

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 08, 2021

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

–Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

Gospel Theme: The Bread of Strength in the Eucharist is greater than the nourishment given Elijah; it is Jesus Christ himself, bringing God’s forgiveness, mercy, and love. We are the vineyard God has nourished.

Sermon: Through your journey of life, God gives you strength, again and again. He bears you up, he makes you strong, he revives your spirit. You know that God does this for you, his people, by means of the Eucharist, by Holy Communion. You are strong because God unites you as his people, here and now.

Do you think that God could be made sad by your behavior? Do you think that God would shed a tear because of what you do? Surely, that’s a poetic way of speaking. But that is exactly what St. Paul says in the Second Reading today: “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit.” Don’t make God unhappy, he says. Note that St. Paul speaks of the Holy Spirit, not of God the Father. In other words, St. Paul is emphasizing that the presence of God among us, in the Church, will be affected by what we do. So, he asks us to get rid of “all bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling.” St. Paul asks us to be kind to one another, compassionate, and forgiving. In this way, the Church will be built up, the community will be strong, the Holy Spirit will be a spirit of joy.

As God made Elijah strong, when he was nourished, God makes us strong and healthy today, in our life-time, in our families, in our homes, and in our Church. This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. That’s quite a guarantee, is it not? That’s a marvelous promise, is it not?

St. John said it is our faith which has conquered the world. And Jesus says much the same thing in today’s Gospel. If we believe in him and in his teaching, we share eternal life, not just in the future but also in the here and now. Even in this moment, we already have a foretaste of that life and that happiness.

The word of the Gospel today is even more forceful than the words of St. Paul, when he writes of the Eucharist. Jesus says the “bread that I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world.” The Greek word is *sarx*, flesh, meat. That’s a very strong word, with a strong meaning. It is used in the Gospel of John, because the author is writing against the Gnostics, the heretics who said the presence of Jesus was only psychological, only

spiritual, only in the mind. No, says the Gospel, this is something real, something tangible, something objective.

The Catholics in the West and the Orthodox in the East share a common faith that in the Eucharist ordinary bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Christ, really and truly, not just psychologically or spiritually. There is actually a change in the bread and wine themselves, not just in our minds and hearts. The Baptists and the Reformed reject this teaching, and we uphold it. It is the constant faith of the Church and the meaning of today’s Gospel message.

I am the Bread of Life; share this Bread and you never shall hunger. Believe in me; you shall not thirst. God has you come to me: the Father chose you first.

Closing Prayer: Father, we have tasted your goodness, we have shared your love. Answer our prayers and fill us with faith, that we may come to eternal life through Christ our Lord.

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“I am the living bread that came down from heaven;

whoever eats this bread will live forever;

and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” – John 6:51

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 1, 2021

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| Envelopes | \$ 2,635.00 |
| Loose | 740.00 |
| Kolbe House | 120.00 |
| On Line Giving | <u>550.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 4,045.00 |

Please Consider Including
St. Martin de Porres Parish
in your Will

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Memorial Mass for Mary Catherine Kearney from
Joanne Walsh

Dennis Riley from Gerard Dupee

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 Gruszczycki, James Harris, Jerry Harris, Bobbie Hicks, Larry Mapp Jr., Essie Pledge, 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

Our guidance for masking during Covid -19
Delta Variant spread

Masks are now strongly recommended throughout all Archdiocese of Chicago facilities including churches, regardless of vaccination status.

Given the rapid spread of Delta variant, masking for all indoor gatherings to protect everyone until the number of cases is again brought under control is recommended.

However, masks are not mandated but strongly recommended. It is best to think of compliance as a duty in Charity. Masks are available for those who do not have them and wish to wear them at the reception desks.

We ask that ALL pastors, priests, deacons and lay ministers wear masks for all liturgical services again regardless of their vaccination status. This is a safe practice and models charitable behavior.

We will return to the non-contact Sign of Peace.

Communion from the Cup is not allowed.

Finally, and most importantly, we encourage all to get vaccinated so we can finally gain ground on this virus

August 8th – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Please Consider St. Martin de Porres in Your Will or Trust

When considering gifts to a charity in your will or trust, please remember St. Martin de Porres. A bequest can be made to the parish using the following language:

“I give [*insert specific dollar amount, or percentage of net or residuary*] to The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, Tax ID #36-2170826, a corporation sole located in Chicago, Illinois, to be used for the benefit of **St. Martin de Porres** located in Chicago, Illinois. However, if *St. Martin de Porres* ceases to exist in its current form, then to the new *parish or parishes* erected in its stead.”

Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when drafting your will or trust. For more information, please contact <**Name of parish contact, phone and email**>. [(OPTIONAL) or 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 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Commentator: Christine Riley
First Reader: Angela Wilson
Second Reader: Michael Wilson

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
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