

# 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 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

July 11, 2021

## Fifteen Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B

**Gospel Theme for Today:** God sends us out on mission, to spread his peace, to bring everything under Christ's headship, to proclaim repentance and forgiveness. Christ's blood has set us free; Christ's Church is our strength and salvation, in Christ the prince of peace.

**Sermon:** Do you remember the last time you packed for a trip, a long journey? You had to think of several things. What's the weather to be like? Will I need a heavy jacket? How many changes of clothes do I need? Many people ask those questions before they begin their trip. And when they are at last on their way, questions run through their mind. Did I pack my ticket? Did I forget my medicine? Where did I leave my glasses? Now, wait a moment. Try to imagine how much more difficult your packing would be, if you had no idea where you were going, if you had no idea how long you would be gone.

In today's Gospel, Jesus Christ sent his disciples out on mission, on just that kind of journey. Imagine the surprise of the disciples when Jesus tells them to leave most of their possessions behind. This was an urgent mission; and it was passed on to us, because our Teacher, Jesus Christ, tells us to undertake a similar mission.

St. Paul describes the mission of Jesus as having three steps. First, God chose us, his people before the world began. God chose us to be holy, God-like, and loving. Second, through Jesus Christ, by God's plan, we have been redeemed, forgiven, and empowered. Third, God's plan is that we will bring all things together with Jesus Christ as our head.

So Jesus could say, "*Peace I give you. Peace I leave you, peace no heart can hold. Joy that knows no rest or ending, joy till now untold.*" The peace of Christ is the beginning of our calling, the rationale for our journey, the meaning of our mission.

People confined to a hospital bed, people shut in at home, people unable to walk outside—yes, even those people have the same mission. By their witness, by their prayers, by their suffering, they speak eloquently to the world of the power of the Lord. That witness can be more convincing than any sermon, more beautiful than any public talk, more persuasive than any spoken word.

Jesus sent the disciples out two by two. They were not meant to be alone. And when Jesus sends you out into the world, you are not alone, either. This is why there is a sponsor at baptism. This is why the Rite of Christian Initiation involves other people. This is why your witness to the world must always have the support of at least one other person.

Your message may be rejected. And your message may be accepted, if not now, perhaps someday later on. But the important thing is that you accept your calling, to evangelization, to witness, to testifying to the truth.

We pray, then, to the Lord Jesus Christ: "We will wait and share your promise in the gift you give. Till you come again in glory, in your word, we live."

--Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D

Peace I give you, peace I leave you,  
peace no heart can hold;  
joy that knows no rest or ending;  
joy till now untold.

If you trust me and you listen,  
then you know my voice;

I have called you in my mission;  
you are mine by choice.

Come, Lord Jesus, give your blessing;  
speak your Word once more.

Save us from our own undoing;  
save us all from war.

Guard our brothers, sons, and fathers;  
keep them faithful still.

Let them live and come to glory  
in your Father's will.

Guide our sisters, daughters, mothers;  
keep them safe and sound.

Let their faith and hope now flourish.  
Let their love abound.

**Closing prayer:** Blest are you, God, for giving us in Christ every spiritual blessing in the universe! We thank you for choosing us, for making us holy, and for sending us out on mission. Answer our petitions and help us to carry out your will, through Christ our Lord.

**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 4, 2021**

Envelopes	\$ 2,339.00
Loose	<u>1,644.30</u>
Total	\$ 3,983.30
On Line Giving	\$ 600.00

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

*Mass Intentions for this Week*

Sunday July 11, 2021

10:00 Sylvester Curtis from the Curtis 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**

Robert Curry, Michael Parham, Jermaine Curtis, Stan Gruszczycki, James Harris, Jerry Harris, Bobbie Hicks, Larry Mapp Jr., Essie Pledage, Dr. Mikal Rasheed, 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 Manette, Jewel Austin, Anthony Adams, Elizabeth Henry, Hazel Bills, Clarence Walker, Lucy Henry, Theresa Cole, Phyllis Riley, Dawn Hicks, Tyrone Fennell, Ernestine Cottrell, and Marian Davis

**Life is too short - Don't Complicate it but enjoy it:** A few days ago, I had a good conversation with my close friend. We discussed so many issues of life and its challenges like work, finance, family dynamics, conflicts, and we even touched the topic of afterlife. *I was so impressed with the truthfulness of our conversation and the resolution we took to live this life positively regardless of all the negativity, violence, challenges, conflicts, and hatred that exist around us.* I wish I could present you with a verbatim of our conversation, but I think I need to have/establish a podcast that deals with issues of life.

