

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

July 18, 2021

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Theme for Today: Christ our Shepherd is our lasting peace; he speaks with authority and governs with justice. To him be all glory, praise, and honor.

Sermon: In today's First Reading, you hear a condemnation of false shepherds, of religious leaders who disappoint us. These are people who let us down, who betray our trust, who prove unworthy of their office. The prophet Jeremiah says that God will punish them, that God will provide new leaders so that the people no longer will be afraid or insecure.

God, says Jeremiah, will be known as someone who brings justice to the land, who brings a new king in the line of David. That king, you know well, is Jesus Christ, the royal Son of David. To him be all glory, praise, and honor. To him be the allegiance of all. To him be the right to reign, to take charge, to tear down, and to build up.

Like many other prophets, Jeremiah was not well received. People thought he was a kook. Using similar language, Jesus spoke of the religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees, as a "brood of vipers." He was not kind or gentle; he was blunt and critical. And you know what happened to him.

Note the basis of the preaching of Jesus. People came to him in great numbers. People were looking for meaning in their lives. People wanted to hear him, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. As it was then, so it is today.

People spend their time and energy, their blood, tears, and sweat, their years of labor; then they wonder what it means. People experience rejection from those close to them; people carry with them hurt for many years. Pleasure is for a time satisfying, even a preoccupation. Yet, in the end, people feel empty and unfulfilled.

By and large, the Church is not infallible. The weeds and the wheat grow together till the final harvest. Because the Church is made up of human beings, her leaders often disappoint us, in ways that you know well. But because the Church is also gathered by God, you still believe in her; you still find here the living Word of Jesus Christ; you still experience here the thriving Spirit of the Lord.

Consider the testimony of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran pastor who died for the faith in 1945:

"Whoever will be great among you will be your servant" (Mark 10:43). Jesus made authority in the community dependent on fraternal service. Genuine spiritual authority is to be found only where the ministry of hearing, helping, bearing, and proclaiming is carried out.

"There is a cult of personality among us, emphasizing distinguished qualities, virtues, and talents. Even though such traits be spiritual, such a cult of personality has no place in the Christian family; indeed, it poisons the Christian community."

St. Paul says that through Christ, by means of Christ, here and now, we have access in one Spirit to God the Father. The strength of the Catholic, the Orthodox Church, is that here Jesus Christ is truly in charge. He is the one true Shepherd who still teaches us, here, who still prays with us, here, who still inspires us, here. We go to God through him, and with him, and in him.

—Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D

Shepherd of Life, our Lord, our Leader,

your chosen flock is hungry still.

Age after age, you form and feed her,

so we will come to know your will.

Though there be storms and tribulation,

your words are true, safe and sure,

your truth alone is our salvation;

Lord, in your love, we stand secure.

Not by our needs or human choices,

not by our will, but as you planned.

Gathered by God, your Church rejoices,

your flock is formed by God's command.

Fill us with faith through what we share,

in bread and wine, in praise and prayer.

Closing Prayer: Father, we praise you for making Christ our peace, for giving us access to you through him, in the unity of the Spirit. Hear us now, and help us always to trust you, 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 11, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 4,110.00
Loose	<u>494.00</u>
Total	\$ 4,604.00
On Line Giving	\$ 750.00

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

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, July 18, 2021

Holman Ingram father of Jan Peters and Janette
Peters-Gruszczeni

Mary Donahue 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

Jan F. Peters, Sylvia Peters, Robert Curry, Michael
Parham, Jermaine Curtis, Stan Gruszczeni, James
Harris, Jerry Harris, Bobbie Hicks, Larry Mapp Jr., Es-
sie Pledage, Imogene Rhodes, Nathaniel W. Hall,
Pamela D. Gee, Julius Jones, Natalie Daves, Armonie
Witerspoon, Shirley Gardner, Deborah Rutledge, Ber-
tha Anderson, Callie Gee, Luvenia Parker, Veronica
Hicks, John Mannette, Jewel Austin, Anthony Adams,
Elizabeth Henry, Hazel Bills, Clarence Walker, Lucy
Henry, Theresa Cole, Phyllis Riley, Herbert Matthews
Sr., Dawn Hicks, Tyrone Fennell, Ernestine Cottrell,
Marian Davis

The sin of David that indirectly benefited Israel

A story is narrated in the Bible about a sin of King David that one evening after taking his nap, he decided to walk around the roof of his palace. As he was walking, he saw from the roof a beautiful woman taking a bath. Her name was Bathsheba, a wife of Uriah. Uriah the Hittite as he was famously known was a trustworthy soldier and one of the heroes in King David military.

David was seduced by the beauty he saw, and he allowed the devil to enter his heart and lure him. The pre-cepts demanded him that, "*he should neither covet his neighbor's wife nor commit adultery.*" But King David being emotionally drunk, he ignored these God's commandments, as if they were not applied to him. He had an affair with Bathsheba while Uriah was in a battlefield, fighting for the freedom of his beloved country. Bathsheba became pregnant. Upon hearing it, David was jumbled.

However, being a King, he wanted to cover for his immoral mistakes. He called Uriah back home and he wanted him to go back to his house and sleep with his wife. Uriah being a man of principles, he refused to be enticed to break his military principles by going to his house while his brothers were fighting a war. King David knowing he failed in his first plan, he then instructed that Uriah be put into the frontline of the battlefield that he may be killed by the sword of an enemy. And that is what it happened. Uriah was left alone in the face of the enemies and was killed. After this, without a shame David took Bathsheba as his wife.

As it is said, there is no secret under the sun, the evil that David did to Uriah was known to the community. Prophet Nathan challenged his selfish acts, and as a result he *repented for he knew he had sinned against the Lord.* David was forgiven his sin but unfortunately, the child that was born died. Later, David and Bathsheba had another child. His name was Solomon.

The birth of Solomon became a blessing to David, Bathsheba and to Israel. For Solomon's name meant *peace* or *prosperity*. He succeeded David as King of Israel, and he was known for his wisdom. His period of reign was of peace and prosperity. Under his leadership, what is known as the *Temple of Solomon was built in Jerusalem.* Indeed, the temple became a significant and iconic religious structure in Israel. For it was the seat and symbol of presence of Yahweh among his people. It was a house of prayer for all people and a sacred place. It is this idea of the temple that later in the New Testament that Jesus will identify himself as the New Temple.

As we look back, we realize that God has a way of restoring all things to himself in such a way that it defies human logic; who knew that the establishment of Solomon temple will be equated in years later to Jesus Christ's Body, the body of the Son of the living God. Fr. Thad

OUR PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open on 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 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Commentator: Stella Sandifer Palmer
First Reader: Pat Buford
Second Reader: Ciara Jones

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