

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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Thadeo Mgimba
Deacon Couple: Rev. Mr. William & Gayle Pouncy
Deacon Couple: Rev. Mr. Bruce & Sandra McElrath
Operations Director: Yvonne Coffey
Building Engineer: Roger Lozano
Assisting the Pastor with the DRE: Marvin McCurry
Parish Secretary: Ida Gray
Custodian: Frank Clark
Housekeeper: Trancio Angelica Carpio
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

December 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph. D.

Gospel Theme: Judah's joy and consolation is the happiness of the Church. Let Jerusalem sing with joy.

Sermon: We Christians often think that the teaching of Jesus is unique; it is. Yet on many occasions Jesus is simply recalling or reformulating an existing teaching, perhaps an Old Testament prophet. Today, in the Gospel, we do not hear the teaching of Jesus Christ but rather the teaching of John the Baptist. It is obvious that he was a teacher of morality. For example, John the Baptist told soldiers, presumably Italians, not to practice extortion, not to accuse anyone falsely, and to be satisfied with their wages. Did John the Baptist speak to the Roman military in Latin? That would probably be impossible. Perhaps, then, a translator was present, who would render each sentence in Latin, as it was spoken. It is evident that even Roman soldiers came to John the Baptist, to learn from his teaching. These would not be Jews but pagans, even pagans from a distant country, which today we call Italy.

John the Baptist spoke openly of the coming of the Messiah, the new King of Israel. For John the Baptist, the Messiah would be someone who would immerse people in the Spirit of God, with enthusiasm: "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." John the Baptist is not articulating the doctrine of the Trinity or the Indwelling of the Third Person. Rather, in the language of the Old Testament, John is preaching that God will dwell among his people in spirit; he will penetrate their hearts and minds; and they will be immersed, "baptized" in him. Of course, when the Gospel is written down, the Christians are already seeing in his words a prophecy of the Holy Spirit and of Jesus Christ as Messiah. When John the Baptist was executed, Jesus, his disciple, intended to carry on his mission. And that he did, to the present day.

So often, we Americans think of ourselves as individuals before God. We share a consumer mentality. We relate to God and to his Son on a personal, even intimate basis. But the teaching of Scripture today is something we need. In all three readings, even in the Psalm after the First Reading, God speaks to us as a people. "Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!" Cry out with joy and gladness, for among you (plural) is the great and Holy One of Israel." "Rejoice in the Lord always." "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." In each case, God is speaking to you as members of one family, one community, one Church.

You must pray, then, in return, in the same way. In the liturgy, you must not relate to God in terms of personal preference, of individual choice, or of subjective decision. In the liturgy, my soul does not sing. I am not a wretch. And Jesus does not walk with me. This is important. You are not here as a collection of individuals. You are here because God has summoned you here, because God has gathered you together, because God has formed you as his people..

Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name. Among the nations make known his deeds. Proclaim how exalted is his name.

Closing Prayer: *O King of Israel, we thank you for removing the judgement against us, for turning away our enemies, for filling us with joy. Hear our prayers and help us know your happiness, through the coming of your Son. We ask this through Christ the Lord.*

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 December 5, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 3,935.00
Loose	1,495.00
Kolbe House	161.00
On Line Giving Week #87	570.00
On Line Giving Week #88	620.00
Total	\$ 6,781.00

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

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Jerome Dillon from Shelma Dillon & Family

✚ Memorial Mass for Julie Abbs from Joanne
Walsh

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

Mary McLemore, LaVita Norris, Sofia McFarland,
Keith Mahaffey, Elia Hinogosa-Cangey, Mariano Pala-
cios, Carter Evans, Jerome Dillon, Jan F. Peters, Sylvia
Peters, Michael Parham, Jermaine Curtis, Stan
Gruszczycki, James Harris, Jerry Harris, Larry Mapp Jr.,
Essie Pledage, Imogene Rhodes, Nathaniel W. Hall,
Pamela D. Gee, Julius Jones, Natalie Daves, Armonie
Witerspoon, Shirley Gardner, Deborah Rutledge, Ber-
tha Anderson, Callie Gee, Luvenia Parker, Veronica
Hicks, John Mannette, Jewel Austin, Anthony Adams,
Elizabeth Henry, Hazel Bills, Clarence Walker, Lucy
Henry, Phyllis Riley, Dawn Hicks, Ernestine Cottrell,
Marian Davis

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday, from the Latin word "rejoice." The idea is that we are almost through the preparatory season of Advent, and Christmas is not far away. It is time to take a bit of a break. The celebrant can wear rose-colored vestments today and you can have a pink candle lit in your Advent wreath.

