

St. Martin de Porres Parish

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Mass Times

Sunday: 10:00am

SACRAMENTS

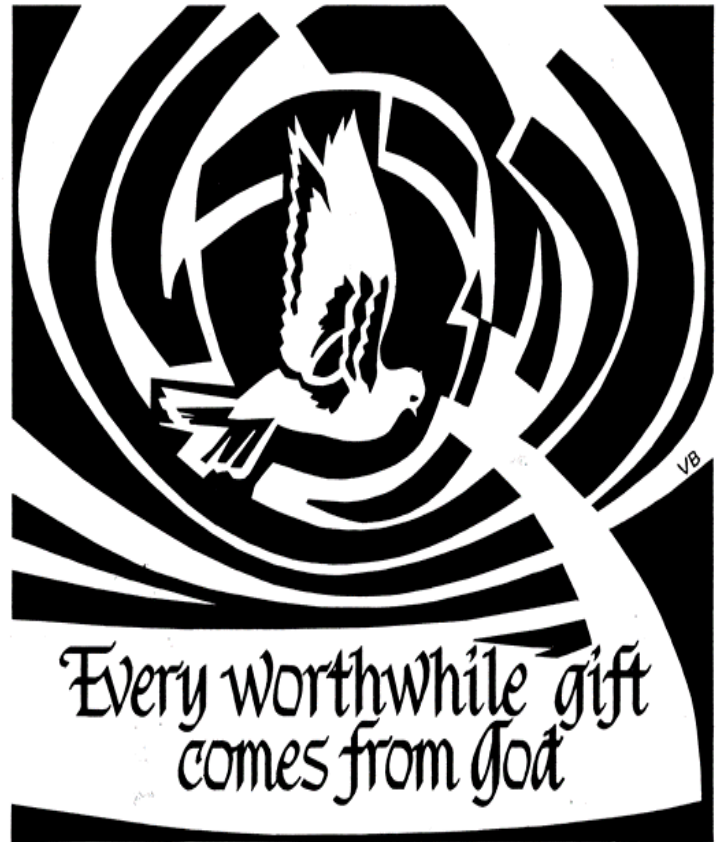
Baptism: The Parish has set calendar dates for the baptism of babies and small children. Parents should contact the Director of Religious Education to register.

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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Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Thadeo Mgimba
Deacon: Rev. Mr. William Pouncy
Operations Director: Yvonne Coffey
Building Engineer: Andre Nelson
Parish Secretary: Ida Gray
Custodian: Frank Clark
Housekeeper: Trancio Angelica Carpio
Church Maintenance: Marvin McCurry
Religious Education Director: Christine Riley,
Music Director: Darryl Petty
Website and Social Media Administrator: Emily Dillon

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 29, 2021

**TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
CYCLE B**

-Father Michael Gilligan

Gospel Theme: The law is now transformed: Christ calls us to an inner obedience to God's Word, to honesty and to holiness. Because of God's creative Word, we are the first fruits of all creation. Alleluia! Hearts on high we rightly raise!

Sermon: All of us are concerned about crime. We are concerned about mugging, burglary, carjacking—all kinds of crime. Some time ago, a leading politician visited a Baptist church and there said the passage of his crime bill was the will of God. After some changes, the bill was introduced to the Congress a second time; and then, it passed. The bill became law. Now, I ask you: Was the politician correct? Was his bill the will of God? You might think that the people who voted against it did not think it was the will of God. In fact, many people who voted for the bill would not go so far as to say it was the will of God.

So, that's what we talk about today. How do you know if something is the will of God or not? How do you know if something is right or wrong?

The Second Reading says that every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit comes down from heaven, from the Father of lights, the Lord God of power and might. But that begs the question. How do you know what is a worthwhile gift? How do you know what is good?

We can say that God reveals to us his truth. That's right. God did that, in a wonderful way. But God's revelation doesn't guide us clearly on many important matters: casino gambling and the law, smoking and lung cancer, racial discrimination and affirmative action, business ethics, medical ethics, and more. Now, if God intended his revelation to be all-sufficient, then God should have spoken more clearly. Isn't that so? In general, there should be no divisions among Christians because his Word, his revelation, would be clear. The meaning would be beyond dispute.

