

# St. Martin de Porres Parish

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## Mass Times

Sunday: 10:00am

### SACRAMENTS

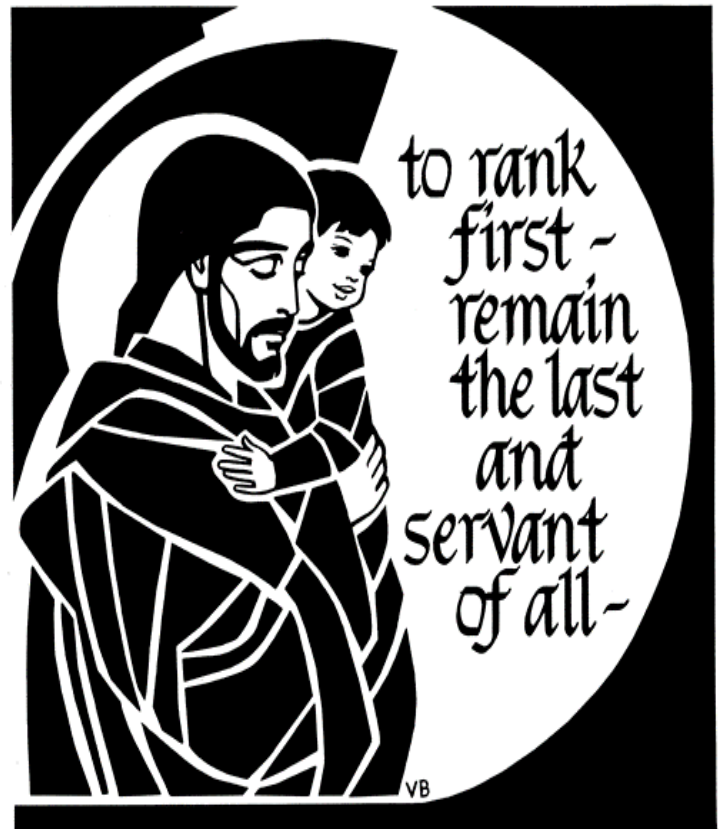
**Baptism:** The Parish has set calendar dates for the baptism of babies and small children. Parents should contact the Director of Religious Education to register.

**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  
**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 19, 2021

## TWENTY-FOUR SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph. D.

**Gospel Theme:** Scripture testifies that the Chosen One of God will know rejection and death. God's servant, as Jesus said, does not struggle for importance. No, he must become humble, like a little child, and work for justice and peace. God is his strong salvation.

**Sermon:** In the Gospel today, you hear how Jesus Christ foretold his own suffering, death, and Resurrection. As you know the disciples did not understand his teaching: they were more concerned about who was more important among them. It is the same with us today.

Often, we do not understand why we have to endure trouble or pain. We deny it. We reject it. We fight it. When the COVID epidemic broke out, some government officials did not speak the truth. Leaders were more concerned about making themselves look good; and they didn't want to accept that there was a problem. Denial is something we all engage in, refusal to accept the truth.

So often, if we want to learn a new language, acquire skill in playing an instrument, understand a different culture, we reject the trouble involved. We choose to do something else, something easier. In the case of friendship, we fail to work on the relationship. We fail to put out the effort needed to bring resolution of a problem. We talk to other people about it but neglect to talk to the one person we should talk to. That's because we avoid what is difficult and choose what is easy. We are afraid of risk, of being hurt by some, of being rejected. We don't want suffering or pain or trouble or inconvenience. All that is natural to us, as it was to the disciples.

By the same token, it is hard for us to understand what Jesus Christ is saying to us. It is difficult for us to accept what the Church may be teaching, especially if it is not in accord with the culture in which we live. Sometimes, Jesus Christ or the Catholic Church will ask us to think, to look differently at a situation, to reconsider what we are doing. And again and again, we choose not what is difficult but what is easy.

Clearly, Jesus is teaching that the path to happiness for him and for us is through suffering, through rejection by other people, and through sacrifice. This is why we fast, why we do penance, why we pray intensely, why we study, why we meditate, why we continue learning all through life.

What is the origin of war? Why do nations need powerful armies and quantities of weapons? Why is there divorce and abandonment and neglect and abuse? The Second Reading, the Epistle of St. James, gives an answer. The brother of Jesus says that where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder, in fact, and every foul practice. You covet, he says. You kill and are envious. You fight and wage war. Is he not right? Are not those words true? The fruit of righteousness, the harvest of justice, is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. This is wisdom from above. This is hope for a weary world. This is the answer to ongoing war. That is what we need, in our country, in our city, and in our homes.

**Closing prayer:** O God, by your name, you defend our cause. Help us to cultivate peace and sow the seeds of justice. Bring us to die to ourselves and to live for you, through Christ our Lord.

**Hymn:** My life flows on in endless song  
above earth's lamentation.

I hear the real though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear the music ringing.

It sounds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing!

What though the tempest 'round me roars  
I know the truth; it's living.

The light is new; it's burning bright,  
what saving grace it's giving!

The waters rise, yet I have hope,  
what life my Lord is bringing.

