

St. Martin de Porres Parish

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Mass Times

Sunday: 10:00am

SACRAMENTS

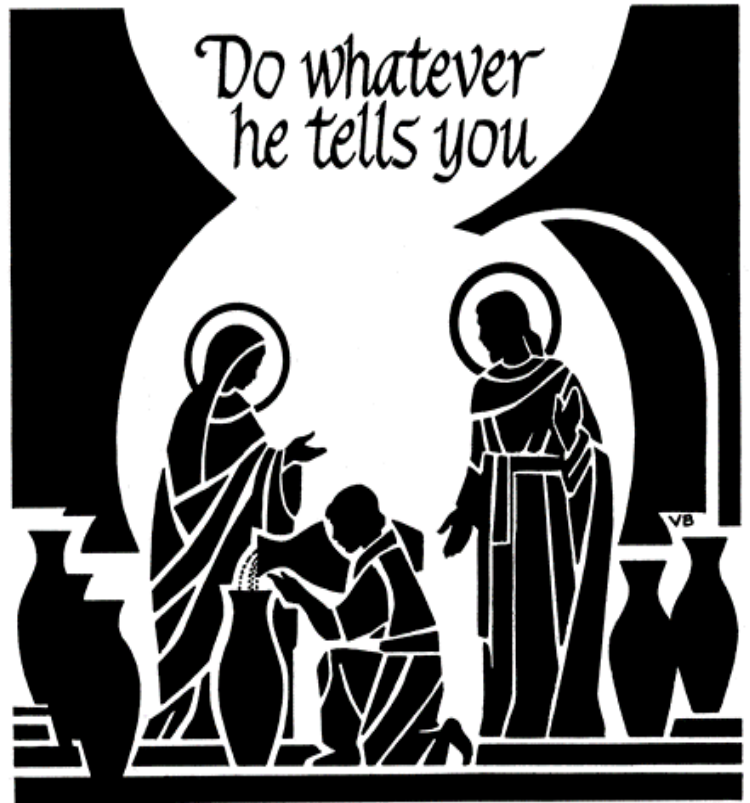
Baptism: The Parish has set calendar dates for the baptism of babies and small children. Parents should contact the Deacon William Pouncy.

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.



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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**

January 16, 2022

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 16, 2022

Gospel theme: Marriage symbolizes the union between God and his people. His covenant, his love, his Spirit bind us together. All the different gifts come from one source: God.

Sermon: I give you a 100 percent guarantee that the sermon you hear today will be more interesting than any football game. The message you hear today directly affects your lives. When you hear the Word of God, you hear it through the filter of Latin and Greek culture, as well as the filter of our own American culture. Therefore, we have to go back and look carefully into the situation in which the Bible was written over 2000 years ago. We have to do the same work to see clearly what the Word of God means for us.

For example, today, Scripture says that God will delight in you as a young man delights in a young woman, as a new husband delights in his bride. Those of us from northern Europe, that is, those of us who speak English or German, we have a hard time understanding this teaching. Most of the time, we think of ourselves as individuals. We think of individual human rights. We think of the importance of personal decision. We say, *“Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.”* If I were to say to you what’s really important is your own personal choice, your own individual commitment, what you feel in your heart, you would all agree. Yet, that’s not what the Scripture says.

In fact, God cares for you, first of all, as members of his people. That’s what it means when the text speaks of “Zion” or “Jerusalem.” What is important is not what you think or feel as individuals. What is important is that you belong to this people, the people whom God has chosen. God loves you precisely as a people. This idea is 3000 years old and still prevails in other parts of the world, especially the Orient. Your own self-expression, your own choice, even your own freedom—that’s not what’s important. What really counts is your experience of God’s love within this family, this gathering, this assembly.

St. Paul speaks of the many gifts that God gives to the Church, to individuals. He makes the point, however, that all these gifts have the same Holy Spirit as their origin; all these gifts come from the same God, by means of the same Christ. Again, this is an idea that is different from our own culture. St. Paul, however, needed to emphasize it then; and we need to emphasize it now. No matter how many individual charisms or gifts or vocations there may be, the unity of the Church is what comes first, our unity in the Holy Spirit, who is the source of all these gifts.

Finally, consider the Gospel today, Jesus Christ goes to a wedding reception and works his first miracle. How do you think of Christ?

For example, some years ago, some of you may have seen the movie, *Amadeus*, about Mozart. Now, we usually think of great musicians as having white hair and sitting for hours alone in an attic, at the piano. But in the movie *Amadeus*, you see the young Mozart chasing his girlfriend around the table in the kitchen. Yes, that’s Mozart.

