

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church

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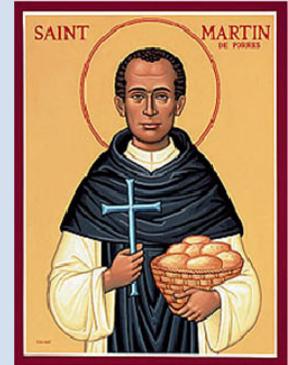


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Parish Membership
Please contact the Parish Office
for more information on registering.

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.
"Come and see!" (John 1:39)

Masses

Weekends:

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

Weekdays

Tuesday-Thursday 5:30 p.m.
First Friday of Month 12:00 pm & 5:30 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 the 5:00 pm Mass on the last Saturday of the month (unless indicated otherwise).

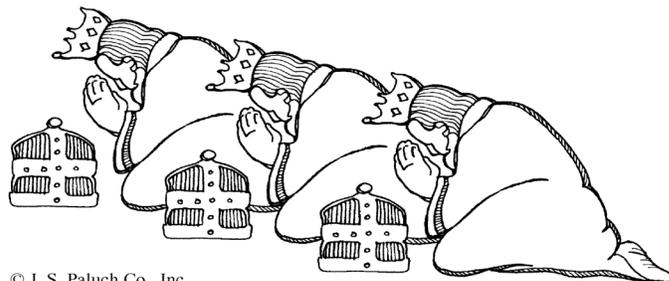
This sacrament also may be celebrated at any time by appointment.

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2015

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

— *Psalm 72:11*



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PASTOR'S CORNER

This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. An Epiphany is a revelation or manifestation. This weekend we celebrate how Christ was revealed or manifested to the Gentiles/world through the presence of the three magi. The traditional names for the three magi are Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar. In some cultures, today is when gifts are exchanged rather than on Christmas day since today is when the baby Jesus received gifts from the magi. The Gospel reading relates the story of the three Magi to use today.

The three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh that we hear in the First Reading and Gospel all tell us something important about who Jesus Christ is and the mission he would perform. Gold is a gift for a king and reminds us that Christ is our King. Frankincense is a gift for a priest since when burned it rises up to God like our prayers rising up to heaven. This is why we use incense in our Masses especially during the holiest days of the year. The gift of Frankincense tells us that Jesus is a priest. Myrrh was used in the process of burial so it signifies that Christ will die for his people and act as a sacrifice. This gift shows Christ as a prophet who will be killed by the people he prophesies for. Each of the gifts corresponds to a baptismal identity since in our baptism we are considered to be Priests, Prophets, and Kings.

A special tradition on the Feast of the Epiphany is to do a blessing of one's house. This tradition comes from Germany where at each house the custom is to paint the letters "20+C+M+B+15" which are for the Latin Christus Mansionem Benedicat (Christ bless this house). At the same time the letters are the first letters of the names of the wise men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. I

encourage you to use the blessed chalk we will distribute to write this blessing on or above the entrance to your house. This weekend we will distribute blessed chalk and a card of blessing that you can use in your homes for this purpose.

We have started a few new things with this New Year! On January 4th, 2015, (this Sunday) we started our Spanish 1:30 pm Mass. On January 2nd, 2015 (this past Friday) our Friday Daily Mass changed from 5:30 PM to 12 PM with confessions at 11:30 AM. The Friday Mass change and confession addition was in response to feedback given on the Parish Survey. We have a seminarian, Colby Jackson, who is with us until January 9th. Colby is a first year seminarian at Holy Trinity Seminary in the Dallas area. Colby is being given a taste of parish life so please give him a warm St. Martin de Porres welcome.

We had many people who made our Christmas celebrations a success. I would like to thank all those who generously gave of their time and talent. A special thanks goes to those who gave us beautiful music so thanks to **Thomas Dale, Norma Dale, Steve Fournier, Michele Van Nostrand, the Men's Schola, Children's Choir** and all our **choir members** who so faithfully serve us on a weekly basis. I also appreciate all those who helped with our wonderful Christmas decorations and especially thank **Karen Monaghan, The Knights of Columbus** and all those who helped in decorating the Church. I thank **Michael Monaghan, Orlando Castillo, the ushers, and all those volunteers** who helped prepare the Hall for overflow mass and directed traffic during our busy masses. My gratitude also goes out to all the other liturgical ministers like our **deacons, acolyte, lectors, extraordinary**

servers who always play an important role in keeping our liturgies running smoothly.

Have a Blessed Epiphany!
Fr. Charlie

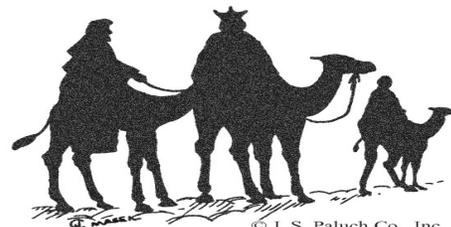


Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **In the spirit of the Magi, please offer up your gifts of food, donations and prayers for the poor in our community.** Together, you and the Society of SVdP can help these families know they are not alone and forgotten. We care about them as brothers and sisters in our church family. Our next SVdP meeting is coming up, **Wed Jan 14th @7:30 in the Education Center.** It's the *perfect time* to start something new! If you are interested in joining us, you are most welcome to attend to learn more about SVdP.

