

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
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Custodian: Frank Clark
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Church Maintenance: Marvin McCurry
Religious Education Director: Christine Riley,
Music Director: Darryl Petty
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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 26, 2021

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY
TIME**

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph. D.

Gospel Theme: Within the Church, there is freedom. We must avoid scandal and strive for perfection; but where good work is to be done, there will be only as much correction as necessary, as much freedom as possible.

Sermon: Consider today what freedom there is among the disciples of Christ, within the Church. Indeed, there is considerable liberty and independence.

In the Old Testament, two men prophesied in the name of God; Moses let them be. In the same way, in the Gospel, we hear of Jesus Christ permitting people to act in his name. In both cases, there is tolerance, inclusiveness, and freedom. Both Moses and Jesus are glad to have somebody on their side, working to the same end.

The Church today follows the example of Jesus Christ. In so many ways, people are welcome, imperfect as they may be. Even when someone is excommunicated, that person remains a Catholic and remains obligated to go to Mass on Sunday. The excommunicated individual is prohibited from receiving the sacraments for his own good that he or she may repent and be converted. Unlike the Mormons, the Amish, or the Jehovah Witnesses, we do not throw people out of the community and cut off all contact with them, even when they are excommunicated. Many Catholics don't understand this, and they think that bishops should excommunicate individuals who do things that are wrong or evil. That's not the purpose of excommunication for Catholics. Even individuals who fail to go to Mass regularly have a right to such things as marriage and Christian burial. We believe that this tradition is in accord with the mercy of Christ and the teaching of the Gospel.

The basic principle for Catholics and for Orthodox is that there can be diversity in rite, in ritual, in practice, in discipline; but there should be unity in essential doctrine, in belief. This is the exact opposite, for example, of the tradition of the Anglican Church, which in the United States is called the Protestant Episcopal Church. In that community, there is uniformity in offi-

cial prayers, in rubrics, in discipline, but a lack of unity in fundamental belief.

Although there are many profound differences in culture and in custom between the Orthodox and the Catholic Churches, there is an overwhelming convergence of doctrine, of fundamental belief. This is why there is hope for full communion someday between these two traditions. We will no doubt continue indefinitely to celebrate differently and even to think differently. But the faith itself, the Catholic, Orthodox faith, is much the same, going back to the Apostles, relying on the ecumenical councils, trusting the teaching of the undivided Church of the first millennium.

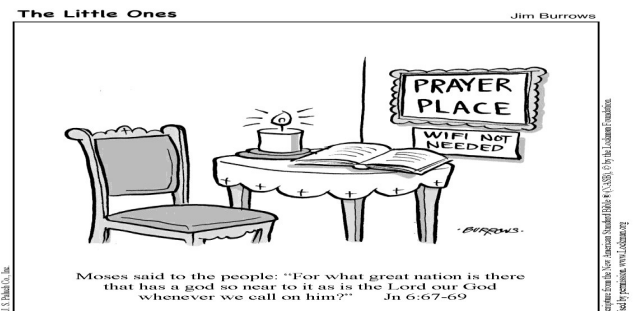
In general, tiny sects are very demanding of their members. Even secondary matters, such as clothing or speech, are determined by the group. But the Catholic Church, with all its diversity, allows for dispensations from law, variance in practice, and freedom of action. In essentials, let there be unity. In accidentals, let there be freedom. In all things, let there be charity.

Closing prayer: O God, Giver of freedom, we thank you for teaching us your truth. Help us to do your work as best as we can, that justice may reign and peace prevail, through Christ our Lord.

O God of glory, God of power and might,
forever great, forever holy,
our wills are weak;
we need your warming light.
Come, kindle all that would be lowly.

Our hearts are restless
till they burn on fire with you
for whom they yearn,
O God of glory, Holy Father.