So, think of today’s Gospel. How do you think of Jesus Christ? Sometimes, we imagine him a certain way because we want to think of him in that way. Does he look like this? Or, perhaps like that?

In truth, in the Gospel, we see Jesus in a way we would never have imagined. He is a young man about 30 years old, having a good time at a party. He is attending a wedding reception. He must be drinking wine, laughing, even dancing. And it is here that he works his first miracle. It is here that he reveals his glory. It is here that his disciples began to believe in him.

Do you see the dignity and the value of marriage? As the Gospel says, it is in the celebration of a marriage where Christ reveals his glory. This is the beginning of his public ministry, his life given for us, his preaching for our enlightenment, his miracles of our healing, his work for our salvation.

—Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

Closing prayer: Father, we praise you for making marriage holy, for the joy you take in us, like that of a bridegroom. Grant our prayers, build up our families, and help us use your gifts for your greater glory, 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 January 9, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 3,576.00
Loose	406.00
Solemnity of Mary	165.00
Christmas Offering	160.00
Kolbe House	90.00
Christmas Flowers	35.00
Immaculation Conception	45.00
On Line Giving #92	650.00
On Line Giving #93	<u>870.00</u>
Total	\$5,997.00

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

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, January 16, 2022

†In Remembrance of Aunt Creda Micourt from the
Morris Family

Peter Smith from Joanne Walsh

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

Thelma Wilson, Melvin Clark, LaVita Norris, Sofia
McFarland, Keith Mahaffey, Elia Hinogosa-Cangey,
Mariano Palacios, Carter Evans, Jerome Dillon, Jan F.
Peters, Sylvia Peters, Michael Parham, Jermaine Cur-
tis, Stan Gruszeczeki, James Harris, Jerry Harris, Larry
Mapp Jr., Essie Pledage, Imogene Rhodes, Nathaniel
W. Hall, Pamela D. Gee, Julius Jones, Natalie Daves,
Armonie Witterspoon, Shirley Gardner, Deborah
Rutledge, Bertha Anderson, Callie Gee, Luvenia Par-
ker, Veronica Hicks, John Mannette, Jewel Austin, An-
thony Adams, Elizabeth Henry, Hazel Bills, Clarence
Walker, Lucy Henry, Phyllis Riley, Dawn Hicks, Ernes-
tine Cottrell, Marian Davis

The Deacon's Corner

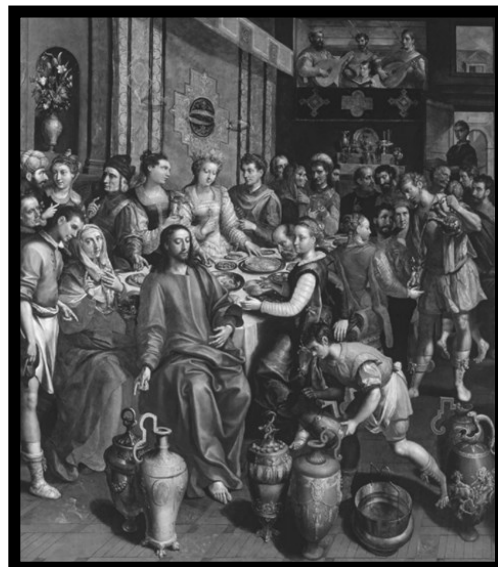
Once again Happy New Year! I am grateful to all of you
at St. Martin DePorres for making our Christmas cele-
bration meaningful. Thanks to all ministries and staff
members for a job well done. A special thanks to Father
Knotek for help facilitating our masses during the Christ-
mas season.

Through the many challenges we are facing, I pray that
your year is starting in a positive direction. As Christians
we are called to holiness. St. Matthews said, "Be perfect
as your Heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). This
can be achieved through daily prayer, weekly mass,
confession and helping our neighbors.

We will celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's birthday on
January 17, 2022. He stated "Everybody can be great
because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a
college degree to serve. You don't have to make your
subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart
full of grace. A soul generated by love." - Martin Luther
King, Jr.

Stay safe and healthy.

Your Deacon,
William Pouncy



OUR PARISH OFFICE

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

Every Tuesday morning mass at 9:00

Every Thursday Communal Service with Adoration and
Benediction at 9:00am

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 17,
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 JANUARY 16, 2022

Commentator: Barbara Cottrell
First Reader: Karl Brinson
Second Reader: Michelle Williams

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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: Joseph Brown
Couple's Ministry: Angela & Michael Wilson

Travel & Entertainment: Joyce Riley
Liaison: Yvette Henderson & Angela Wilson