

St. Martin de Porres Parish

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Mass Times

Sunday: 10:00am

SACRAMENTS

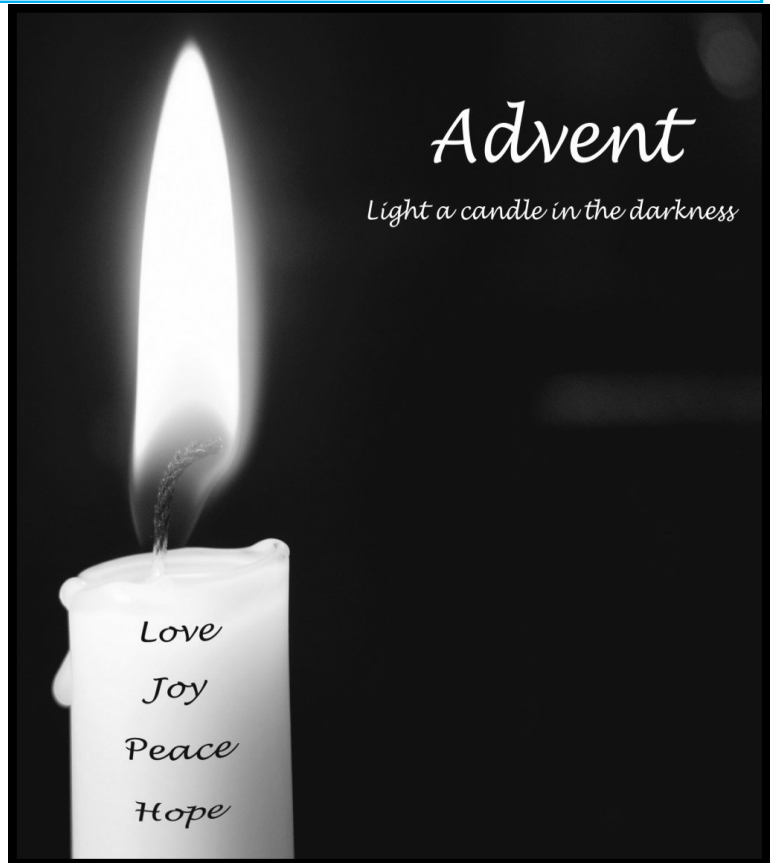
Baptism: The Parish has set calendar dates for the baptism of babies and small children. Parents should contact the Deacon William Pouncy.

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

November 28, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph. D.

Gospel Theme: The Second Coming of Christ is at hand. For him we wait and watch and pray, the Lord of Light, the King of Kings, the Lamb of God.

Sermon: As we have in the month of November, we continue to think of the end of the world, the Second Coming of Christ, and the resurrection of the dead. These are the themes of both November and December. And that's why your Leaflet Missal prayerbook includes both months in the same issue, entitled "Advent."

During Advent, we think of our concern for justice, for fairness, for freedom, and for equity. Advent is a good time to look carefully at our lives, to put things in order, to see what we can do for the sake of justice.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul says, "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love, for one another and for all." That love is manifest in your own lives, in your concern for the poor and the neglected, the weak and defenseless, the rejected and the downtrodden. That kind of justice is love in action, in daily life.

Jesus makes this command explicit. He tells us to beware that our "hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." How, then, in Advent, do we pursue the cause of justice, the imperative of love? Hear this testimony, from one famous comedian:

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrow viewpoints. We spend more, but have less. We buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgement; more experts, yet more problems; more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life, not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but we have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things but not better things. We've cleaned up the air but polluted the soul. We've done larger things but not better things.

We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever; but we communicate less and less. Remember, spend time with your loved ones; they are not going to be around forever. Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe; that little person will soon grow up and leave your side. Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment; someday that person will not be there again. Give time to love, time to speak, and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind. Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

In everything, give thanks to God our Father through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Closing Prayer: Lord of Israel, we thank you for fulfilling all your promises in Christ. Bless your people now, that Jerusalem will be secure at the coming of the Son of Man. 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
November 21, 2021**

Envelopes	\$ 2,595.00
Loose	1,446.00
Kolbe House	339.15
CCHD	<u>338.00</u>
Total	\$ 4,718.15

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

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, November 28, 2021

†Bob Milne from Betty Stone

†Mrs. Bobbie Hicks from Gerard Dupee

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

LaVita Norris, Sofia McFarland, Gerard Becnel, Keith Mahaffey, Elia Hinogosa-Cangey, Mariano Palacios, Carter Evans, Jerome Dillon, Sandra Coffey, 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 Winterspoon, Shirley Gardner, Deborah Rutledge, Bertha Anderson, Callie Gee, Luvenia Parker, Veronica Hicks, John Mannette, Elnora Dorsey, Jewel Austin, Anthony Adams, Elizabeth Henry, Hazel Bills, Clarence Walker, Lucy Henry, Theresa Cole, Phyllis Riley, Dawn Hicks, Tyrone Fennell, Ernestine Cottrell, Marian Davis

Be Not Comfortable

Dear Friends,

Advent is here. It is a time for preparing ourselves to welcome the baby Jesus in our homes. This year the Liturgy Committee has planned that all the advent Sundays be Revival Sundays as part of our preparations for the coming of the Lord. In these advent Sundays, we are going to revive our commitment to the purpose and the meaning of life, we are going to revive our mission to serve the Lord and transforms ourselves from being a community of believers into a community of disciples of Christ.

These Sundays of revival will bring us to reflect our identity as a community, as Christians, as people and as persons. We will be and still we are called to be missionary disciples of Christ. The invitation proposed by the gospels is to reclaim our identity as Children of God who have been created in the image and likeness of God and became Christ-like in our actions, Christ-like in our thoughts, Christ-like in our attitudes, Christ-like in our words, Christ-like in our passion to live our Christian life.

It is my prayer that we become “contagious Christians” that affect, effect, and infect others by the bond of love, hope and faith. That we may become “dangerous” in loving others and not by hating or hurting them. That we may become not the people that covers truth by lies but the people that expose the truth and its light in a world covered by lack of civility, darkness, political division, racial bigotry, violence, addictions, and cynicisms.

Let me spell it out loudly that to be prepared to welcome the coming of our Lord Jesus is not an easy task, for it mandates us to change our pattern of thoughts to conform to the pattern of the thoughts of the Kingdom of God. It demands us to look at ourselves and say “really” and laugh at ourselves for lack of consistence in the process of adhering to the teaching of the Lord Jesus.

So, as we prepare ourselves in this advent season, let’s not be okay in living a luxuries Christian life that is comfortable to the status quo. Jesus our good Lord, was never comfortable to the status quo, was never comfortable to the minimum, was never comfortable to the claim that he could not do anything to the established orders and ways of living. He challenged it, prayed for it and petitioned the best out of his followers, believers and even for those who didn’t follow or believe him. May God bless you in this Advent Season. 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 (708) 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 (Fr. John Breslin???)

Third Week of Advent — Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord (Fr. Mike Knotek)

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

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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Commentator: Youth Sunday
First Reader: Youth Sunday
Second Reader: Youth Sunday

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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