

# 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.



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### Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Thadeo Mgimba  
**Deacon Couple:** Rev. Mr. William & Gayle Pouncy  
**Operations Director:** Yvonne Coffey  
**Interim Building Engineer:** Roger Lozano  
**Parish Secretary:** Ida Gray  
**Custodian:** Frank Clark  
**Housekeeper:** Trancio Angelica Carpio  
**Church Maintenance:** Marvin McCurry  
**Interim Religious Education Director:** Marvin McCurry  
**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

November 7, 2021

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph. D.**

**Gospel Theme:** Human generosity comes from God. It is a wonderful gift. Give thanks to God for all that he has done.

**Sermon:** Today, we consider especially the teaching of the Letter to the Hebrews. Most scholars agree that it was not St. Paul who wrote this epistle. We don't know who the author was. In any case, this Letter to the Hebrews is directed to Christians who speak Hebrew, Christians who thought of themselves as both Jewish and Christian. The teaching of this letter is that we no longer need the Jewish temple or the Jewish priesthood, even though the people who receive the letter are truly Jews.

As far as the Jewish temple is concerned, says the epistle, Christ has entered heaven, the true sanctuary of God. The temple in Jerusalem is nothing but a copy of heaven, which is the true sanctuary. Right now, says the epistle, Christ is there, in heaven; appearing on our behalf before God our Father. He is our mediator, our intercessor with God, for all eternity. As far as the Jewish priesthood is concerned, says the Word of God, the high priest entered the holy of holies once a year, to offer sacrifice. But the sacrifice of Christ is perfect and complete. Christ is not offered again and again; his sacrifice takes away sin, permanently. So, we no longer need to kill animals or to shed blood, time after time.

In the Middle Ages, however, many Catholics offered Mass frequently, not only daily, but sometimes even more than once a day. On a popular level, many Catholics came to think of the sacrifice of the Mass as a new and distinct offering of Christ. When the priest celebrated Mass, people thought that each celebration conferred a specific, limited grace for the intention specified by the priest. The widespread understanding was not Church teaching; yet, that attitude did influence people's piety, even into the twentieth century. Today's reading from the Letter to the Hebrews makes it clear that the blood of Christ was shed for us at one time, once and for all. That's it.

Four hundred years ago, Protestants called our attention to the clear teaching of the Letter to the Hebrews. Often with bitterness and hostility, Protestants said that the

Mass was not a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. In reaction, the Catholic Church, especially at the Council of Trent, emphasized that the Mass was indeed a sacrifice. In further generations, Catholic theologians went to great lengths to explain exactly how the Mass was a sacrifice. Some theologians said that the Mass was a sacrifice because the host was chewed up by the priest, and so Christ was again killed. Other theologians said that in the consecration Christ entered an inferior state, that of bread and wine, and so was humiliated again; this, they said, was the sacrifice. Around the beginning of the twentieth century, the great theologian Louis Billot said that the sacrifice was spiritual, namely, the symbolic separation of body and blood, in the separate consecration of bread and wine. All these theories were lacking; all of them alien to the thinking of the early Church and the teaching of Scripture.

Today, most Protestants and Catholic theologians can agree on the nature of the sacrifice of the Mass. Thanks to sound scholarship, most Christians are no longer divided on this difficult question, that has vexed so many of our ancestors. In a true sense, the Mass is a representation of the sacrifice of Christ. In a nutshell, that is the ecumenical consensus of today. Rejoice and be glad, for in our lifetime Christians have made a giant step towards Christian unity and reconciliation.

**Closing Prayer:** Great God, we know how much you love us. Hear us and help us to be generous, open and kind, through Christ our Lord.

