

St. Martin de Porres Parish

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Mass Times

Sunday: 10:00am

SACRAMENTS

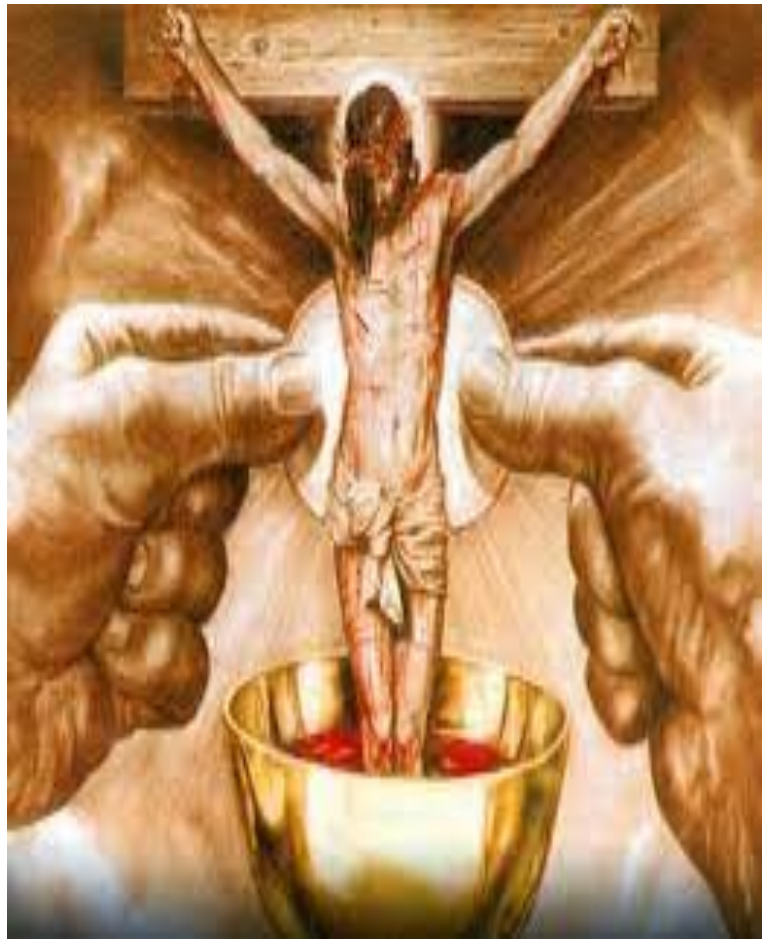
Baptism: The Parish has set calendar dates for the baptism of babies and small children. Parents should contact the Director of Religious Education to register.

R.C.I.A. Adults seeking Baptism or to make their Profession of Faith and other sacraments should contact the Director of Religious Education to register.

Reconciliation is available upon request.

Marriages: Couples must contact the Pastor six to twelve months prior to a proposed wedding date. Attendance at a Pre-Cana Session will be required.

Ministry to Sick and Shut-In: If a member of the church is in a hospital, nursing home or homebound, please call the parish office if they would like to receive the Eucharist.



Pastor: Fr. Thadeo Mgimba

Deacon: Rev. Mr. William Pouncy

Parish Operations Director: Yvonne Coffey

Director of Religious Education: Christine A. Riley

Parish Building Engineer: Andre Nelson

Parish Secretary: Ida Gray

Our Mission Statement

We the people of Saint Martin de Porres Parish have come together as a **Community of Believers** to **profess our faith** by **evangelizing** ourselves, others and **fostering full participation** in the **concern for the needs of all**. We **strive to bring faith, hope and love** to our **Westside Community**

August 01, 2021

Eighteen Sunday of Ordinary Time

Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D

Gospel Theme: The Bread of Life in the Eucharist is greater than the manna given God's people in the desert; today, the Mass brings us to the newness of heaven.

St. Paul: You are a new people. You are a special people. You are a gifted people. Paul calls you to live in a new way.

Sermon:

I have a question for you. What do we live for? And what is life?

