

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 5, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph. D.

Gospel Theme: The *Holy Way of the Lord* must be prepared. We return to Jerusalem; God returns to us. We are on our journey home.

Sermon: John the Baptist is the hero of the Gospel today; we also call him John the Baptizer. He was a cousin of Jesus Christ and no doubt his teacher as well. As a young man, Jesus was a follower of John the Baptist and a disciple of his teaching. In his words, the Prophet Isaiah was preached to the people of God:

“Every valley shall be filled; and every mountain and hill, made low.” In other words, all nature would prepare for the coming of God, for the royal road on which the Lord would make his way. For people of faith, this was not a message of doom but of joy. “God has commanded,” says the Prophet Baruch, “that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground.” And this is done for a reason: “that Israel,” the people of God, “may advance secure in the glory of God.”

When “the Messiah comes, says the Scripture, God’s people will be reunited, reconciled, and gathered in unity. Yes, we know that Christ has already come; but we also yearn for him to come again and fulfill all these promises. We want to be fully united, fully reconciled, and fully gathered in unity.

In our time, we can see already a growing unity between the Catholic and the Orthodox communities. The Decree on Ecumenism of the Second Vatican Council did not speak of schism or heresy but rather of degrees of communion. Perhaps that is a more accurate way of speaking.

For the Catholic Church, in the present moment, there is already such a great communion between Catholics and Orthodox, that we should be able to share in the Eucharist, in Holy Communion. For the Orthodox, there is indeed a great communion but not yet full agreement on every important question.

For example, the role of the bishop of Rome is not yet a fully settled matter, between East and West, especially in his jurisdiction. The Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople, however, has said that we have only to settle the question of the Uniate Churches, for example, the situation of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

That settled, he says, we could return to full communion. In any case, for the Orthodox, the time has not yet come when Catholics and Orthodox could receive the Eucharist in each other’s churches. But. we can pray together in many other ways and continue to deepen our existing communion.

To be sure, John the Baptist knew nothing of such questions. Neither did Jesus Christ speak of the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Rome. So, we have to recognize that we are dealing with differences that have arisen over time, with traditions that have developed over the years, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, within the Church, as Christ promised. That tradition will have to develop further, in the light of our tradition and our faith, so that Christians can be fully reconciled and that the words of Baruch and Isaiah will be fulfilled.

We must prepare for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness, that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Closing Prayer: *Father, Holy One*, we rejoice in you. Make known your glory, that we will serve you in full repentance, 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 November 28, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 1,701.00
Loose	449.00
Kolbe House	120.00
CCHD	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,320.00

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

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Jerome Dillon from Shelma Dillon & Family

Oricel Stone from Betty Stone

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 Palacios, Carter Evans, Jerome Dillon, Jan F. Peters, Sylvia Peters, Michael Parham, Jermaine Curtis, Stan Gruszczyk, James Harris, Jerry Harris, Larry Mapp Jr., Essie Pledage, Imogene Rhodes, Nathaniel W. Hall, Pamela D. Gee, Julius Jones, Natalie Daves, Armonie Winterspoon, Shirley Gardner, Deborah Rutledge, Bertha Anderson, Callie Gee, Luvenia Parker, Veronica Hicks, John Mannedette, Jewel Austin, Anthony Adams, Elizabeth Henry, Hazel Bills, Clarence Walker, Lucy Henry, Phyllis Riley, Dawn Hicks, Ernestine Cottrell, Marian Davis

Theme: We have found the Messiah

On November 30th of each year, we celebrate the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle. He was one of the disciples of John the Baptist. According to the Gospel of John [John 1:35-37], we are told that, "*The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.*" Indeed, the two disciples whose names are not mentioned are Andrew and John, the son of Zebedee. For it is mentioned in John 1: 38b-40 that after the two unnamed disciples asked Jesus, "*Rabbi, where are you staying?*" He said to them, "*Come and you will see.*" *So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus.*"

This passage confirms that one of the disciples who heard John was Andrew. He left John the Baptist and followed Jesus and stayed with him for the whole day. One thing that stand out with Andrew encounter with Jesus is that; he was so impressed by Jesus and discover Jesus is the Messiah. For the first time in his life, he encountered God face to face and he did not want to waste this transforming and inspiring moment. He went to his own brother Simon Peter and told him, "*We have found the messiah*" [John 1:41b].

It is worthy to note that he used the plural personal pronoun "**We**"- "*we have found the Messiah*", instead of a singular personal pronoun, "**I**"- "*I have found the Messiah.*" The use of "**We**" versus "**I**", demonstrates that the process of discovering and finding the Messiah is not exclusively a personal business rather it is a journey that involves many, a community of disciples or a group of people working toward the common goal. For John pointed his disciples to Jesus, they in turn followed and stayed with him and then they went and communicated their experience to others, like Simon Peter who also came to see and stayed with Jesus. Technically this is what we call the process of evangelization; for others hear about Jesus from those who knows him, then they take a journey of personal encounter with him and then share their experience with others and bring them to Jesus. The goal of the process is to bring everyone to know and found that Jesus is the Messiah.

Andrew brought Simon Peter to Jesus the next day [John 1:42]. He wanted him to know Jesus as the Messiah. He wanted him to stay with Jesus and to hear the word of eternal life from Jesus. The Bible teaches us that Simon Peter never left Jesus when he was brought to him by his brother Andrew. He found, loved, and decided to follow Jesus and he never did he turned back. The same invitation is offered to us in this advent season -ha to follow Jesus and never to turn back from him either by our words or actions. God bless you. **Fr. Thad**

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

First Week of Advent—Reflect and Prepare for the Gift of God

Second Week of Advent—Prepare and Be Ready

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.

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: Mary James
First Reader: Angela Wilson
Second Reader: Michael Wilson

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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