—from the hymn, *O God of Glory*
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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 19, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 2,815.00
Loose	259.00
Assumption of Mary	10.00
Seminaries	329.00
Kolbe House	287.00
On Line Giving	520.00
Total	\$ 4,220.00

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

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, September 26, 2021

✠ In memory of Norbert Zyk

Anthony Wallin from Linda Wallin

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 Witterspoon, 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

Know the vocation story of your Priest

Ordination to Priesthood

The day of ordination is joy filled day. It takes years of formation to complete this journey of one becoming a Priest. So, the day the Bishop calls to Order the Candidate and inform him that he will be ordained to Priesthood, it is undeniably a delightful news. Even though one knows in advance that he will be ordained, but the right to ordain remain the responsibility of the Church and not of the individual to be ordained. There is no guarantee that you will be ordained until you are ordained.

Preparation is key and important prior to ordination. In my part, I had to make a lot of spiritual and social preparation to make the day be special. Priests' preparation for ordination, is almost like the preparation that most of you had for your Wedding Day. Some go overboard and focus on human stuff or protocols and forget the spiritual part which is more important. For us the seminary was a bedrock to reinforce that we focus on spiritual preparation; things like praying the liturgy of hours incessantly, retreat, attending mass daily, presiding liturgies, attending formation meetings, visiting Spiritual Directors, participating in the sacrament of reconciliation, to name the few. This spiritual privilege sometimes the wedding couples do not have like the candidates to priesthood.

Also, I had to make sure that my parents are here in USA to witness this sacred day. Indeed, with the help of the seminary, my parents were able to come to the USA from Tanzania to present me for the ordination. I had spent five years without seeing them, so it was a blessing to have them on that day. But I cannot forget this, one of my classmates lost his Mother before our ordination. She had secured visa to come to the USA for the ordination of her son unfortunately she could not be with us and other parents. She watched us from heaven on that day. May her soul rest in peace.

My ordination was on May 17th, 2008, with ten other Brothers. We met with Francis Cardinal George and had breakfast with him in the morning. Then he gave each one of us a gift of chalice that we will use to offer the sacrifice of mass daily, for our sins and the sins of the people of God. Then we proceeded to our ordination mass. The mass was uplifting. The only part that seemed to be heavy, was the laying on of hands; this rite of ordination gives you a joy and a synopsis of the burden of the ministry that the newly ordained is about to undertake.

The rite of ordination begins by the calling of Candidates (Election of the Candidates) to come forward and to be presented to people, and then the homily of the Bishop is given. After the homily there is a promise of the Candidates to the Bishop, which is followed by the prostration of the Candidates while the Holy Spirit is invoked to come upon them (Litany of Supplication). Following this the Candidates kneel, and the Bishop lays on his hands upon them and invites all the Concelebrating Priest present to do the same in silence.

There were more than one hundred Priests in our ordination, and we were eleven of us. We had to kneel until the last Priest finished laying on of his hand in all of us. I do remember, some hands were light, some were heavy; others were cold, while some were warm; others were short laid while some were long laid. Every Priest brought his own Spirit through their laying on of hands on us. I appreciate their willingness to impart the Holy Spirit through the on laying of hands.

After the laying on of hands, the Cardinal prayed the prayer of ordination and invoked that the Candidates be granted the dignity of Priesthood. Then the deaconate stole was removed, and the new Priests were vested, with priestly stole and chasuble. The anointing with holy chrism on the palm of the new priests followed as we knelt before the Bishop. Then we washed our hands, and we were handed over the paten with the bread and the chalice with wine mixed with water ready for the celebration of mass. And the rite of ordination ended by Bishop and others giving a hug/kiss to a newly ordained priest/priests, us. This liturgy took almost like two hours, but I have seen it in other part of the world, it is a liturgy of three hours or more. It is one of the days, you won't forget. Fr. Thad

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!!! Today, 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 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Commentator: Youth
First Reader: Youth
Second Reader: Youth

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Meets 1st Thursday of the month at 7p.m.
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Chairperson: Carolyn Morris
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Food Pantry: Leon Williams & Richard Kimbrough
Resale Store: Patricia Buford
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Ministers of Care: Janice Henry
Liaison: Janice Henry & Janice Rasheed

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Lector/Commentator: Marvin McCurry
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Lectionary Program: Julie Richardson
Liaison: Michelle Haynes & Janice Henry

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Couple's Ministry: Angela & Michael Wilson

Travel & Entertainment: Joyce Riley
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