The Gospel itself speaks to our concern. With regard to all the commandments of the Jewish Law, Jesus teaches that what is important is what's in the heart, what's inside. It is the inner attitude that matters. Certainly, in his preaching, Jesus did not mean to overturn

the Law or to change anything. He called people to a more faithful observance of the Law. Like Isaiah and other prophets, Jesus wants people to be converted in their heart and soul, their very being.

Here is the truth that comes from the Gospel: It is the risen Christ who speaks in the Church who changes the Law. Abstaining from pork, circumcision, washing of hands—the risen Christ in the Church does not require this of us. The Law itself is now changed, by the authority of the Church.

Therefore, humbly welcome the Word. Discern the will of God. Reflect on the Scripture; it has the power to save you. That means the voice of the Church, the strength of our tradition, the heritage of our faith. Act upon this Word: Give God thanks and praise and glory.

Closing Prayer: Lord our God, we welcome your truth, we praise you for your wisdom. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may understand your will and carry it out in our lives, through Christ our Lord.

Hymn: This bond of blood is signed and sealed;
our covenant is clear, revealed.
In rev'rence, worship, love and awe,
in legal binding, living law.
**O God, our Rock, we trust in you;
all you command, Lord, that shall we do.*

As Abraham so humbly heard,
you form a fam'ly, in your Word.
As once with Noah, safe and sound
in loyal love, we all are bound. *
As once with Moses, soon set free,
how strong and safe, how blest are we,
yet not by stars, or sea, or flood,
but by your Son's redeeming blood. *
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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 22, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 1,683.00
Loose	1,824.00
Missionary CO-OP Plan	50.00
Kolbe House	10.00
On Line Giving	<u>360.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,927.00

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St. Martin de Porres Parish
in your Will

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Happy Birthday Sister Joseph Ellen Keitzer, S.P. from
James & Carolyn Collier

Mass Intention for Theresa Weber from
Joanne Walsh

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

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR
PRAYERS

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

**Know the vocation story and the qualities of your
Priest – not his accent**

As some of you know, I am a Tanzanian American. I was born in Tanzania, received my grade and high school education in Tanzania. I also attended my undergraduate studies in Tanzania before coming to the USA in 2004. I am a proud son of a retired Army Officer. My Mom is a housewife who is a small-scale farmer. I am a second born in a family of nine siblings: seven girls and two boys.

I grew up in military barracks and I always admired men who wear service uniforms and sacrifice their life to serve or defend our countries against domestic and foreign enemies. For that reason, as a kid, I thought I would dedicate my life to serve my country as a military man like my Dad. But as time went, I was attracted more with the idea of becoming a medical doctor. Throughout my grade and high school, I thought I would become a doctor, and therefore I studied sciences so passionately. My favorite subjects were Biology, Physics and Chemistry.

My family has always been a religious family. Therefore, going to the Church was one of the most important thing in the family. My Mom and Dad often demanded that we should attend the Church because it was near and it within the barracks. After I received my first communion, I join the altar servers' group of which I served in the masses for five years. I loved and enjoy it. It is within the altar servers' group that I met priests who loved and treated us like little angels. They spoke to us about going to the seminary for studies to become priests. We were just happy to hear that we could study and become priests like the priests we admired.

Priests who served our Church planted in my heart that it was good for the young men who were in a group of altar servers to think about becoming priests. Personally, I did not think I would become a priest, for I knew that my deepest desire was to be a doctor. However, with the invitation from the priest, I included the idea of becoming a priest in my bucket list. As I recall back, I liked what priest were doing to the extent that I used to repeat the words they were saying in the mass. I memorized Eucharistic prayer number three and I used to say it repeatedly. But still in my heart, I wanted to be a medical doctor...Fr. Thad

To be continued....

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 THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Commentator: Liz Becnel
First Reader: Ciara Jones
Second Reader: Karl Brinson

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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Meets 1st Thursday of the month at 7p.m.

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Liaison: Janice Henry & Janice Rasheed

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Lector/Commentator: Marvin McCurry

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Liaison: Marvin D. McCurry

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R.C.I.A.: Christine Riley

Lectionary Program: Julie Richardson

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Knights of Peter Claver: Michael Davis

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Couple's Ministry: Angela & Michael Wilson

Travel & Entertainment: Joyce Riley

Liaison: Yvette Henderson & Angela Wilson