

St. Martin de Porres Parish

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Mass Times

Sunday: 10:00am

SACRAMENTS

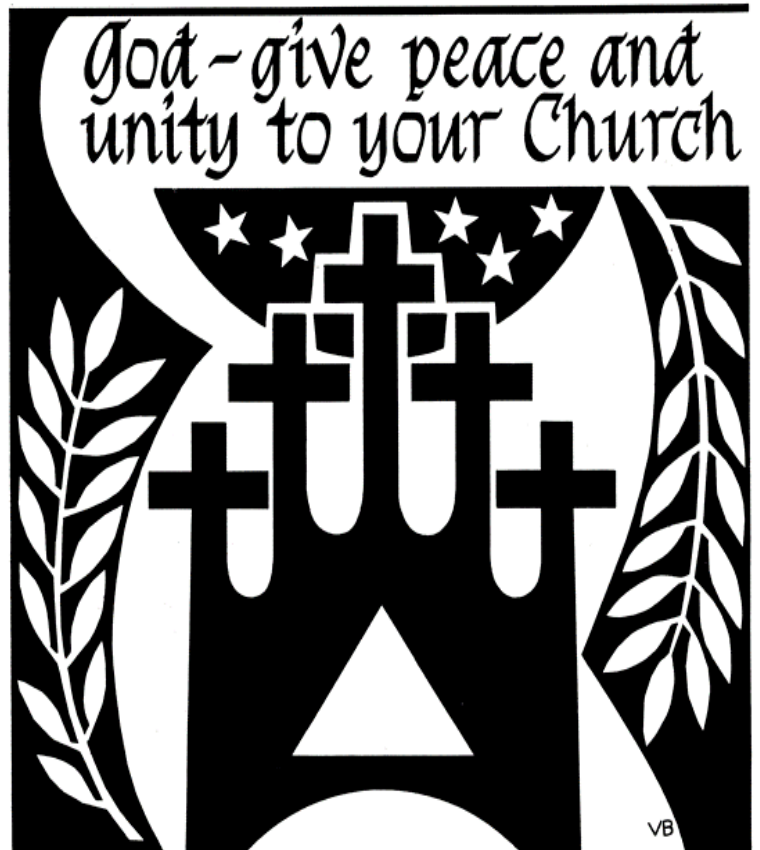
Baptism: The Parish has set calendar dates for the baptism of babies and small children. Parents should contact the Director of Religious Education to register.

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 22, 2021

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

Gospel Theme

Loyalty to Christ is the way of his disciples; we are joined to him by a bond that cannot be broken. Within the Church, we obey him, we serve him, and we follow him.

Sermon

Why do we read the Old Testament? Why do we go back to read such ancient writings, from so long ago? We do this because the experience of God's people then is also the experience of God's people today. Their God is our God. Their life is our life.

You heard how Joshua gathered the people together at Shechem. The people who were conquered, the Amorites, decided to worship the God of Israel. This is a matter of history. They assembled in ranks, heard the Word, and made a decision. You do the same thing. You assemble in ranks. You hear the Word. And you make a decision. This too is a matter of history, your history. We know our past and our present; we choose our future. It is the experience of the Church. We are saved, together, with other people.

The Church does not have all the answers. We know that. Jesus Christ spoke the truth, surely; yet his message is not always clear, in the present generation. We know that too. And yet, we make a decision. With Peter, we say, "Lord, you have the words of everlasting life." Where else would we go? What else can we do?

With Joshua, the people decided to remain together as a nation, as one body. With Peter, the disciples also make a decision for Christ. That's the point of the Gospel. It is not the Hellenic, Stoic household code of life that is decisive but Christ and the Church. With both Joshua and Peter, the option to leave is real. In both cases, the choice to believe is real.

Why, then, do we believe? In a certain way, it is because together we decide to believe, whenever we profess our faith, whenever we say the Creed, whenever we sing *Amen*, in response to the Eucharistic Prayer. It is the experience of the Church that we are saved with other people.

The Second Vatican Council taught plainly that God could have saved us as individuals. God could have made it a matter of personal choice. In fact, say the bishops of the Council, God does not save us in that way. The decision we make for faith is a decision we make together.