In our conversation we all agreed that life is too short, and time is rushing out. We remembered a couple of years ago we were in the Academic world, trying to figure out how we are going to become what we thought God called us to do. *We could not imagine how those few years seemed like it was yesterday, and now we are entrusted with leadership responsibilities in our life.* We envy that time whereby we did not think about paying bills, working or raising money for house repairs, taking care of family, and dealing with health issues. In my phantasy world, *I imagined life as being forwarded faster and there is no button to rewind or to slow its speed.* I thought, we can't rewind our life once we live it. Every minute that we live, is precious, unique and can never be repeated, rewinded or replaced. *Life unfold every minute in its own unique or inimitable way. And once it is gone, it is gone. No repetition of it.* It is only our memories that takes us back to the "past lane" to either laugh at ourselves, to blame, to regret, to discover lost opportunities, to learn, to evaluate, to compare and sometimes just to have funny.

Again, we came back into our conversation and reminded each other, we have to enjoy this thing called life. We must be happy or joyful to enjoy it otherwise life becomes a thorn in the flesh. Discovering happiness is the key to enjoy the beauty of life, there is no other options; because by principle you can't enjoy anything that you are not happy with it. For enjoying means being happy. However, a question hit our head, *"how do you enjoy life amidst negative energy around you?"* Sadly, it is true that there are so many evils/bad things that happen every day in life. I don't want to mention them since you know them by heart. Surprisingly as you read this *"little-thought"*, you realize that there is something unpleasant that's going on in your family, neighborhood, country and in the world. Yes, sadly bad news makes big news.

Nevertheless, God did not create us to be the announcers of bad things/negativity in our life. He created us that we may enjoy his love toward us and our love to him. He created us that we may be the powerhouses of his creation and not the destroyers of it. So often, we tend to count evils and negativity with loud voices and forget the good, the blessings and the joy that happens every day in life. *The good are always proclaimed in silence in comparison to the bad ones.* Thus, if we want to enjoy life, we must reverse this mindset and change our attitude toward life; we have to invest more energy in proclaiming joy and positivity and less energy on sadness and negativity. For we are called to remember that we are the image and likeness of God. We are the picture of God on earth and we reflect and present God's image and not the image of the prince of evil. We are unique in the order of creation for we are *"unrepeatable instance of God's unfailing love"*. We are so special that we can affirm that *we are the glory of God's eyes.* St. Irenaeus said, *"life in man is the glory of God"*, which means, *a happy man is the beauty of God. So, live and enjoy life and complain less.* 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.

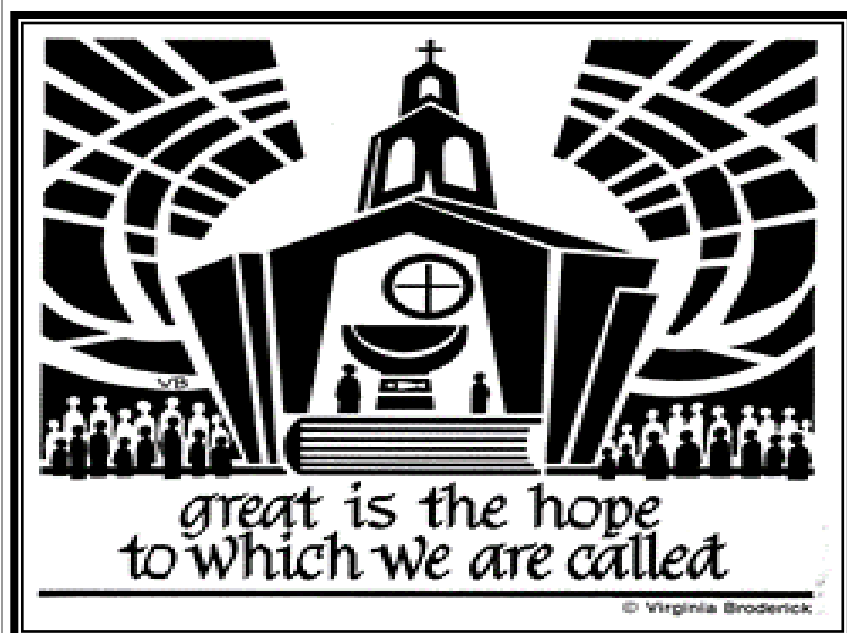
## READERS FOR THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Commentator:** Barbara Cottrell  
**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>



## 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