

# St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church

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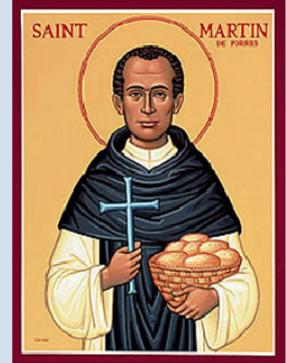


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**Parish Membership**  
Please contact the Parish Office  
for more information on registering.

**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](mailto: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

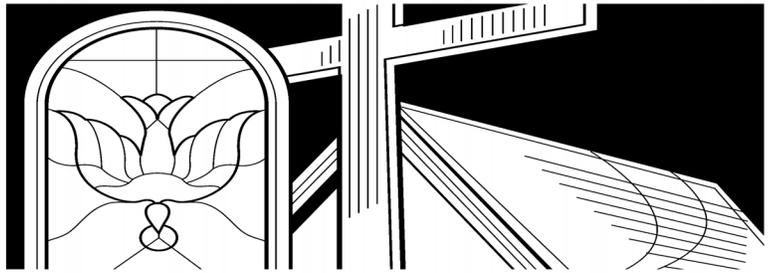
Those who are seriously ill; elderly individuals who are weakened; those facing or recovering from surgery; children who are sick; or pregnant women may participate in the Sacrament celebrated following any Mass. Please let the Priest know, or by appointment.

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2015

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

— 1 Corinthians 6:19a



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### **PASTOR'S CORNER**

**“Speak, for your servant is listening.”**

The theme for this weekend's readings is vocation or how we are being called by God. Samuel hears God calling to him and eventually realizes that God is calling him to service in a special way. Saints Andrew and Peter hear Jesus inviting them to follow him and so they dedicate their lives to serving God. The Church speaks of a vocation as a call to married life, priesthood, religious life, the diaconate or single life. Most importantly it is how God is calling us to love and serve him. I show love to my parish family in the way that I visit the sick or celebrate Mass. A married person would show love in sacrificing for their family.

An important part of choosing a vocation is discernment or listening to God's voice. Whenever I am trying to discern a big decision and hear if God is calling me to do something, I use a rule of three. I take this rule of three from how Samuel was called by God three times before recognizing it was God who called him. If I get affirmation from three sources that I should do something then I take that as God calling me to do so. Of course, in beginning that process I pray that God will speak to me in three ways so I may know it is God's will and not merely my will or another's will. God speaks to us on a daily basis but so often God's voice is drowned out in all the other voices of the world. Samuel thought Eli was calling him instead of God and so we

too often mistake a voice for God or miss God's voice. If we take a consistent time to pray each day it becomes easier to separate God's voice from the noise.

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This weekend 28 of our youth are at the Diocese of Austin Catholic Youth Conference in Waco. I will be with our parish group on Saturday so Fr. Will Straten will be covering our Saturday Mass and confessions. Please keep all the youth attending the conference in your prayers!

This week we will have about 50 of our children making their 1st reconciliation as they prepare for their 1st Holy Communion in April. Please keep them in your prayers as they learn to experience God's mercy in this sacrament of healing.

Next weekend is our Women ACTS retreat so please be sure to sign-up if you have not done so already. Most importantly please pray that all those attending will have a powerful encounter with Christ. Saturday, January 24th will mark several special ways to celebrate life. I hope many members of our parish will be able to join me as I attend the Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at St. Vincent de Paul in Austin at 10:00 am on January 24th. It is important that we celebrate the gift of life and stand for those who cannot speak for themselves.

**How is God inviting you to follow Him today?**

Fr. Charlie



### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

In the Gospel today, Jesus asks “What are you looking for?” Often we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find that when we look for ways to make others happy, it is then that we truly become happy.

**As you give to the Society of SVdP, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering. You give them reason to believe and trust in the hope for a better tomorrow. Thank you for your support. Pray for them!**

The growth in our area is bring more people in need to our Dripping Springs community. We pray that you will remember these increasing needs as you contemplate your charitable contributions for 2015.

Our next SVdP meeting will be **Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm** in the Education Center.

#### **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

### **JOY**

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.

—St. Julian

## Rachel's Reflections

*"If God is love, then the perfect expression of that Love is Calvary. And what awaits us there is not condemnation but salvation . . . For He is the one who bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things."*

Fr. Peter Cipriani from *Sharing the Heart of Christ* by Kevin Burke.