Make a decision, then; choose life, that you may live. You and your friends. You and your family. You and your children's children. This is why we read the Old Testament. This is why we study the New Testament. This is why both Testaments are true: they bring us to believe, to decide, to live.

Give thanks to God the Father, then, for everything, through Jesus Christ our Lord, now and always and forever and ever.

Closing Prayer

Blest are you, Lord, for bringing us out of Egypt, for saving us from slavery, for protecting us from danger, for making us members of the Body of Christ. Look with mercy on your people. Save us again in our own time and keep us faithful, loyal, and true.

Hymn

Light of Light, our time transcending,
Light of gladness, never ending,
God the Father's great reflection,
Living image of perfection.

Though the daylight is declining,
yet your light is ever shining:
From your Father, firm direction,
from your Spirit, peace, protection.

Son of God, so gladly giving
light and hope to all the living,
night and darkness soon surrender;
at the dawn, we see your splendor.

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 Tel. 773-287-0206

Weekly Collections for August 15, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 2,262.00
Loose	301.00
Assumption of Mary	357.00
Mission Cooperation Plan	103.00
Kolbe House	197.00
On Line Giving	<u>520.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,740.00

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

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Anthony Wallin from Linda Wallin

Shirley Weber from Joanne Walsh

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, Robert Curry, Michael Parham, Jermaine Curtis, Stan Gruszczycki, James Harris, Jerry Harris, Bobbie Hicks, Larry Mapp Jr., Essie Pledage, Imogene Rhodes, Nathaniel W. Hall, Pamela D. Gee, Julius Jones, Natalie Daves, Armonie Winterspoon, 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, Dawn Hicks, Tyrone Fennell, Ernestine Cottrell, Marian Davis

Pride killed Goliath

The bible in the first book of Samuel [1 Sam 17:12-54], narrates a story of a giant man named Goliath. He was a mighty man, a warrior, a Philistine hero, and a zealous fighter. He was a man who stood tall in the battlefield and won most of the battle he fought. After defeating all his enemies, he thought to himself that, there was no human being that could stand against him and survive. In other words, he was so confident that there was no created being who could have defeated him in a battlefield.

As the readers of the bible look at him today, we come to understand that Goliath was intoxicated with pride, naïve and narrow-minded. His pride did not even allow him to choose God to be part of his life and his doing. His pride made him think he was a superhuman who does not need God and others.

Certainly, he failed to grasp the fact that true human power and its competence, intelligence and its creativity does not depend on the size of the muscle but rather on the size of the human brain. No wonder in his last fight, he was defeated by a young man, David who was not even at the age of qualifying for military service. He was defeated by a young man who chose to believe in God and used his brain to fight against an enemy greater than his physical size.

Besides, Goliath was a general and a hero who didn't change his battlefield's tactics to match the kind of the battle and enemy he was fighting. He fought with the same style and looked down to his enemies without knowing what they were bringing in the battle. He mistakenly looked down to David and thought he was "just a nice, good-looking boy," [1Sam 17:42] and not a fighter.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church #1866, lists pride as one of the seven capital sins because they engender other sins. It is one of the deadly sins. Pride is inordinate, disproportionate, extreme self-esteem. This kind of self-esteem because of its immoderate nature, has caused warriors like Goliath to perish in the hands of simple people like David. It has caused nations to fracture, wars to be waged, divisions to prosper, the sin of racism to continue to exist in our society. It has hindered development and bridges to be burnt to divide humanity. In short pride has generated unnecessary pain, loss, suffering, destruction, mistrust, injustice etc. in the face of the earth.

As a sin and source of other sins, the Catholic Church strongly advises us to fight against this sin by "putting on the apron of humility... for ... God resists the proud but shows favor to the humble," [1Pet 5:5b]. St. Peter also decreed in his first letter by saying, "Humble yourselves, then under God's mighty hand, so that he will lift you up in his own good time," [1Pet 5: 6].

Thus, humble yourself, be and act simple and prudently because giants like Goliath were beaten by their pride. *Fr. Thad*

OUR PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open 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 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Commentator: Youth Group
First Reader: Youth Group
Second Reader: Youth Group

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.
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