God's people in the desert sought the same things we do: life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. They were hungry; they wanted to survive. And so, you know it well, God provided for his people. He sent them manna, bread, in the morning. The people would go out to gather it. In the evening, God sent them quail to eat. The flakes on the ground came from the morning dew. So the Scripture says, "The Lord gave them bread from heaven." This act of God, this great deed on our behalf, this miracle is now continued in a new and wondrous way, more effective and more lasting.

Like God's people of the Old Testament, we can easily be mistaken and misled. St. Paul says our old self deteriorates through illusion and desire. Illusion is the need to be thought well of by other people. It is the need to look good. Our national religion, says the local newspaper, is dieting; and diet books are our hymnals. We want to be attractive, all of us. St. Paul would call that illusion. He also spoke of desire. Dean Ornish, one expert in weight loss, says that "the real epidemic in our culture is spiritual heart disease. Dr. Ornish says he is referring to the loneliness, isolation, and alienation that is all around us. Many people, he says use food "to numb the pain and get through the day." St. Paul would call this desire.

Why are you here today? Why do people come to the Eucharist? What's going on? Jesus Christ says you are looking for him because you have eaten your fill of the loaves of bread, because you have been nourished somehow. He says you are not here because you have seen signs, that is, because you have faith. Is there not some truth in this? Do not people pray sometimes because

they want some material or physical benefit? Do not people come to church hoping that God will do something for them or for someone they care about? This is not wrong or evil. But Jesus Christ is calling us to something even better: to see signs, to celebrate the vision of faith, to turn over our whole being to God. That's what he wants, and that's what he teaches.

Notice that Jesus Christ avoids the crowds. He doesn't push his religion on people. Notice that he was asked questions and that he answered the questions. The Gospel records not a lecture but a dialogue. It is the same today. Jesus Christ speaks to you, and you answer him. So it is, say many Church documents, that the most important parts to sing in the Mass are those parts that are dialogues. This is why we sing "The Word of the Lord" and "Thanks be to God." This is why we sing "The peace of the Lord be with you always" and "And with your spirit." This is why we sing the prayer of the faithful, the Universal Prayer, the petitions at the end of the Liturgy of the Word. These are elements of dialogue, reflecting our communal response to the words of Jesus Christ, as in today's Gospel. It could not be otherwise.

We pray then, together: O God, you gave us manna, when once we wandered in sin. You turned our mind from our anger; your life and your love entered in. In fire and flames and thunder, you promised we would be wise. Your Word was food for our spirit; your law, it was life for our eyes.

Prayer: Father, we know you give life to the world, you nourish your people, and you bless us with faith. Hear our prayers and make us new, though Christ our Lord.

Pastor Al[®]



"I'm sorry you can't fall asleep tonight, but NO... I won't repeat that homily that put you to sleep last Sunday."

PARISH OFFICE

St. Martin de Porres Credit Union:

Located in
Purcell Hall 4300 W. Washington,
Tel. 773-626-0776

Open Saturdays: 10:30-1:30p.m.

Purcell Hall Rental Information: Contact
the Parish Office

Weekly Collections for July 25, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 2,492.00
Loose	1,366.00
Kolbe House	65.00
On Line Giving	570.00
Total	\$ 4,493.00

**Please Consider Including
St. Martin de Porres Parish
in your will**

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Ronald Gillmeister from Betty Stone

Anthony Wallin from Linda Wallin

We encourage our parishioners to pray for their loved ones, living and deceased, by offering a Mass Intention. *Donation for Mass is \$10.00.*

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sandra Coffey, Jan F. Peters, Sylvia Peters, Jermaine Curtis, Stan Gruszeczeki, James Harris, Jerry Harris, Bobbie Hicks, Larry Mapp Jr., Essie Pledage, Imogene Rhodes, Nathaniel W. Hall, Pamela D. Gee, Julius Jones, Natalie Daves, Armonie Witterspoon, Shirley Gardner, Deborah Rutledge, Bertha Anderson, Callie Gee, Luvenia Parker, Veronica Hicks, John Mannette, Elnora Dorsey, Jewel Austin, Anthony Adams, Elizabeth Henry, Hazel Bills, Clarence Walker, Lucy Henry, Theresa Cole, Phyllis Riley, Herbert Matthews Sr., Dawn Hicks, Tyrone Fennell, Ernestine Cottrell, Marian Davis

Eucharist as a Witness to Ultimate Power

The doing of Eucharist is a witness to ultimate power. But it is not power as we imagine or conceive it.

