

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.



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Pastor: Fr. Thadeo Mgimba

Deacon: Rev. Mr. William Pouncy

Parish Operations Director: Yvonne Coffer

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 15, 2021

The Assumption of Mary

By Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

Gospel Theme: We celebrate the Assumption of Mary, that she is taken up to heaven by God, in union with Christ. She is someone who truly listened to the Word of God and truly obeyed that Word. This is the glory of Mary and also the glory of the Church.

Sermon: Today's feast of the Assumption seems to have its origin in the great council of Ephesus in 431, which defended the motherhood of Mary and affirmed her special title in Greek as *Theotokos*, the one who brought the Son of God into the world. The Church of Rome accepted this feast in the seventh century. Like the Feast of the Epiphany, the Assumption is an import in the West. It is a feast that bears witness to our unity within the Catholic Church of both East and West. The Assumption is a feast we celebrate in unity with our Eastern Orthodox brothers and sisters, especially in Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

One of the signs of Catholic unity is deep respect and veneration for Mary, the Mother of Christ the Lord. We sing hymns in her honor; we venerate images of her in public; we esteem her obedience to God and her faith. All of this is done in both East and West, by Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, and Oriental Orthodox. Even many Lutherans and Anglicans sing the praises of Mary and cherish her witness.

Why is this? The Gospel today gives us the most important reason. We might think that her motherhood would be decisive, but that is not what Jesus says. In fact, somebody did think that motherhood would be the main thing. That person cried out, "Blest is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you." In other words, you are a great preacher, Jesus. Your mother must have been a saint. Jesus corrects that person who cried out and says: "Rather, blest are they who hear the Word of God and keep it." That, precisely is the glory of Mary—that she heard the Word and obeyed that Word.

Why did Jesus say this? Surely, Mary was a holy woman. Surely, she was conceived without sin. But Jesus was making a point that affects our lives. He said what is important in the kingdom is not who your blood relatives are but whether or not you listen to the Word of God, whether or

not you obey the Word of God. For us, this is really good news. Jesus Christ is not saying his mother was not a holy woman. He is saying that whatever holiness Mary had, came from her obedience to God's Word.

And the good thing about that is this. Like Mary, the Church herself, like an obedient woman, can hear the Word and obey it. All of us, if we only do what Mary did, can achieve the same kind of holiness. Let us hear what Jesus teaches, then; and let us do what he tells us, that we too will be assumed into heaven when our time comes, when Christ will hand over the kingdom to the Father, as Scripture says.

Closing prayer: O God, we magnify your Name; we proclaim your greatness. Help us to praise you on earth and glory in your Name. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Hymn: Magnificat (tune of *Amazing Grace*)

How great is God; my soul will sing.
My hands in prayer I raise.
I stand upright—I let it ring;
my heart's own hymn of praise.
He heard the prayer my heart expressed;
He lifted me on high.
All coming ages call me blest;
his praise shall never die.
For all his daughters, all his sons,
what freedom faith has found.
For poor and humble, lowly ones,
what joy, what peace abound.
The high and mighty now kneel down;
the poor will rise to pray.
The hungry feast—their songs resound.
The rich are sent away.
This promise Abraham once heard,
for all his children here.
Now Israel receives the Word;
today, the Lord is near.
My soul in heaven soon will sing.
I stand where Mary stood.
I praise my Lord, my Rock, my King:
How great is God, how good.

From the hymn *Magnificat*,

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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 August 8, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 2,232.00
Loose	1,558.00
Assumption of Mary	50.00
On-Line Giving	400.00
Kolbe House	22.00
Total	\$ 4,262.00

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St. Martin de Porres Parish
in your Will**

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Marian McCurry from Marvin McCurry and Family

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 Gruszczeni, James Harris, Jerry Harris, Bobbie Hicks, Larry Mapp Jr., Essie Pledage, Sabir Rasheed, Imogene Rhodes, Nathaniel W. Hall, Pamela D. Gee, Julius Jones, Natalie Daves, Armonie Witer-spoon, Shirley Gardner, Deborah Rutledge, Bertha Anderson, Callie Gee, Luvenia Parker, Veronica Hicks, John Mannette, Elnora Dorsey, Jewel Austin, Anthony Adams, Elizabeth Henry, Hazel Bills, Martha Reed, Clarence Walker, Lucy Henry, Theresa Cole, Phyllis Riley, Dawn Hicks, Tyrone Fennell, Ernestine Cottrell, Marian Davis

I lost a friend that I love

I lost a friend who was like a father figure to me. His name was Alvin Vinson. He was a man of great heart, humble spirit, meek, loving, pure of heart and kind.

Alvin was a man of few words. He was a man who observe details of things. He was a man who listened attentively to a pleasing and unpleasing conversations but always looking for the good of all. He was a friend you could trust.

For him Jesus was a verb and was not a noun. He took this philosophy from the words of *Ricardo Arjona* who sung, *“Jesus es verbo no sustantivo”*. He emphasized that action speak louder than words. Indeed, I lost a friend who knew Jesus is an action and *“not five letters that form a name or a flower in the altar”*.

He was not a man who was bosting himself for his achievements or the things that he did or the things that he could do. He clearly heard the call of St. Francis of Assis that *“Preach the Gospel at all time but if necessary use words”*. He cherished actions over words.

He was a kind of man that he will not say things that he will do, but he will do the things that you do not expect him to do. He was a man that did not miss any planned or unplanned events unnecessarily. He knew by heart almost everything that was happening in the community. He was a dependable man. Truly, I lost a friend that I depended.

He was my “amen corner gentleman”, who supported my ministry in thick and thin by his actions and not by his words. His fatherly figure and his presence made me to be special to him and him special to me. He travelled miles just to come to hear me preaching or saying mass, even when he was not feeling good. Indeed, his joy was to see me ministering and my joy was to see him healthier.

The day he had an accident by falling from his scouter, I heard a voice calling without recognizing that it was his voice calling for help. I wonder how was this hidden from me. But I am glad that, God had sent other angels to help him as they heard his voice and responded to his cry for help.

He loved our Church and its welcoming spirit. He was guided by the saying, *“the good must be done well in silence”*. Truly he kept to himself the many good he did to others. We will all miss you. May you rest in peace, Mr. Alvin, in Heavenly Kingdom. *Fr. Thad*

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**

Coffer can be reached at **Extension #5**.

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 SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Commentator: Stella Palmer
First Reader: Julie Richardson
Second Reader: Dr. Fred Richardson

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>

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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

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Hospitality: Patricia Buford

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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