The readings for today certainly have a spirit of joy about them. The first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, one of the so-called minor prophets in the Bible. The book dates from the seventh century B.C., not long before the Babylonian exile. Zephaniah's message is often dour, but not here in this exuberant passage: "Sing for joy, O daughter Zion, sing joyfully, O Israel! ... The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst!"

A unique and striking image comes at the end of the reading. God's love for Israel is so great that the Lord, too, "rejoices over you with gladness and renew (s) you in his love." Even more, God is delighted to be with Israel, so much so that "he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals!" Can you imagine this? The transcendent and mighty God, the Lord of the universe, taking the stage at a music festival and singing with joy for you!

The other readings also brim with a spirit of joy. The "psalm" response this Sunday is actually a passage from the prophet Isaiah. Again, joy breaks out because of God's presence in the midst of the people: "Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel." The prophet cannot suppress his joy: "God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid ... With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation ... Shout with exaltation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!"

The name for this Sunday — Gaudete — is taken directly from our second reading, Paul's Letter to the Philippians. I think Paul had a special love for this community. It was the first place he visited as his missionary travels took him from Asia Minor to the continent of Europe. There he was received warmly by Lydia, who was so taken by Paul that she invited him and his companions to stay at her home.

In this concluding section of his letter, Paul leaves a final loving exhortation: "Brothers and sisters; rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice! The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

The Gospel scene for today is more sober, portraying John the Baptist at work, urging the crowds to change their way of life and live justly and generously. The reason? Because the Lord is near. The advent of Christ is precisely the "good news" that John preaches to the people. There is a common thread running through the readings for this Sunday and its accent on joy. There are, of course, plenty of reasons for sadness and anxiety, both on the turbulent world stage, but also in the smaller but vital arenas of our families and communities.

Advent invites to sink beneath our anxieties to the deepest level of reality disclosed by our Christian faith. God is with us. He is not just with us as the ground of all being, but with us, loving us intensely, so much so that in Jesus the divine becomes human, giving his life to express that love in unimpeachable terms.

Our belief in the Incarnation is the foundation on which our faith stands, the ultimate source of strength and reason for hope that enables us to bear our burdens.

I can see it now — the almighty God mounts the steps to the stage and begins to sing for us, "joyfully, as one does at festivals."

Father Donald Senior, CP

OUR PARISH OFFICE

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

This year, we are planning to prepare Care Baskets for our sick and shut-ins during the Christmas Season. We need volunteers and ideas to prepare baskets. Please see Pat Graham, Co-Ordinator. Her telephone number is (630) 660-5887 or check with Pat after Mass. All are invited & welcomed. Thank you!

ADVENT

Third Week of Advent—Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Fourth Week of Advent— Peace, Love, Hope and the Joy of the Savior's birth.

There will be a **Christmas Eve Mass on December 24, 2021** at 7:00p.m., Saturday, **December 25, 2021** Christmas morning will begin at 10:00a.m.

The St. Martin de Porres Parish Federal Credit Union will host its' annual meeting with members on Wednesday December 15, 2021, 7:00pm via Zoom. The link to join is listed below by typing in the information to attend zoom conference call. We look forward to seeing you for our 1st live online screen meeting. Any additional questions, please Marvin McCurry or Jan Peters @ 773-626-0776 - Peace and all things good, Marvin D. Mc Curry , President
Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 823 7603 7696 Passcode 992540

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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Commentator: Stella Palmer
First Reader: Joyce Riley
Second Reader: Pat Buford

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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 Matthew, 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 Matthew

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: TBA
R.C.I.A.: Deacon William Pouncy
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