### **Join us today for Intentional Commitment**

#### **Weekend!**

This weekend we wrap up our Intentional Offertory Initiative. Over the past several weeks, we have discussed the needs of [St. Martin de Porres](#), reflected on our call to discipleship and the many blessings we've received from God, and prayerfully considered how we can share those blessings with greater intentionality for the mission of our [St. Martin de Porres family](#). If you have not done so already, please prayerfully re-evaluate your financial commitment to our parish and consider increasing or sustaining it. If you are not signed up for electronic giving, please scan the QR code found in the Intention card that will take you to <http://www.archchicago.org/offertory>. Together, we can ensure St. Martin de Porres family has the resources we need to bring our mission to life in powerful and dynamic ways. THANK YOU for your continuous generosity!

**Fr. Thad**

**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 31, 2021**

Envelopes	\$ 2,736.00
Loose	524.00
Kolbe House	10.00
On-Line Giving Week 84 (10/18/21-10/24/21)	570.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,840.00</b>

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

*Mass Intentions for this Week*

**Sunday, November 7, 2021**

Helen & Vernelett Peters, Grandparents of Janette  
Gruszczycki and Jan Peters

Caryn & Michael Kondrat from Linda Wallin

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**

Maria Elena Fernandez, Gerard Becnel, Keith Ma-  
haffey, Elia Hinogosa-Cangey, Mariano Palacios,  
Carter Evans, Jerome Dillon, Sandra Coffey, Jan F.  
Peters, Sylvia Peters, Michael Parham, Jermaine Cur-  
tis, Stan Gruszczycki, James Harris, Jerry Harris, Bob-  
bie 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, Eliza-  
beth 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,

Happy Feast Day of St. Martin de Porres.

Few years ago, I was celebrating mass at St. Francis de la  
Salle parish in the East of Chicago, a Lady came to me af-  
ter the mass, with excitement she said, “you look like St.  
Martin de Porres”. I didn’t know what she was talking  
about! I didn’t know who St. Martin de Porres was! I was  
curious and I wanted to know who St. Martin de Porres  
was? Why do I look like him?

I went home and did research and came to understand how  
great inspirational and down to earth he was. He was a bi-  
racial young man, prayerful, humble, honest, obedient,  
charitable, just, friend of animals, barber, dentist, healer, or  
miracle worker and so many other good things. He was tru-  
ly an outstanding man and a living model of the encycli-  
cals. *Well after seeing his pictures, I realized that it was my  
afro that made the Lady to say I look like St. Martin de  
Porres and nothing else!*

Our parish is honored and blessed to be named after this  
young man of whom the world disregarded and counted  
him not when he was young, but only to discover how he  
was enshrined with the treasures of heavenly wisdom and  
life. He was trustworthy follower of Christ. He was like the  
disciples of apostles who “*by assiduous meditation on  
heavenly things, were so swallowed up in the life to come,  
that they seemed no longer inhabitants of this world.*” St.  
Martin de Porres life, reflected a deep heavenly life; lived  
here on earth by a young bi-racial Blackman, who was  
born in a despised environment and grew up to become sig-  
nificant in the same unfriendly environment for black peo-  
ple. But yet he made to the top and today Martin de Porres  
is a Catholic Saint.

**Few things to mention** – I invite you to join RMC Dis-  
cernment Team and I, next Sunday, **November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**,  
after the mass for a brief Renew My Church (RMC) meet-  
ing. We would like to share with you, an important infor-  
mation regarding RMC for our Grouping.

Also, on **November 21, 2021**, after the mass, the Finance  
Council will present the annual financial report for the Fis-  
cal year of July 01<sup>st</sup>, 2020 - June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please join us  
to get an update on the financial life of our Parish. Thanks,  
and blessings to you. Fr. Thad

## OUR PARISH OFFICE

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

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

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.

**November 14** - Parish Renew My Church Meeting with Parishioners.

**November 21** - There will be a presentation of Annual Financial Report to the Parish immediately after the mass. All are invited.

**Something NEW!!! 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. **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 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Commentator:** Mary James  
**First Reader:** Michael Wilson  
**Second Reader:** Michael Reed

## FOLLOW US IN OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

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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