

St. Martin de Porres Parish

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Mass Times

Sunday: 10:00am

SACRAMENTS

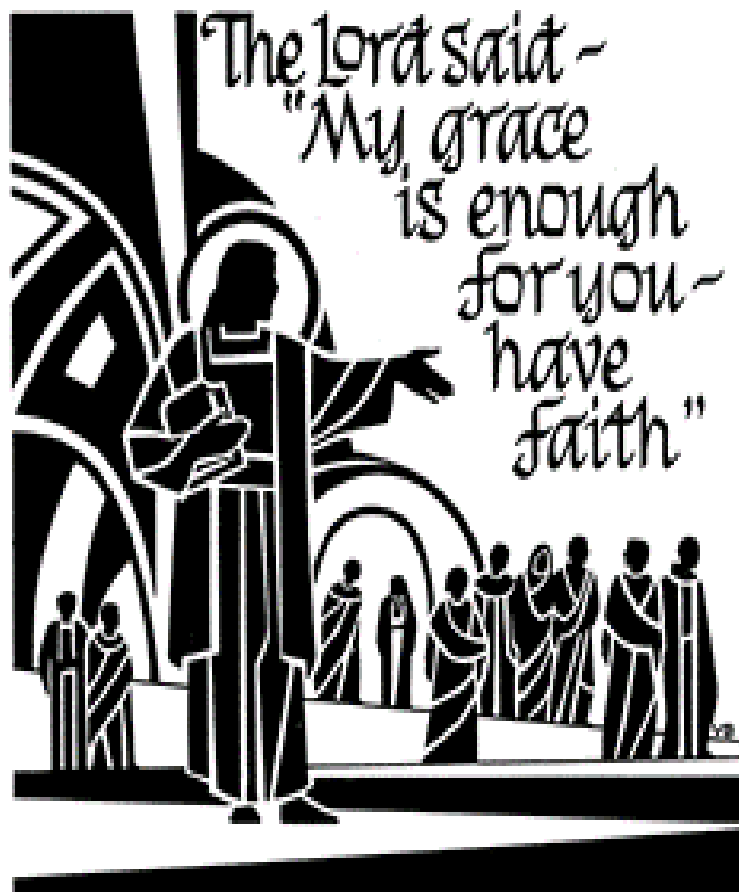
Baptism: The Parish has set calendar dates for the baptism of babies and small children. Parents should contact the Director of Religious Education to register.

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 04, 2021

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME, CYCLE B**

What is a prophet? What makes a good teacher? A prophet is somebody who speaks the truth, somebody who has a message, somebody who communicates. This is why Jesus Christ was a prophet, a teacher.

The First Reading today said that Ezekiel was made a prophet, "*whether the people heed or resist.*" In other words, a genuine prophet speaks the truth, even if it is not understood or accepted. The people who hear know that a prophet has been among them.

In the Gospel, this is exactly what happens. The people who hear are rebellious. They reject the teacher. "*No prophet is without honor, except in his native place, among his own kindred, and in his own home.*" In other words, a teacher is respected everywhere, except by those who are closest to him or her. So it is with Christ. So it is with you.

Consider a mother who takes care of her physically challenged child. There is a prophet.

Consider someone who speaks up for the Catholic faith, even in the face of rejection. There is a prophet.

Consider someone who is explicitly and gently pro-life, again and again. There is a prophet.

Consider a good Samaritan who stops to help someone fix a tire, without hope of reward. There is a prophet.

Love when you will not be loved in return. Give when you will not be repaid.

Yes, we need prophets. We need people who care. The real need in our generation is this: Not violent revolution; not repression; but speaking the truth. The real need in our time is for ordinary people who know that they are not ordinary, for people who believe and who speak up for what they believe, for people who realize they are different because God made them different.

Jesus Christ spent his time teaching. That was *his* mission, and that is *your* mission.

God will not speak unless you speak. Freedom will not be preserved unless you preserve it. Wisdom will

not be shared unless you share it.

So, then, there will be freedom of speech, because you speak. There will be freedom of worship, because you pray. There will be religious liberty, because you take your faith seriously. You need not be proud. But you can be content with weakness, with mistreatment, with distress, with persecution, with all kinds of trouble. Do it all for the sake of Christ. Like Christ, you are a prophet.

