

# *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.



### 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**

September 12, 2021

**TWENTY-FOUR SUNDAY OF ORDINARY  
TIME**

**-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph. D.**

**Gospel Theme:** As Isaiah foretold, the Messiah would suffer rejection. Jesus Christ likewise foretold his own suffering; he asks us to follow him. God forbid that we should boast, save in the Cross of Christ.

**Sermon:** You hear in today's First Reading a description of the suffering servant. The first people who heard this description thought of the community of God's chosen people, Israel. So, today, it's reasonable to see in the suffering servant a personification of the Church, which is today the people of God. By and large, however most of us will see in the suffering servant a representation of Jesus Christ himself.

To every suffering, Christ brings meaning. To every illness, he brings healing. To every death, he brings the promise of eternal life. When Scripture says, "The Lord opens my ear," that refers to Christ who hears the word of his Father. When Scripture says, "I set my face like flint," that refers to Christ, who obeyed the will of his Father. When Scripture says, "The Lord God is my help, who will prove me wrong?" that refers to Christ, who held out to the moment of his death.

The teaching of Christ for us is clear. He tells us to take up our cross. He asks us to judge not by human standards, but by God's.

If you can't accept this now, remember the example of Peter in today's Gospel. He couldn't accept it either. If you are unable to do this, remember you are not alone. If you suffer, you do not suffer by yourself. Jesus Christ is with you. And the Church is with you. If Christ has risen, so will you. If the Church will rise, so will you. Your strength does not come from yourselves but from Christ and from his Church. From the Messiah in person. From the Church in person. From grace and from the sacraments.

If you have faith, you will also have good works. Faith saves, and good works follow. That's what saving faith means. Lutherans and Catholics today, by common agreement, are no longer divided on this central question. The true believer is also one who

does the will of the Father who obeys the command of the Lord, who is able to endure, to suffer, and to triumph.

Who do you say that I am? On your answer, your whole life depends. Who do you say that I am? Not a nice guy or a good teacher. Who do you say that I am? It is Jesus Christ, the suffering servant of God. We will follow him to the end. Dying he destroyed our death; rising he restores our life. And soon he will come in glory. Jesus Christ, our life and our light, our sunset and our sunrise, our hope and our victory. Jesus Christ, a suffering servant and a king. Jesus Christ, the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end.

**Closing prayer:** Lord, God our help, we know you support and guide us. Hear us now, and help us live by the standards you give us. Bring us to salvation and happiness, though Christ our Lord.

**Hymn:** O come, Lord Jesus, come within,  
we rise, we turn from sin.  
The flame of faith is bright and new;  
we wake, we welcome you.  
The seasons change, we know it well;  
the trees, the birds, all tell.  
So too, we know you come again;  
and yet, we know not when.  
So swiftly comes your clear command;  
you make the crippled stand.  
You heal the lame and cure the sick  
as lightning flashes, quick.  
For young and old, for all alike,  
the sudden sound will strike.  
To mountains high, to oceans deep,  
the trumpet wakes from sleep.  
O come, Lord Jesus, come within;  
let love now enter in.  
We welcome you and all you bring;  
we wait, we watch, we sing.

--from the hymn *O Come, Lord Jesus*,

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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 05, 2021**

Envelopes	\$ 4,401.00
Loose	945.00
Assumption of Mary	20.00
Kolbe House	435.00
On Line Giving	<u>550.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,351.00</b>

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

*Mass Intentions for this Week*

Sunday, September 12, 2021

In honor of James and Carolyn Collier, 40th Wed-  
 ding Anniversary, Happy Anniversary

Mass Intention for Porter & Helena Adams from  
 Paula Adams Wilburn

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**

Carter Evans, Jerome Dillon, Sandra Coffey, Jan F.  
 Peters, Sylvia Peters, Jermaine Curtis, Stan Gruszec-  
 zki, James Harris, Jerry Harris, Bobbie Hicks, Larry  
 Mapp Jr., Essie Pledage, Imogene Rhodes, Nathaniel  
 W. Hall, Pamela D. Gee, Julius Jones, Natalie Daves,  
 Armonie Witterspoon, Shirley Gardner, Deborah  
 Rutledge, Bertha Anderson, Callie Gee, Luvenia Par-  
 ker, 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

**Know the vocation story of your Priest – not his accent**

**How long does it take for somebody to become a Priest?**

It took me almost like eleven years of studies, discernment, and for-  
 mation to become a Priest. I joined the seminary on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1997  
 and I was ordained as a Priest on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The formation and  
 the discernment process normally *take not less than six or seven years*  
 for somebody to become a Priest. My discernment journey to become a  
 Priest was a little longer. When I decided that I wanted to be a Priest, I  
 wanted to be a Religious and Missionary Priest. I joined the Institute of  
 Consolata Missionaries, an Italian based religious congregation. I stud-  
 ied Philosophy for three years as an Aspirant and Postulant of this Reli-  
 gious Institution in Morogoro, Tanzania. Then, I went to Maputo,  
 Mozambique for Novitiates for one year and half. After that I became a  
 temporary Professed member of the Consolata Missionaries from 2001  
 to 2004, and I was sent to Nairobi, Kenya for Theological Studies. In  
 the year 2004, I decided to join the Archdiocese of Chicago – USA. I  
 attended St. Joseph College Seminary of Loyola University from 2004-  
 2005. Later, I was admitted at the University of St. Mary of the Lake  
 Seminary/Mundelein Seminary from 2005 – 2008. I was ordained as a  
 Priest on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Many people wonder how long it takes to be a Priest or why it takes  
 long to be ordained? The Church takes seriously the training its Priests  
 so that they understand what they do, imitate what they celebrate and  
 conform their life to the mystery of the Lord's cross. So, there are four  
 areas whereby the young men who want to be Priests are trained. First,  
**Human Formation** takes a special place in the formation of Priests.  
 Seminary trains young men to inculcate good and moral behaviors, to  
 know their emotions and handle different seasons of emotions/ pres-  
 sures that come in the ministry. The Church believe that a good Priest  
 is always a good human being.

**Spiritual Formation** is given to Seminarians to grow in their spiritual  
 life, in their understanding of God and learning the importance of per-  
 sonal and public prayer life. The training focuses on developing a deep  
 relationship with Jesus through prayer life, retreats, devotions, scrip-  
 ture, etc.

**Pastoral Formation** emphasizes on training young men to lead and pre-  
 side liturgies, prayers, to administer and live sacramental life, preach-  
 ing, public speaking etc. In this area young men, are trained to become  
 the men of God who smells like their sheep, believe what they read in  
 scripture, teach what they believe and practice what they teach.

**Intellectual Formation** focuses in developing the intellectual life of  
 young men/ Seminarians. The Seminarians major in philosophy and  
 theology to broaden their understanding of Trinitarian God, History of  
 salvation, the Church, life, knowledge, man and human conducts/  
 behaviors, the world, languages etc. In short, Seminarians learn meth-  
 odologies and skills that enable them to interact with the world actively  
 and become effective ministers of God's people.

Well, the training of future Priests is holistic. It takes not less than six  
 or seven years for young men, to complete the necessary training to  
 become Priest. Those who are coming fresh from high school, takes  
 them almost nine to ten years to become Priests. The Church prepares  
 its Priests thoroughly. Fr. Thad

.....To be continued

## 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 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Commentator:** Randy Kimbrough  
**First Reader:** Karl Brinson  
**Second Reader:** Michael Davis

## 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>

## FOLLOW US IN OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

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## 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