

# *St. Martin de Porres Parish*

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## **Mass Times**

**Sunday:** 10:00am

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## **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 26, 2021**

# H OLY FAMILY

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph. D.

**Gospel Theme:** Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are a model family exactly as Scripture explains: They prayed together, worked together, and stayed together. The unity they knew as a family is the unity we seek and the unity we need. May God grant it.

**Sermon:** In the Old Testament, Samuel was dedicated to God by his mother, Hannah. In fact, she left him at the temple in Shiloh. In a similar way, as a young boy, Jesus was in the temple, which he called “his Father’s house.” Jesus was bright, says the Gospel; he asked good questions. He was, the teachers thought, a precocious twelve-year old. Even then, he said things his parents did not understand. Yet, he was obedient to them.

In many ways, the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, are a model for our own families. Jesus, while a child, was obedient to his parents. Mary was reflective; he “kept all these things in her heart.” As many women do, she would ruminate more than most men would. Jesus, too, advanced in wisdom; he studied. He advanced in age; he grew up. He advanced in “favor,” that is, in the grace of God, the love of God. The father was responsible for his family. With his wife, he too searched for his son when he was not to be found. He shared the duty of caring for the family, not just for providing.

Today, in the United States, the family is under siege in several respects. Half the marriages in the country eventually break up. In every state in the union, no-fault divorce is available at nominal cost. Use of contraceptives is promoted in our public grade schools but mention of God is prohibited. Sexually transmitted diseases abound, in about a quarter of the general population. In spite of high use of contraceptives, extra marital pregnancy continues to rise; in some segments of society, it is the norm.

There is also a strong movement to see marriage as primarily a means of mutual happiness and social recognition, rather than as an economic union or the foundation of a new family. If sexual activity is always and everywhere something to be unregulated by law, then same sex marriage is legalized, as it is in several states already. But by that same principle, down the road, we may well end up legalizing whatever consenting adults want to do, including polygamy. In the United States, there is a growing number of gentleman’s clubs, as well as other activities that cannot be described in a sermon.

Now, much of this is nothing new. What is different is that the Christian community is itself divided and in many respects as much a part of the problem as part of the solution. Some Christian Churches, with a great tradition, seem to be wholly absorbed by the culture in which we live. Other Churches rely on the Bible, as though it were an all-sufficient guide to every problem, by itself. If we compare our own culture to that of other countries, such as Sweden or Italy, there seems to be a comparative lack of family stability here. These are modern, Western cultures, much like our own. Yet in many parts of Europe, the family bond is stronger. There are also financial and legal incentives to make marriage work and to help mothers bear children.

Certainly, this is something we need to think about and to pray about. As numerous Popes have said, the family is the foundation of every society. Break up the family, and you break up the society. Support the family, and you build up society.

**Closing Prayer:** *Father, we thank you for saving us through the family of the Church. Build up the families in which we live. Hear our prayers and keep us together in the grace of your Son. We ask this 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 19, 2021**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 3,613.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>172.00</b>
<b>On Line Giving Week #90</b>	<b><u>200.00</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,985.00</b>

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

*Mass Intentions for this Week*

**Sunday, December 26, 2021**

Marion Schmitz from Joanne Walsh

+Lillian Mayfield Ingram from Jan Peters  
and Janette Peters Gruszczeni

We encourage our parishioners to pray for  
their loved ones, living and deceased, by  
offering a Mass Intention. *Donation for*

**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR  
PRAYERS**

Melvin Clark, LaVita Norris, Sofia McFarland, Keith  
Mahaffey, Elia Hinogosa-Cangey, Mariano Palacios,  
Carter Evans, Jerome Dillon, Jan F. Peters, Sylvia Pe-  
ters, Michael Parham, Jermaine Curtis, Stan Gruszc-  
zki, James Harris, Jerry Harris, Larry Mapp Jr., Essie  
Pledage, Imogene Rhodes, Nathaniel W. Hall, Pamela  
D. Gee, Julius Jones, Natalie Daves, Armonie Witer-  
spoon, Shirley Gardner, Deborah Rutledge, Bertha  
Anderson, Callie Gee, Luvenia Parker, Veronica Hicks,  
John Mannede, Jewel Austin, Anthony Adams, Eliza-  
beth Henry, Hazel Bills, Clarence Walker, Lucy Henry,  
Phyllis Riley, Dawn Hicks, Ernestine Cottrell, Marian  
Davis

**The St. Martin de Porres Parish would  
like to extend to you and yours a very  
blessed Merry Christmas, Happy  
Kwanzaa and Prosperous New Year!**





## OUR PARISH OFFICE

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

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

December 26, 2021—First day of Kwanzaa begins and runs through January 1, 2022

New Year's Day Saturday morning mass January 1, 2022—10:00 a.m.

Sunday mass January 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Office will be closed Monday January 3, 2022 and resume Tuesday January 4, 2022

2022 Offering envelopes can be found in alphabetical order in the reception area in 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 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Commentator: Youth  
First Reader: Youth  
Second Reader: Youth

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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