To take bread and wine in thanksgiving is to affirm the sacredness of all the earth and the essential goodness of all human striving, intelligence, and skill. It is to name the world as the place where God is at work.

To break bread together and partake from a common cup is to take a stand for the interconnectedness of the whole human enterprise.

To do these things "in memory" of Jesus Christ is to say that these are the values worth living and dying for.

And to do this as a community of sinners who identify themselves as the living presence of Christ for one another is to lay claim to mercy beyond all human terror and violence. And such is the kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed!

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August 1st – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Q: Who Needs an Estate Plan?

A: Everyone.

Your estate includes everything you own, regardless of size. If you want your assets to be given to the people and charities you care deeply about after your passing, then it's important for you to establish a formal estate plan. Not only will it give you peace of mind, but your loved ones will also appreciate not having to make tough, stressful decisions during an already difficult time.

There are five key elements to an effective estate plan: (1) financial power of attorney, (2) will, (3) beneficiary designations, (4) charitable beneficiary designations and (5) health care documents, such as a living will and a health care power of attorney.

Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when creating your estate plan. For more information, please contact **<Name of parish contact, phone and email>**. **[(OPTIONAL)]** *To request the free guide, "Tips for Creating an Effective Estate Plan," please contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.*

OUR PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is weekdays from 9:30am to 5:00pm. When calling the office **Ida Gray, the Parish Secretary** can be reached at **Extension #3, Fr. Thad**, can be reached at **Extension #4** and our Operations Director, **Yvonne**

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For the time being you can reach **Fr. Tom** through the **Parish Secretary's Extension #3** Please leave a message if they are unable to answer your call.

BAPTISMS FOR SMALL CHILDREN

If you need the Sacrament of Baptism for Babies and small children, call the Parish Office during weekday business hours. Christine Riley, our Director of Religious Education will contact you. There will be a meeting for Parents & Godparents after we set the date for the new date for Baptism.

READERS FOR THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Commentator: TBA
First Reader: Karl Brinson
Second Reader: James Sandifer

SUNDAY OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

We want to thank everyone who continues to support our parish by making their offering at mass on Sunday as well as those who mail in their offerings, drop them through the rectory mail slot or use the online giving process. If you would like to make an offering to the church online, you can use the following link which the Archdiocese has set up for us. Just follow the instructions at:

<http://www.archchicago.org/offertory>



Parish Council

Meets 1st Thursday of the month at 7p.m.
Chairperson: Michael Wilson
Vice Chairperson: Jan Peters
Secretary: Michelle Haynes
Other Council Members: Marvin McCurry, Janice Rasheed, Yvette Henderson, Janice Henry & Angela Wilson

Finance Council

Chairperson: Carolyn Morris
Secretary: Linda Vick
Other Council Members: Paul Morris & Diane Levy
Liaison: Michael Wilson

Parish Commissions

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION
Food Pantry: Leon Williams & Richard Kimbrough
Resale Store: Patricia Buford
Bereavement: Janice Henry
Ministers of Care: Janice Henry
Liaison: Janice Henry & Janice Rasheed

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION
Minister of Music: Darryl K. Petty
Liturgy Committee: Deacon William Pouncy
Lector/Commentator: Marvin McCurry
Extraordinary Ministers: Adrienne Curtis and Jewel Austin
Liaison: Marvin D. McCurry

EDUCATION COMMISSION
St. Angela Elementary School & Christ the King High School
Sacramental Prep: Christine Riley
R.C.I.A.: Christine Riley
Lectionary Program: Julie Richardson
Liaison: Michelle Haynes & Janice Henry

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

Fundraising Committee: Diane Levy
Grady Anderson Auxiliary Liaison: Marvin D. McCurry
Hospitality: Patricia Buford

Ladies of Peter Claver: Stella Palmer
Knights of Peter Claver: Michael Davis
Legion of Mary: Gerard Dupee

Men's Group: Willie Wilson
Couple's Ministry: Angela & Michael Wilson

Travel & Entertainment: Joyce Riley
Liaison: Yvette Henderson & Angela Wilson