

St. Martin de Porres Parish

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Mass Times

Sunday: 10:00am

SACRAMENTS

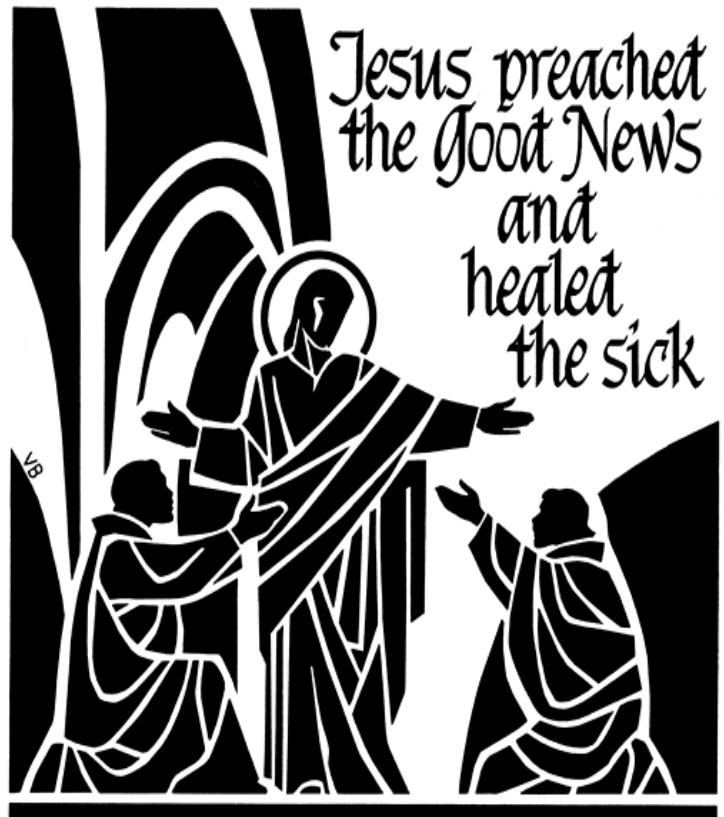
Baptism: The Parish has set calendar dates for the baptism of babies and small children. Parents should contact the Director of Religious Education to register.

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
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 05, 2021

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph. D.

Gospel Theme: The healing power of Christ makes the deaf hear and the speechless speak. Miracles like these are signs of the coming of the Messiah, the Redeemer King. Through that healing, God gives strength to the weak, and wealth to the poor. Salvation comes through the Lord Jesus, the Savior, the Son of God.

Sermon: Today you hear the good news about the healing power of Christ. You also hear that the teaching of Christ is more important than any healing, any miracle of recovery. You also hear that such healing is a sign of the coming of the Messiah. As foretold in Isaiah, chapter 35, deaf people can hear; mute people can speak. It is Christ, the Messiah, who is here. That's what healing means. His words matter, his teaching matters. We need to listen to his words. We need to follow his teaching.

Consider how some years ago, Princess Diana died in a tragic accident. The President of the United States was asked to speak. Everybody knew what he would say, but he had to say something. So too Mayor Daley had to speak, even if somebody else wrote his words. On the other hand, the Queen of England said nothing; and people resented it. In all these cases, the word needed to be spoken. People wanted their leaders to articulate what they feel. At the funeral of Princess Diana, the prime minister of England, Tony Blair, spoke. Again, the spoken word had power; the funeral was healing.

In this way, you can see how human words have their effect. So too the word of Christ has its effect, for healing and for life. Consider the whole question of inclusive language, sometimes called political correctness. Now, there are certainly extremes. But, by and large, we are dealing with efforts to make people feel welcome, at home. For example, the word "dumb" is not as good as "people who cannot speak." The word "blind" is not as good as "people who cannot see." Consider ongoing prejudice against women. Think of the difference between the words "gentleman" and

"lady." Think of the difference between "king" and "queen." Words indeed have power. Through words comes hurt or healing.

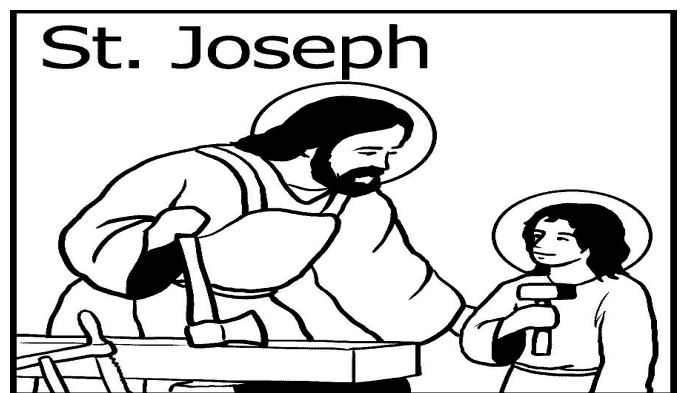
As Scripture says, be doers of the Word, not just hearers. It matters how we speak. We welcome people, all people. This is healing, now and for all time, healing in body and in spirit, healing for life in this world and healing for eternal life.

