

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
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 19, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph. D.

Gospel Theme: The birth of the long-expected Jesus is near, his coming is a sign of his obedience to God.

Sermon: You are all familiar with a prayer we say often, the Hail Mary. The first part of that prayer, as you know, represents the words of the Angel Gabriel. The next part is taken directly from today's Gospel, "Blest are you among women, and blest is the fruit of your womb."

In this half of the season of Advent, the last two weeks of December, we are already looking forward to December 25, Christmas Day. As in the rest of Advent, we are not doing penance; we are immersed in a season of reflection and quiet, of joyful hope, even of quiet celebration. John the Baptist, though not yet born, leaped for joy in the presence of the Virgin Mary; it is as though he knew that the Lord was coming and was already near. Now, it happens all the time that babies in the womb will move about, sometimes even with plenty of momentum. In this case, the baby's mother adds an interpretation that is recorded in the Scripture: Christ is coming; we rejoice.

In the Letter to the Hebrews, it is written that we are done with Jewish offerings of holocausts and sin offerings. Instead, with Jesus Christ, the body of Jesus Christ is offered, once and for all. Christ, by his will, by his free decision, by his choice, carries out the plan of God his Father. That obedience consecrates his people, says the epistle. The author is referring to the will of Christ, the submission of the man Jesus to his Father, the obedience that brought about our salvation.

As Jesus obeyed his Father, so too Mary lived her life in obedience to God. The Gospel recalls how two young women met, cousins, and rejoiced in what they knew was coming: a new birth and a new life. How little they understood what was to happen!

How much did they know that God loved them and had great plans for them! "Blest are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Blest are Mary and Elizabeth. And blest are you who believe, in the present moment.

In Advent, then, we remember John the Baptist and his witness to the Messiah. We also remember Mary, the Mother of the Lord. We thank God for these saints. Without their eyes of God and precious in our sight.

During Advent, we can sing Marian hymns, to be sure. Even better are songs directed to God, such as the Magnificat or Praise God for Mary. In such songs and canticles, we are joined with Mary and with all the saints, in the whole communion of the Church, rejoicing in the Advent of Christ our Lord.

Closing Prayer: *O God, your name is great and majestic. Hear us now, and help us to carry out your Will, through Christ our 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 12, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 2,491.00
Loose	1,056.00
On Line Giving Week #89	<u>400.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,947.00

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

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Jerome Dillon from Shelma Dillon & Family

Happy 60th Heavenly Birthday James
Sandifer from The Family

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**

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

From Deacon William Pouncy Desk

This weekend, I would like to share an update from the Re-
new My Church Grouping Discernment Team (RMC). The RMC is
a comprehensive effort by the Archdiocese to revitalize the
church in order to make disciples, strengthen and build communi-
ties and inspire witness to faith in Jesus Christ.

The first phase was devoted to determining which of the three
scenarios would result in the best use of buildings and ministries.
The Church Grouping Discernment Team (CGDT) used data, our
own experiences, your feedback and foundational principles pro-
vided by the Archdiocese to determine the best scenario for our
grouping. The CGDT will be making two recommendations to the
Archdiocese RMC Commission which will be a two-parish scenar-
io. It is important to remember that the team's role is to discern
and recommend, not decide. The decision resides with the Cardi-
nal. The next step is for the writing team members (which con-
sist of one person from each parish) to present the feedback to
the Executive Committee of the RMC Commission. We will con-
tinue to keep you updated as we move forward.

Last week was the third week of Advent and in the Gospel, we
heard people were coming to John the Baptist asking, "What is it
that we should do?" John awakened our sense of social justice
by his specific answers to the people.

Today, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent which is
centered around Mary and Elizabeth. The focus is on when Eliza-
beth cried out in a loud voice when she met Mary. Blessed are
you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. How
does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come
to me? Mary and Elizabeth were unimportant but became im-
portant. The Advent mystery tells us so clearly that God has a
special love for unimportant people.

God has given us the most wonderful gift for Christmas, His
own Son.

How will we meet Him? Will we be like Elizabeth, overwhelmed?



OUR PARISH OFFICE

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

ADVENT

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** Caroling will begin 6:00 and the Mass will begin at 7:00p.m., **Saturday, December 25, 2021 Christmas Mass** will begin at 10:00a.m.

December 26, 2021—First day of Kwanzaa and runs through January 1.

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: Barbara Cottrell
First Reader: Freddy May Moon
Second Reader: Karl Brinson



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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