He rose again that I would live.  
How can I keep from singing!

**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 12, 2021**

Envelopes	\$ 2,215.00
Loose	340.00
On-Line Giving	560.00
Kolbe House	<u>10.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,125.00</b>

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

*Mass Intentions for this Week*

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

Lillian Ann Mayfield-Ingram, mother of Jan Peters and  
Janette Peters-Gruszczeni

Theresa Weber 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**

Carter Evans, Jerome Dillon, Sandra Coffey, Jan F.  
Peters, Sylvia Peters, Jermaine Curtis, Michael Par-  
ham, Stan Gruszczeni, James Harris, Jerry Harris, Bob-  
bie Hicks, Larry Mapp Jr., Essie Pledage, Sabir  
Rasheed, Imogene Rhodes, Nathaniel W. Hall, Pamela  
D. Gee, Julius Jones, Natalie Daves, Armonie Witer-  
spoon, 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,  
Tyronne Fennell, Ernestine Cottrell, Marian Davis

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

**The last hurdles to jump before the ordination to the Priesthood**

It takes long to prepare young people to become Priests. It is a pro-  
cess because the result is to form formidable men that are going to  
work within the Church as an Institution and as the body of Christ.  
To this end, the Institution part of the Church has its own processes  
and procedures that introduce young men to what they would like to  
become, that is, Priests who will preside liturgy on behalf of Christ  
or act in the Person of Christ– Persona Christi.

It is a requirement that all who wants to become Priests, judge them-  
selves and be judged that they can live a chaste/celebrate, obedient  
and a life of poverty just like Christ. In this aspect as part of the pro-  
cess, some make vows and others make promises to live chaste/  
celebrate, obedient and life of poverty. The reason why this is an im-  
portant aspect of Priestly life, it’s because of the imitation of the life  
of Christ, and a discipline of the Church that allows her Priests to be  
free of the worldly attachments that they may be enabled to live, gov-  
ern, and preside freely the mystery of salvation. I was blessed that I  
professed temporary vows for three years as a Missionary of Conso-  
lata Institute and then made promises to the Bishop of the Archdio-  
cese of Chicago.

Those who wants to become Priests need to understand the nature of  
the ministry they would like to undertake as Priests, the people they  
will minister and the life of Priesthood in the mission territories/  
parishes. For this cause, every candidate is sent to the Parish to live  
with people and Priests, and to learn practically the work and the  
ministry of Priests. Moreover, the Church also involves community  
of believers in the Parishes, to participate in the formation of the  
young men who one day may return to serve the community as  
Priests. As a matter of fact, after I become a Priest, I realized that the  
best teachers and formators of my Priesthood, have been my Parish-  
ioners and other people I met in ministry. They have taught me a lot  
about the ministry, life, faith, love, charity, justice, leadership, bible,  
preaching etc. However, the seminary had laid the foundation  
“substratum” of what I have been building as I am serving the King-  
dom of God diligently.

It is true that the goal of this Parish experience is intended for the  
young men, to learn and interiorize the skills that are necessary to  
minister the people of God. Also, this experience gives a young man  
an opportunity to evaluate himself if he is ready to live a kind of life  
that Priests are living in a Parish atmosphere or not. In some cases,  
this pastoral experience has contributed to the growth of the young  
men in their discernment journey and for others it has hindered them  
to continue with their vocation journey. For they discovered their  
true vocation is not Priesthood.

Well before a young man is ordained as a Priest, he is received offi-  
cially as a Candidate to Priesthood. Additionally, stepwise he re-  
ceives the ministry of Lector (Reader) and Acolyte (Server/  
Eucharistic Minister) and exercise them during his journey of dis-  
cernment and formation. On the last year of his formation and before  
his ordination to Deaconate, the Candidate to Priesthood, professes  
his faith and make an oath of defending and teaching the Catholic  
faith. This is always a simple and in house celebration. And then he  
will be ordained as a Transitional Deacon and serve the Church as  
Deacon for six to twelve months before being ordained as a Priest.

**Fr. Thad**

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## OUR PARISH OFFICE

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

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

**Wednesday, September 29 at 7:00 pm** there will be a parent meeting for those who have children in the Religious Education Programs. The meeting will take place via Zoom and for the meeting link please contact Christine Riley, DRE at criley@archchicago.org or 312-841-1215.

**Sunday, October 3 at 9:00 am** Religious Education Programs will begin. Locations of classes will be confirmed.

Children's baptism will take place on **Saturday, November 6 at 10:00 am** in the church. If you have a child or children needing the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact Christine Riley at criley@archchicago.org or 312-841-1215.

**Something NEW!!! 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.

**"To All Our Friends at St. Martin de Porres Parish:** Our family feels privileged to have so many supportive friends in our church community. Your kindness and support to our family during this sad time was very special to us. The service was very moving and such a comfort." **Thank You, from the family of Robert L. Curry**

## 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 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Commentator:** Christine Riley  
**First Reader:** Michelle Williams  
**Second Reader:** James Sandifer

## FOLLOW US IN OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

**FACEBOOK:** St. Martin de Porres Parish Chicago

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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