

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 Deacon William Pouncy.

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.



Your faith has healed you

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Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Thadeo Mgimba
Deacon Couple: Rev. Mr. William & Gayle Pouncy
Operations Director: Yvonne Coffey
Building Engineer: Andre Nelson
Parish Secretary: Ida Gray
Custodian: Frank Clark
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Church Maintenance: Marvin McCurry
Religious Education Director: TBA
Music Director: Darryl Petty
Websites & 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 24, 2021

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph. D.

Gospel Theme: God heals the blind through Christ: new vision. New vision, new hope, new sight are given. Such miracles signal the coming of the kingdom and the end of the world. The Lord Jesus, the Savior, is here.

Sermon: Once upon a time, an entire family fell into a deep pit, alongside the road on which they were travelling. There were a mother and father, a young woman with child, and several children, one of whom had a broken leg. He was lame. All of them had fallen into a huge sinkhole, where it was dark and cold. They could barely see around them, except for a dim light at the top of the hole next to the road. They struggled to climb out of the sinkhole but were unable to do so. Their situation was dangerous. These few people were a remnant; the other members of their clan had either died or wandered far away. They were the only people left of their extended family, and now they were in peril.

Suddenly, far above them, they saw a man look down at them. It was Confucius. Yes, it was indeed. The great philosopher saw them. Confucius said to them, "What a pity. If you had followed my teachings, you would never have fallen into this pit." The father of the family said, "I know that. But please help us get out of this sinkhole. We need you to help us." Confucius said nothing. He stood up and walked away, continuing on his journey.

After a few moments of silence, the family in the pit saw someone else appear above the ground. He had a bald head and face with no expression on it. It was Buddha. He sat down at the rim of the sinkhole and crossed his arms. With solemnity, Buddha spoke. He said "What is important is that you also sit down, close your eyes, and meditate. You must purify yourselves of all desire, all anger, all fear, all your hopes and dreams. Desire nothing, and you will be happy. As I experience Nirvana, so will you, eternally. Do these things, and you will find peace." The family in the pit did not know what to say. After another few moments, Buddha stood up and walked away, continuing on his journey.

By now, the family was distraught. They had no water, hardly any light, and no food. Suddenly, at the top of the sinkhole, appeared a younger man, with a dark beard. He looked down at them and with vigor spoke to them. It was Mohammed. He

said, "I am the prophet of God. Listen to me. You are in a difficult situation, but God is in charge. He is the ruler of the universe, and nothing happens without his knowledge, in accord with his will. Whatever happens to you, you must accept it. Submit to the will of God, who is almighty and eternal." The Mohammed also walked away, continuing on his journey.

Finally, after about half an hour, while the family was praying, in fear and isolation, they looked at the top of the sinkhole and saw Jesus Christ himself. They all cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on us." The youngest child began to scream and told them to be quiet. The rest of the family shouted out all the more, "Christ, Son of David, have pity on us." Jesus asked them. "What do you want me to do for you?" They answered, "We can't see anything. Please get us out of here." Jesus Christ then climbed down into the sinkhole, helped each one of the family climb up and out of the hole. Remarkably, following him, they were able to find a way up and out. When the whole family was back on solid ground, in the warm sunlight, they could see once again where they were going. Their eyes had to adjust, because they had been in the darkness, down below, for many hours. But now, they could see the world around them in a new light. Jesus said to them, "Your faith has saved you." And the whole family followed him on their journey.

Closing Prayer: Father of Israel, show us your mercy. Grant us faith, vision, and life, that we may see what you see and love what you love, through Christ our Lord.

Christ our leader, Christ our Light, he is Lord and Master,
Christ who suffered, died, and rose:
prophet, priest, and pastor.

Children rise and sing for joy; elders tell the story
how the Lord who died for us rose again in glory.

At the river we are born; life is freely flowing.
At his table we are strong; here our faith is growing.
Holy men of humble heart, women ever valiant,
Christians, when they come to die, enter heaven through him.

When we pray with Christ our Lord, we know he is near us. When we
trust in him alone, God will surely hear us.

Though the woods are dark and deep,
though the wind is chilling,
yet our faith will lead us on; God, our God, is living.

-from the hymn, Christ Our Leader, published by

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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 October 17, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 2,231.00
Loose	1,173.00
Kolbe House	<u>235.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,639.00

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

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, October 24, 2021

†In Memory of Julia Abbs from Joanne Walsh

†In Memory of Mary Catherine Kearney

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

Gerard Becnel, Keith Mahaffey, Elia Hinogosa-Cangey, Mariano Palacios, Carter Evans, Jerome Dillon, Sandra Coffey, Jan F. Peters, Sylvia Peters, Michael Parham, Jermaine Curtis, Stan Gruszczycki, 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 Manette, 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: Why We Need Renewal

Pope Francis Has Called Us to Dream Big for the Church

“I dream of a ‘missionary option,’ that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything so that the church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation.” *Evangelii Gaudium: The Joy of the Gospel* In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis calls for a ‘missionary option.’ In other words, he wants the Church to look outward and to reach beyond herself, as she seeks to bring Christ to the world. Every day, we see signs of pain and immense suffering even in places where we used to find comfort. We are also bearing witness to the new life and new possibilities that God offers us in the death and resurrection of His Son, which is why we must always turn and return to Jesus Christ, as He tells us, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” John 14:6

Through our personal encounters with Jesus in His community of disciples and His Church, will we find healing, forgiveness, and possibilities for new life that God offers us.

How Did We Get Here? Every generation experiences challenges in faith and in this day and age, secularism has seemed to push God out of the picture, forcing us to focus on popular imagination. Secular culture leads us to think that all we have is ourselves and this moment and has also led to breakdowns of family life, respect for life, and a whole host of social ills. We need healing and redemption in Jesus Christ now more than ever.

Models of Evangelization and Parish Life Need to Change

Today, many people do not know Jesus Christ and often reject Him and His Church without knowing who He really is. Even many believers in the Church have a weak sense of who Jesus is and what it means to follow Him as a disciple. We cannot assume that faith will automatically be handed on to a new generation. We must proclaim the Gospel in new ways.

Those Who Leave Are Seeking Christ

People leaving the Church do not leave because of a desire for a different doctrine or teaching, but for a more vibrant community of believers who are living out their faith in tangible ways.

Four Reason Catholic Left the Church

- Never experienced a profound and intense encounter with Jesus Christ
- Did not have presence of meaningful community life
- Unmet desire for biblical & doctrinal formation that brings spiritual growth
- Seeking missionary commitment that moves Church members from the pews to go out.

OUR PARISH OFFICE

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

On Saturday, October 30, 2021, at 10:00 am., there will be First Reconciliation Service for the Religious Education Students and their families. All are invited to participate in this Reconciliation Service.

On November 2nd, 2021 - There will be a mass at 9:00am for All Souls

November 7th, 2021 - We will celebrate the Feast of our Patron Saint, St. Martin de Porres. Please join us for mass at 10am.

Something NEW!!! Every 4th Sunday has been designated Youth Sunday. We encourage 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. Deacon William Pouncy 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 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Commentator: Youth TBA
First Reader: Youth TBA
Second Reader: Youth TBA

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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

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Hospitality: Patricia Buford

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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
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