

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.



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
Housekeeper: Trancio Angelica Carpio
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 31, 2021

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME sacrifices have ended.

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph. D.

Gospel Theme: The love we owe God is important. We pray, “Lord, let your love shine in.” We turn our hearts to God alone. We celebrate his love forever.

Sermon: Today, you hear the Shema, “Hear, O Israel” as the central profession of our faith, our creed that there is one God, only one, and that we are to love him with all our being. It is Jesus Christ himself who commends this faith to us. The Shema, then, is as Christian as it is Jewish.

We venerate Jesus as a teacher in this regard, surely. But the Second Reading today also gives the place of Jesus, within the Jewish tradition. This reading is from the Epistle to the Hebrews, that is, to Christians who think of themselves as Jewish, Christians who speak Greek but are, at the time of writing, part of the Jewish faith. They are addressed as Hebrews because at this time they still think of themselves as Jews, even though they accept Jesus as the Messiah.

The teaching of the Epistle to the Hebrews is that Jesus is a priest, indeed a priest forever. That’s no surprise to us. We already think we know what a priest is. I would venture most of us would define a priest as a sacred person, perhaps, someone who does holy things, someone who is set apart. That’s a viewpoint common to both Catholic and Orthodox Christians. Yet the Epistle to the Hebrews says something different, both to its readers and to us.

In these words of the New Testament, Jesus is a priest because he is praying for us. Yes, that’s right. Today’s text says that Jesus can save people who come to God through him. Jesus can do this, says the Epistle to the Hebrews, because he lives forever; he is risen. He will never die again. For this reason, Jesus can always pray for us, always intercede for us with God, always be our mediator. The author of the Epistle to the Hebrews says that Jesus is not like the priests of the Old Testament; those priests offered animal sacrifices again and again. Jesus doesn’t do that and doesn’t need to do that. His one offering on the cross is greater than all the sacrifices that took place in the temple of Jerusalem. Now, those sacrifices are over and done. The temple is destroyed, and those

In the perspective of the New Testament, especially in the Epistle, Jesus is understood to be on our side, our advocate, like a lawyer who argues on our behalf. The Epistle to the Hebrews says he “forever lives to make intercession” for us.

It is through the humanity of Jesus, says the Second Vatican Council, that our salvation was achieved. That’s true not just in the past, in his death and Resurrection, but also in the present. Right now, here and now, Jesus Christ is interceding for us in the liturgy. Right now, our salvation is being brought about. That’s why we’re here. It is in the liturgy, especially the Eucharist, that we pray through him, and in him. In our Roman Rite, every Eucharistic Prayer ends with these words. The First Eucharistic Prayer, the Roman Canon, ends all its prayers with the words per Christum Dominum nostrum, “through Christ our Lord.” Our prayer, here and now, is effective because Christ himself is praying with us and for us. He is indeed an excellent teacher, as the Gospel says. He is also an excellent intercessor and mediator.

Closing Prayer: Lord, our God, we acknowledge that you alone are Master. Show us your love, that we in turn may love you to the fullest, and our neighbor as well, through Christ our Lord.

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Intentional Offertory Initiative

Next Weekend is our Intentional Commitment Weekend!

As our journey through the Intentional Offertory Initiative nears an end, I hope you have prayerfully approached this with an open mind and heart. We’ve heard about the parish needs along with the testimony of a fellow parishioner. I am asking you to prayerfully consider re-evaluating your financial commitment to St. Martin de Porres and make the intentional decision to increase or sustain your financial commitment.

Jesus states, “Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” (LK6:38).

If you have not done so already, please consider signing up for a reoccurring online gift through <http://www.archchicago.org/offertory>

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 24, 2021**

Envelopes	\$ 1,292.00
Loose	423.00
Kolbe House	97.00
On-Line Giving Week 82 +83 (10/4/21-10/17/21)	<u>660.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,472.00

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

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, October 31, 2021

†In Memory of Norbertt Zyk from Mary 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

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

From the Desk of Fr. Thad

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Time is running fast. Some people say, as you grow old you find life is a delicate and precious gift. Knowing that, we literary stop taking granted the little things that life offers to us, for example time itself becomes more meaningful. We become engaged and involved with life seriously. That sense of involvement make you feel like the clock is ticking faster than before because every minute becomes important to you.

Nevertheless, our clock has been ticking in the same rhythm as it has been before. Nothing has changed in the way our clock is ticking. It's only our perceptions of time and its meaning that has changed as we grow old. Therefore, to all who feel like me that the clock is ticking faster, I just want to say, "keep moving and keep living because life is worth living."

Few things I would like to mention for the purpose of communication that Andre Nelson, our Building Manager has resigned from his position. We are grateful for his service. Christine Riley also had resigned her position as a Director of Religious Education. We are grateful for her service.

In the meantime, Roger Lozano who has been helping Andre Nelson, will help us in the maintenance of our properties. He knows the Campus and he was working here at St. Martin de Porres before Andre was employed.

The Renew My Church Grouping teams are still meeting twice a month. The focus of our last meeting was on the discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of our grouping Parishes, St. Agatha, St. Martin de Porres and the Basilica of Our Lady of Sorrows. When I receive the full report of this discussion, I will post you on the points discussed. This week, we are going to meet at the Basilica of Our Lady of Sorrow. I ask you to pray for the teams and the process that it may be filled a spirit of God.

Also, we are going to start the morning masses on Tuesdays, starting from November 9th at 9am and on Thursdays at 9am (starting from November 11st), for the service of the Word and Eucharistic Adorations. I welcome all to join us in celebrating these holy moments of our faith.

The Feast of St. Martin de Porres is on November 7th. Please join us to celebrate the life of St. Martin de Porres Church and the life of our Patron Saint, St. Martin de Porres. Other than that, let's continue to pray for one another and for our Parish. God bless you.

Fr. Thad

OUR PARISH OFFICE

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

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.

Starting from November 9th, 2021— there will be a morning Mass every Tuesday at 9am. And there will be the Service of the word and Eucharistic Adoration on every Thursday starting from November 11st, 2021. The service of the Word will be at 9am and Eucharistic Adoration will follow immediately after the service.

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: Fannie Curry
First Reader: Joyce Riley
Second Reader: Christine Riley

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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