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



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TEXAS TROTTERS

On Friday, January 9, 2015, "The Texas Trotters" will attend noon Mass at St. Martin de Porres. Following Mass, we will bring a brown bag lunch, and meet in the Parish Hall.

"The Texas Trotters" will meet on January 27th, at the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center to see the movie, "El Mago"; a Cantinflas film with subtitles. Doors open at 9:15 am. A small snack will be provided before the movie and then a free lunch will be served right after. Donations are accepted.

Go to the office and get a free parking permit for car.

Call Donna Miller at 512-301-7811 if you wish to join us and to obtain other information.

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.

PRAY FOR:



Names will be listed for one week.

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



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

Elementary Faith Formation

Since we had so much fun, I plan to continue with our choir and children's liturgy. Our next children's Mass will be coming up in February with more opportunities to volunteer and participate. Look for the sign-up sheets that will be appearing soon!

Faith Formation classes will resume the week of January 11th.

Michele Van Nostrand, Coordinator
Children's 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.

Sacrament Class Announcements

For all children in 2nd Grade Sacrament classes and RCIC 2 classes that are receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation in January, there will be a **mandatory workshop on Friday, January 9th at 7:00 pm** in the church.

First Reconciliation for RCIC students and children in Sunday Faith Formation will be **on Saturday, January 10th beginning at 9:30am.**

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

THE HOLY STAR



O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.

—William Cullen Bryant



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Happy Epiphany and happy 2015!

Remember that Faith Formation starts up again next weekend! If you thought 2014 was good, just wait for how awesome this year will be!!!

Kevin Kapchinski
Director of Faith Formation



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Be sure to like us on Facebook!

Also, all of Fr. Charlie's sermons are on the web page smartindp.org under Communications in the Homilies & Recordings section.

ACTS

Women's Retreat

January 22-25, 2015

Contact Chrissy Oertli @ 512-970-6891

Men's Retreat

February 26-March 1, 2015

Contact Ron Rice @ 512-280-7492

Registration forms are on the Narthex pamphlet rack.



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 1/3—11/2015

Saturday

1/3 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
5:00 pm—+Dennis Strauss

Sunday

1/4 Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
8:15 am— +Jim Schenk
11:00 am— +Kay Palmese
1:30 pm— +Paola Padron
5:00 pm— SMdP Parishioners

Monday

1/5 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

1/6 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
5:30 pm— +Ruth Martin

Wednesday

1/7 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
5:30 pm— +Don Sprouse

Thursday

1/8 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
5:30 pm—Ignacia Cantu

Friday

1/9 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
12:00 pm— +Fr. Bernard Mahoney

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
Monday: St. John Neumann
Tuesday: St. André Bessette
Wednesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas



The Sanctuary Candles will burn from Saturday,
December 27th thru Friday, January 9th in
memory of:

Church: Rene Gomez
Mary Gomez

Chapel: Rene Gomez
Mary Gomez

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURER

FY 7/1/14—6/30/15

Envelopes, loose checks, and cash.

All Collections are on the WeShare site.

January Collections

Family & Pro-Life Activities

January 4, 2015



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.



That Man is You is transforming men, families and society as it presents the vision of man fully alive! Combining the teachings of the Church and wisdom of the saints with the best research from modern science in an interactive, multimedia format, That Man is You! puts this vision within the grasp of every man.

That Man is You! is a national program which began at St. Martin de Porres in September 2013. Registration is ongoing and we welcome new attendees throughout the program, which consists of 13 weeks in the spring that runs from early January 9th to April 10th. You can register by just showing up at one of the sessions or preferably by email: PauldSchez@hotmail.com.

The St. Martin de Porres TMIY! program meets Friday mornings at 6:00 am in the Parish hall with coffee, breakfast and fellowship. A video presentation begins at 6:30 am sharp, then at 7:00 am attendees break up into small groups of 6-7 men for discussion and faith sharing. The program ends promptly at 7:30 am in time for a renewed start for your Friday.

The Spring session for year two is starting on Friday, January 9, 2015. It is not necessary for you to have attended the Fall session to join us. Each session is for the most part independent of prior sessions and you can obtain tremendous benefits for yourself, your wife and your kids by joining NOW. The Spring session enters into the contemplative **mystery of the family**. We know you are busy and that is why our schedule is concise and the program material is compelling. By directly addressing the spiritual issues facing men today, the program promotes the formation of "**The Great Battle Over the Family**" in a very effective way.

If you are looking for something for your spiritual life and wondering what you should do for Lent this year, we have a Lenten program for you will find amazing! **Now** is the time to join if you never have. **Now** is the time to return if you have been missing sessions.

Wives, please help us in this effort. Get your husbands to **TMIY!**