religious houses and the seminary among others.

Fort Portal is rich in religious vocations. The main focus now is to retain every young man and woman who joins the seminary or a novitiate. Money should not be the reason to lose a potential priest or nun. Since most Ugandans are farmers, earning an average of \$950 a year, it is very difficult for most to support their children who want to go into religious life.

It costs \$600 a year for a minor seminarian and \$1400 per year for a major seminarian.

Your financial assistance is never too small and is greatly appreciated. I thank you on behalf of the bishop and the people of Fort Portal diocese, Uganda.

Yours sincerely in Jesus Christ,

Fr. Isidore Ndagizimana, Pastor
St. Thomas More Parish, Austin
Mission appeals coordinator for Diocese of Fort Portal Diocese, Uganda

PARISH EVENTS

M.O.M.S. Group (Ministry of Moms Sharing) is in the works for St. Martin de Porres. We are looking for two volunteers to serve as facilitators. Facilitators will attend a two hour training and help to facilitate M.O.M.S. Group gatherings which will occur once a month in the evening. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Emily Austin at emilyaustin31@gmail.com.

Cancer Support Group is for those who have cancer or have had cancer in the past. The meetings will be held every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Education Center, Room #7; RSVP preferred but not necessary to dmoffsinger@gmail.com.

Members of the Knights of Columbus meet each Thursday at 9:30 AM at Mazama's on Mercer St. to enjoy conversation and refreshments. Men of the parish who are interested are welcome to join us.

EIM Workshops St. Martin de Porres

Refresher in English

Thursday, August 27 6:30 to 8:00 pm—Hall

Basic in English

Tuesday, August 25 6:00 to 9:00 pm—Hall

Workshop attendees should "pre-register" to attend a workshop. They must access their EIM account and sign up in order to attend: stmartindp.org/upcoming-eim-workshops-basic-refresher

Prayer and Life Workshops by Father Ignacio Larrañaga invites you to live a personal encounter with a loving God through various methods of prayer, in which his love will walk you through many paths of faith, forgiveness, abandonment, joy & peace in Jesus Christ and also giving you a closer step to living a new life with Jesus in your heart. Don't miss this opportunity, come and participate. The first session of Orientation will be on August 24th from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm in the Education Center. Come and visit the first informative session and find out what we're all about and how this can help your spiritual and personal life. If you have any questions or would like to sign up; Please contact Daniela Mondragon at [512-636-2432](tel:512-636-2432) or daniela.mondragon08@gmail.com.

St. Martin de Porres Day Retreat "Prayer & Temperament"

Different Prayer Forms for Different Personality Types Using the Myers Briggs by Beverly Collin Assistant Director at Cedarbrake. Join us as we discover how our individual temperaments affect our prayer lives, teach us about ourselves, how we read Scripture, and how we relate to God. Saturday, August 29, 2016 9:00 am - 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Registration Per Person \$10.00 (Includes Lunch) Registration Required: Call the Church Office 512-858-5667. Sponsored by Mary & Martha Ministry. Questions - Contact Mary Pomeroy at maryandmartha.stmdp@gmail.com.

That Man Is You is a faith sharing ministry at St. Martin de Porres for men interested in developing their faith journey as a father, husband or brother. The Fall session for year three is starting on Friday, September 11, 2015 and the theme is Revelation of the Father. For more information visit us on the web at stmartindp.org/that-man-is-you

FAITH FORMATION

We Need Catechists Teachers for Elementary, Middle or High School aged children and youth!

Calling all parents, grandparents, empty-nesters and young adults! Want to share your Faith with our youngest of parishioners? Do you interact well with small children or maybe you are better suited for adolescent or young adult youth?

WE WANT YOU!!

Consider sharing your time, talent and energy with our Faith Formation program at St. Martin de Porres Parish. We are seeking confirmed Catholics to spread the "Good News" that is Jesus to the children of St. Martin's. The time commitment is once a week with some planning from September through May. All materials and training will be provided by the Faith Formation department. Volunteer forms are located in the Narthex.

All interested persons should contact Michele Van Nostrand (Grades 1-5) at ccre@stmartindp.org or by phone at [512-858-5667](tel:512-858-5667) x 206 - Kevin Kapchinski (Middle and High School) at dff@stmartindp.org or by phone at [512-858-5667](tel:512-858-5667) x 204.

