

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
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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

October 03, 2021

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph. D.

Gospel Theme: Scripture teaches that the union of marriage comes from God and lasts a lifetime. Where love is living, that union becomes real. Christ leads us, teaches us, and guides us; his teaching is true. He is the Shepherd of Souls; he speaks with authority.

Sermon: Today you hear the Scripture testify to the importance of marriage, as a means to human happiness. In fact, Jesus himself is said to prohibit divorce completely.

That's the clear meaning of today's Gospel. In the United States, in our time, as you know, there is considerable public discussion about the pros and cons of same-sex marriage. Already, at least four states have made such marriages legal. Other states have made it impossible. This ongoing discussion is evidence that for Americans marriage is very important.

Today, then, we will consider a book on marriage, *The Marriage Go-Round*, by Andrew Cherlin. We will then compare his sociological findings with the evidence of Scripture and tradition. The author, Dr. Cherlin, is a sociologist from *John Hopkins University*. He brings to mind some remarkable facts about our culture. For example, some marriages end in separation or divorce within five years. That happens with 23% of marriages in this country, 12% in Germany, 8% in Italy. Obviously, there is a big cultural difference between, say, the United States and Italy. What is the difference?

Professor Cherlin says that, compared to other nations, Americans get married more, cohabit more, and get divorced more. He says that we Americans are caught between two values that are in conflict. The first set of values esteems marriage and long-term relationships. The second set of values emphasizes personal fulfillment, independence, and individual happiness. Today, he says, we Americans are much more concerned about personal growth than we were in the past. In relationships, we remain together only as long as we think they're fulfilling, rather than for life. Dr. Cherlin also points out that the birth control pill makes it possible for couples to avoid having children, if they want to. The common understanding of marriage, too, has changed. In a previous generation, marriage was seen as the foundation for a new life, the beginning of a home. Today, marriage usually taking place in the late twenties, is understood as the final achievement of adulthood, after education and career development. Most people are postponing mar-

riage, but they are not postponing intimacy or sexual relationships.

In general, however, children, he says, do not benefit in having their home changed through divorce and a stepfather or a stepmother. In general, children suffer from family instability, especially since that's positively correlated with poverty. In other words, poor and working class men are even less likely to get married or stay married, because they lack financial resources. So, children from poor families suffer, disproportionately.

What about Scripture and Church tradition? The Christian ideal of one man and one woman together for life, is today being severely challenged. Many Americans simply don't accept it. The Western Church, especially in the U.S., grants not divorce but rather annulments. Such separations are not based on the happiness of one or both partners but rather on the legally binding character of the marriage ceremony itself, at the time. We have a long way to go, to begin to explain our own Church tradition, especially to people who are not Catholic. Let us then pray for stronger families in our communities and do all we can to support marriage and family life.

Closing prayer: Father of the human family, we thank you for giving us Christ, our leader in the work of salvation. Help us to follow him, to love him, and to live in him. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Reign and rule in love resplendent;
take your throne in light transcendent.
Lord, let nothing harm or sever
what you bind and bless forever.

So, your people, now partaking,
know a bond that's never breaking.
Lord, let nothing harm or sever
what you bind and bless forever.

All your angels, saints around us;
light and love here all surround us.
Lord, let nothing harm or sever
what you bind and bless forever.

--from the hymn, *Reign and Rule*
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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
September 26, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 1,895.00
Loose	295.00
Assumption of Mary	10.00
Kolbe House	31.00
On-Line Giving	<u>520.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,751.00

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

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, October 3, 2021

+ Renader Curtis from the Curtis Family

+Memorial Mass for Julie Abbs 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

Elia Hinogosa-Cangey, Mariano Palacios, Carter Evans, Jerome Dillon, Sandra Coffey, Jan F. Peters, Sylvia Peters, Michael Parham, Jermaine Curtis, Stan Gruszczeni, 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

Renew My Church—Archdiocese of Chicago

Foundational Principles for Parish Structural Vitality and Viability

The spiritual and structural renewal to which we are called to foster are dependent upon one another. The best stewardship of our resources (structural renewal) can allow us to invest more into the ministries that directly work toward making disciples, building community and inspiring witness (spiritual renewal). These foundational principles serve as a guide as we consider what we need to change structurally, given resource realities, and how parishes can be more effective through collaboration:

Vitality of pastoral life that supports new and **vibrant ways to make disciples, build community, and inspire witness.** This includes the following considerations:

Based on the number of pastors expected to be available across the Archdiocese in the future, **a minimum of 800 parishioners attending weekend Mass** are needed to be assigned a full-time resident pastor

To enliven the work of **evangelization, formation, worship, and pastoral care in today's time and culture,** parishes ordinarily will build a strong a staff team to support the pastor. Staff teams will be professionally trained and justly paid. To support this staffing and basic operations, such as paying utilities, **parishes generally will need operating revenue of \$750,000 or more** (excluding rental income).

Balanced workloads for priests, including the sacramental life, pastoral care, and administration of the parish.

Facilities that are affordable and provide adequate, safe space, capacity for growth, and accessibility.

Parish financial stability. Rental or extraordinary income should be used for investment and not to cover ordinary operating expenses.

[Love Never Fails - 1Cor 13:8a]

OUR PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open weekdays from 9:30am to 5:00pm.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

Something NEW!!! Beginning Sunday, September 26, every 4th Sunday has been designated Youth Sunday. We courage all youth to participate in the Mass as commentators, lector's, ushers, and those who are 16 years and older we will train them to be Eucharistic Ministers. Interested? Please sign up at the rear of the church.

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 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Commentator: Stella Palmer
First Reader: Karl Brinson
Second Reader: Michael Davis

October 3rd – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalm 116:12)

How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done me? Please consider making a qualified charitable distribution ("QCD") gift from your individual retirement account to St. Martin de Porres. A QCD gift (a.k.a. IRA charitable rollover) allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, tax-free. A QCD does not generate taxable income, which may lower your annual income level, and the amount you transfer may count towards your required minimum distribution.

If you would like more information on making a QCD gift, please contact **Krystina M. Campbell**, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.

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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