Closing Prayer: Father, we stand in wonder at the work of your Son. Through him, we thank you that we can hear your Word and speak your praise. Bring your people the fullness of your healing, through Christ our Lord.

**Hymn: **Redeemer King, Messiah,
you are our life, our only Lord,
our hope and our salvation!
O come, Lord Jesus, come!**

You are the Judge,
the King of Israel,
the Ruler of Jerusalem,
our only Lord, Emmanuel.
To you we now are crying;
we beg you, Lord, to bring us life.
Your people now are dying,
*O come Lord Jesus, come! ***

Turn toward your own;
your people cry aloud;
deliver us from hate and sin,
now let your life and love come in.
Redeem us in temptation,
in all that binds our weary world,



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 August 29, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 2,090.00
Loose	409.00
Assumption of Mary	10.00
Kolbe House	10.00
On Line Giving	<u>550.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,069.00

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

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, September 5, 2021

Officer Regina Perpignan from Nicole Morris

Jerome Dillion from Shelma Dillon

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

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, Martha Reed, Clarence Walker, Lucy Henry, Theresa Cole, Phyllis Riley, Dawn Hicks, Tyrone Fennell, Ernestine Cottrell, Marian Davis

Know the vocation story and the qualities of your Priest – not his accent

As I was finishing high school, I started thinking about what I would like to become and do in life. As I said, the thought of being a doctor was in my heart and there was also an opportunity that I could be enlisted in the army and become a military officer. I was in a serious reflection of “what I wanted to do? And then another option came, “that I also wanted to be a priest when I was young. But I thought to myself that I priesthood was not for me. I did not see a “good guy” or a “priesthood material” in me, since I was just a regular kid in the block. In my first four years in secondary school, I attended all boys boarding school and then I went to a mixed gender school for two years for advanced secondary/high school. It was in my last two years of secondary/high school that I started thinking seriously on becoming a Priest. I remember Priests and Nuns used to come to our school to teach us religion. My favorite teacher was Sr. Jane Nugi who was and still is a Missionary of Consolata. The Priests and Nuns who taught us, inspired us to be active and involved in the life of our faith. I listened and became more active.

One day after our class, I decided to talk to Sr. Jane and told her that when I was young, I thought of becoming a priest but now my interest was to become a doctor. She was happy and excited, and she told me I could be both, a doctor, and a priest. I was shocked to hear that I still had a chance of becoming a Priest if I wanted. But the thought itself of being a Priest, terrified me. Nonetheless she encouraged me and asked me to think about it, and she would like to meet with me for a meeting next time. I thought what a mistake I did to “open-up” to Sr. Jane. I could not imagine me being a Priest because I did not have the “preparation”. I didn’t think I would fit in the seminary considering the seminary strictness to discipline and good behavior. Therefore, I decided not to go to the classes of religion. I did not want Sister to ask me about the priesthood thing. I was like Jonah, scared and on the move, running away from the call. And I run “like a deer to save me”. After a month and so, I showed up again in the class of religion thinking Sr. Jane would have forgotten. No, she did not. I fooled myself. When she saw me, she was so happy and told me she was looking for me. She invited me to her house for a meeting. Well, I accepted the invite.

I showed up for the meeting. And our meeting started with a question from Sr. Jane, “what kind of priest do you want to be?” Do you want to be a diocesan or religious Priest? Frankly, I did not have a clue. I thought Priest were just Priest simple. I was not aware there were religious and diocesan Priests. She explained to me in detail the difference and after that I decided that I wanted to be a religious and a missionary. She then gave me a book that listed all the Religious Congregations in Tanzania. She asked me, “what congregation to you want to join? I did not know any of the congregation, and I did not know what they were doing separately. To me they were just the same. So, I asked Sr. Jane, “which congregation are you? She responded, “Consolata”. I said, “I want to be a Consolata. I want to be in your congregation.” Sr. Jane in my view, was the best representation of Consolata Missionaries. What I saw in her a dedicated servant of God. I liked and admired her. To join her congregation, was the best idea of my life story. Therefore, I came out of the meeting with a firm resolve that I wanted to be a Consolata Missionary. I wanted to be a Priest and not a doctor anymore. I wanted to serve God and his people. God through Sr. Jane had changed my life from that day onward. And I began the missionary journey of discernment and discovery. 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 Coffey** 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 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Commentator:	Mary James
First Reader:	Angela Wilson
Second Reader:	Michael Wilson

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>

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Meets 1st Thursday of the month at 7p.m.

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Liaison: Janice Henry & Janice Rasheed

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Lector/Commentator: Marvin McCurry

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Liaison: Marvin D. McCurry

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R.C.I.A.: Christine Riley

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