GODLY PLAY registration followed by a mandatory parent meeting will take place on Sunday, August 30th at 12:30 in the Education Center. Godly Play is a Montessori based program that will be offered for children ages 4 - 5 (Pre-K and K) during the 11:00 Mass on Sunday mornings. Class size will be limited to 12 children and registration will be on a first come, first served basis. The cost is \$80 for the entire school year. Catechist discounts will not apply to this program. There is an information sheet for parents on the table in the narthex that describes what happens in a Godly Play session. Please check it out!

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 13!

Elementary, Edge and Life Teen Faith Formation There will be a mandatory Faith Formation parent meeting for all elementary, Edge and Life Teen parents on Sunday, September 13 from 12:30-1:30pm in the Parish Hall. This meeting will be to discuss important information for the upcoming school year. We ask that at least one parent from each family attend and bring your calendars. Registration packets will be available at the meeting if you have not yet registered your child/children.

ELEMENTARY FF - SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Sacrament preparation at SMdP is a two year process in Elementary FF. Both first and second grades are considered sacrament preparation classes and children must be enrolled both years before celebrating First Holy Communion. If your child is in grades 3-5 and has not received the sacrament of Holy Communion they must enroll in their grade level FF class during the Wednesday 6:15 session. We will then also enroll them in a RCIA-AC class (Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children) RCIA-AC classes meet twice a month on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30pm in the EC. Please contact Michele Van Nostrand in the church office if you have any questions.

Bulletin Deadline: Fridays by noon (10 days in advance) to Laura Zordilla via email, communications@stmartindp.org

Meeting Space Request: reserve online at: <http://stmartindp.org/facilities-scheduling>



The SSVdP Back-to-School project is complete! Through your generosity we provided 106+ children from 44 families with new backpacks and Academy gift cards totaling \$3,660 for new shoes. Thank you! Together, we pray that we shall seek Christ in each other, unity for His church, and that our gifts of charity are a means to encounter His love, hope, and the sacrifice He so freely gave.

If you know someone who is struggling in our community, have them call the church at the SSVdP ext. 209. Our Next SSVdP meeting is **Tues, Aug 25th @7:00pm** in the Education Center

Special Needs: *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

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Come learn how to easily achieve or avoid pregnancy 99% effectively and 100% naturally! The Ovulation Method of Natural Family Planning is for everyone during all stages of life. It is simple and easy to learn and can start immediately. The next 3 class course starts Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00. Contact Randy & Grace Marie Kolb [512-891-5341](tel:512-891-5341), rkolb@austin.rr.com to register.

BLOSSOM - Tuesday, September 15

St. John Paul II Life Center invites mothers of daughters aged 10-14 to a program that will equip them with the tools to help their daughters embrace their blossoming womanhood! This is an opportunity to prepare moms to share with their daughters the beauty and dignity of womanhood. Presenters: Heather Kalamarides, MAT, FCP & Nancy Carrano, former teacher and JPII Board Member. 10:00 AM - 1:00 \$10 fee includes lunch register at: <http://www.jpilifecenter.org/news.html>



St. Martin de Porres will unite with churches across Austin for a 40 day campaign of silent prayer and fasting in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility. Prayerfully consider giving one hour a week to bring Christ's mercy to Austin's darkest corner. Look for sign-up tables in future weeks to learn more, or visit: centraltexascoalition.com

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURER

FY 7/1/15—6/30/16

Envelopes, loose checks, and cash.

Offertory—August 15-16 **\$ 8,606**
Mass Attendance: 940

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 x202.

All collections are on WeShare, including Registration fees for Faith Formation classes.

READINGS & MASSES 8/22-30/2015

Saturday

8/22 **5:00 pm** - Fr. Hai

Sunday

8/23 **8:15 am** - +Emilio Villarreal
11:00 am - Fr. Charlie
1:30 pm - Joshua Smith
5:00 pm - SMDP Parishioners

Monday

8/24 **NO MASS**

Tuesday

8/25 **5:30 pm** - Fr. Adam Martinez

Wednesday

8/26 **5:30 pm** - +Frank Harrington

Thursday

8/27 **5:30 pm** - +Frank Harrington

Friday

8/28 **12:00 pm** - Jim Robson

Saturday

8/29 **5:00 pm** - Mr. & Mrs. A. Amar

Sunday

8/30 **8:15 am** - +Marjorie Jane Mulvey
11:00 am - +Lori Jordan
1:30 pm - +Fr. Karel Fink
5:00 pm - +Emile Comai



The Sanctuary Candles will burn from Saturday, August 22 thru Friday, September 4 in memory of:

Church Mike Perryman
 Laurie Perryman
Chapel: Jimmy Guerrero
 Benita Guerrero

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.