As Christ our Teacher taught us how,

Our cries are still ascending.

Let justice come and reign right now.

Our prayers are never ending.

It matters not what has been said in the homily today. It matters a great deal what *you* say following the homily, in the celebration of the Eucharist, the thanksgiving, the Mass that gives you the power you need. Spirit will enter into you and set you on your feet. And God will say to you: ***Son of Man, I am sending you out. My grace is enough for you.***

—Father Michael Gilligan

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Quotations:

Scott Russell Sanders: The deepest American dream is not the hunger for money or fame; it is the dream of settling down, in peace and freedom and cooperation, in the promised land.

Corrie Ten Boom: Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows; it empties today of its strength.

Ramsey Clark: A great many people in this country are worried about law and order. And a great many people are worried about justice. But one thing is certain: you cannot have either until you have both.

African Proverb: The ax forgets; the tree remembers.

Elie Wiesel: There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.

Plato: To do injustice is more disgraceful than to suffer it.

Jack Kemp: Democracy without morality is impossible.

Pope John Paul II: Every generation of Americans needs to know that freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.

Dwight D. Eisenhower: A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.

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 June 27, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 3,395.00
Loose	111.00
Kolbe House	\$ 62.00
Total	\$ 3,568.00
On Line Giving	\$ 200.00

Please Consider Including

St. Martin de Porres Parish

in your Will

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, July 4, 2021

10:00 Mary Donahue

Mr. Andre' Guirand from Nicole Morris

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, Mikal Rasheed, 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 Witherspoon, 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, Marian Davis

Dear Parishioners

Since March 17th, 2021 I became one of the new members of this Community of Believers, the Community of faith, hope and love. Joining this community during the time of pandemic, has been challenging not only for me but for all of us. As a person I do not like abrupt change, and I think you do not like it too. My coming here was quicker than I expected. So, it was a little challenging.

As people we like to live in harmony and sometimes, we get used to the established order and harmony. It is just human. We cannot blame ourselves. However, your welcoming comforted me and made me to feel at home and forgot the challenges that came with change. Indeed, I like and love this community because of your kindness.

The changing of the Pastors that we have experienced has shaken the established order and harmony that we have been used/enjoying. It has demanded that we adjust ourselves to accommodate each other to find the order, the peace, and the harmony we have been experienced. Currently, we have started to make some changes here and there, I humbly ask that you support us in this endeavor. Our desire as a team is to make some little improvements.

On June 25th, 2021, I finished my first 100 days since I came to St. Martin de Porres. This first hundred days, posed a significant challenge of being able to know each other because of the restrictions of wearing masks, not hosting gathering and not visiting each other. But I am glad to announce that since June 11st, 2021, the Church has been fully reopened, and all the activities of pre-pandemic are supposed to come into full operation. I cordially invite you to join us on Sundays for Mass. You do not need to register yourself; just come with your family or your friend. However, knowing that the Delta variant is a threat to our community, I highly encourage you to maintain all the safety protocols that have been recommended to us.

Here at St. Martin de Porres Church, the safety of each one of you is our priority. Therefore, I will encourage you to continue to take necessary precautions when you are coming to the Church.

I have started to visit homes of our Parish Families. It is my desire to visit most of homes if possible, over this summertime. If you would like me to visit your house, please let Ida Gray, our Parish Secretary know and put you on schedule.

I would like to wish you a happy Summertime. Stay safe and for those who are travelling may the good Lord keep you safe and may St. Christopher keep you in his loving shoulders, when you find difficulties on your journey. God bless you. Fr. Thad

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 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Commentator: Stella Palmer
First Reader: Ciara Jones
Second Reader: Mary James

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>

ANNOUNCEMENT

The SMDP Parish Council is extending an invitation to all heads of ministries and organizations in the church to a meeting on **July 11, 2021 at 11:45am** in the church sanctuary.

The purpose of the meeting is to meet Fr. Thadeo Mgimba. Leadership will have an opportunity to discuss and ask questions about his role and vision for the church.

If your ministry or organization head cannot attend the meeting please arrange for a representative to attend the meeting. Any additional questions about the meeting please speak to any of the members of the SMDP Parish Council.

THANKS

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