If you or someone you know has experienced an abortion, we can help. Please contact Project Rachel at (877) WE CARE 2 or [project-rachel@austindiocese.org](mailto:project-rachel@austindiocese.org). Additional information is available at [www.austindiocese.org/projectrachel](http://www.austindiocese.org/projectrachel).

Our next retreat is scheduled for **March 27-29, 2015.**

## 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.



**Welcome!**

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

## PRAY FOR:



Braden Summers, Loyal Hair, Janet Marland, Ignacia Cantu

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

## Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day in Austin

Please join the Diocese of Austin for these Pro-Life Activities:

**January 24, 2015**

**7:00 am** *Prayer Vigil* at Planned Parenthood, 201 E. Ben White Blvd, Austin, Texas 78704. (Blessing will be held at Planned Parenthood.)

**9:15 am** *Rosary for Life* led by teens and young adults while elementary school student reenact the Joyful Mysteries at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 9500 Neenah Ave., Austin, 78717

**10:00 am** *Diocesan Pro-Life Mass* celebrated by Bishop Joe Vásquez at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 9500 Neenah Ave., Austin, 78717

**1:00 pm** *March for Life* will gather for pro-life march at 1600 N. Congress

**2-3:00 pm** *Texas Rally for Life* program on the South Steps, State Capitol.



The Knights of Columbus Super Bowl BBQ are taking orders after all Masses this weekend through the weekend of the 25th. Please support this worthwhile event as you will be helping the Youth of the Church, the community and the Parish. Thank you for your support.



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Please say some prayers for our teens who are in Waco right now with 2,500 other Catholic youth experiencing Christ in new ways.

Also, be sure to check out the narthex pamphlet rack and the website for our high school spring retreat forms. It's called **KARDIA** and you won't want to miss it. Forms are due no later than February 6th. The retreat will take place February 13-15!!!

## Other events coming up:

**April 11-12 - GODSTOCK FEAT**  
Matt Maher

**July 11-18 - MISSION 2015**  
in San Juan, TX

Kevin Kapchinski  
Director of Faith Formation

We have found  
the Messiah



## 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 1/17—18/2015**

**Saturday**

1/17 Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17  
**5:00 pm**—+Eddie Lopez

**Sunday**

1/18 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42  
**8:15 am**— Protection of Unborn Children  
**11:00 am**— +Fred & Julianne Strauss  
**1:30 pm**— SMdP Parishioners  
**5:00 pm**— Parker Johnston

**Monday**

1/19 Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday**

1/20 Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28  
**5:30 pm**— Stephanie Moehle

**Wednesday**

1/21 Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6  
**5:30 pm**— +Edwin Wouters

**Thursday**

1/22 Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*  
**5:30 pm**— +Edwin Wouters

**Friday**

1/23 Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19  
**12:00 pm**—Wouter's 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass

**Saturday**

1/24 Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21  
**5:00 pm**— +Nick Stadler

**Sunday**

1/25 Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20  
**8:15 am** — +Fred & Julianne Strauss  
**11:00 am**— ACTS Women  
**1:30 pm**— +Jesus Camacho  
**5:00 pm**— +Zorika Divan

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins  
Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;  
Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)  
Tuesday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian  
Wednesday: St. Agnes  
Thursday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of  
Unborn Children  
Friday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope  
Saturday: St. Francis de Sales



The Sanctuary Candles will burn from Saturday, January 10th thru Friday, January 23rd in honor of:

Church: Josh Villarreal  
Laura Zordilla

Chapel: Enrique Sada-Coeto  
Laura Zordilla

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURER**

**FY 7/1/14—6/30/15**

Envelopes, loose checks, and cash.

Offertory—January 10-11, 2015                   **\$7,566**

**January Collections:**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul           1/17-18/2015

Debt Reduction                               1/24-25/1015

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**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.



**The ACTS Retreats are fast approaching! The women's ACTS Retreat is Jan. 22 - 25. The men's ACTS Retreat is Feb. 26-Mar 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Are you wondering how you can help *even though you might not be on team*?**

**Here are some ways:**

- Invite people to attend**
- Offer to watch their kids so that they can attend**
- Let us know if you need registration forms. Registration forms can be found in the Narthex, the church office and in the Chapel.**
- Plan to attend Candlelight (more details to come)**
- Pray for the retreatants and for team members**

**You are vital to the retreats' success!!!**

**Any questions please call the Retreat Directors**

**Chrissy Oertli 512-970-6891**

**Ron Rice 512-431-7620**

**2015 Women's ACTS Retreat Return Luncheon**

- Pot luck on Sunday, January 25 after the 11:00 am Mass**
- please drop off your dish or dessert before Mass or bring it with you to the luncheon.**