

St. Martin de Porres Parish

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MASS TIMES

Sunday: 10:00am & Tuesday: 9:00am

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

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

January 2, 2021

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

--Father Michael Gilligan, Ph. D.

Gospel Theme: Today, Christ is revealed as God's own son by right. He is our King, our Lord, our Master, our Redeemer, and our Savior. O for a thousand tongues to sing his praise.

Sermon: Today, we celebrate Jesus Christ as the head of the universal Church, the Catholic Church, the whole Church around the world. In this great family, we Gentiles and Jews are members of the same body. In this family, we are light for the Gentiles. In this family, we are shining radiance for kings. Yes, magi, also known as wise men, bear witness to the leadership of Christ, the head of the Church, the king of all nations, all races, all peoples.

No doubt, you have heard about the thousands of Anglicans, especially in England and Wales, who are coming over to join the Catholic communion. In Great Britain, this movement has a dramatic effect. In many respects, the Catholic Church is enriched and expanded; in terms of practicing Christians, Catholics in Great Britain may well become the largest and most active religious group. There are perhaps 20 bishops who are considering joining our communion; the number of faithful is estimated to be anywhere from 400,000 to half a million.

It is not true that these Christians are coming into full communion with the Pope because of practicing homosexuals among the Anglican clergy or because of the ordination of women. No, the basic reason is otherwise. These Anglicans are people who already profess the Catholic faith; many of them have said for generations that they are Catholic, in faith and in doctrine. That profession means that they embrace the leadership of the ecumenical councils, that they share the same belief in essentials, that they value the traditional Church government of bishops, priests, and deacons, that they venerate the Virgin Mary, that they cherish the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and that they accept all the official teachings of the Church. For such people, one would not speak of "conversion" or of converts." In many ways, they are indeed already Catholic.

Such was the case, for example, with the previous Prime Minister of England, Tony Blair. In his mind and heart, he was, he said, already Catholic before his full profession of faith. It is for this reason, when he was visiting Rome, that the Pope himself gave him Communion, with his family. As you know well, Holy Communion is a sign and a sacrament, not just of the presence of Christ but also of participation in the faith of the Church. That's what the Eucharist means. Both Tony Blair and the Pope understood this.

Why do we think of such a movement today? Because Epiphany celebrates the universal character of the Church, for all peoples, for all time, under the kingship of Christ. These thousands of Anglicans who will be joining us have different customs from ours, a different kind of English, and a different musical tradition. People who are Catholic now will be unfamiliar to many Catholics in the West. Such diversity is not a burden for us: it is a gift. Such diversity is not a cause of conflict; it is an occasion for celebration. Such diversity is not a denial of our tradition; it is a fulfillment of today's Scripture: Rise up in splendor! Your light has come; the glory of the Lord shines upon you. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you.

Closing Prayer: Father of Lights, we praise you for the full revelation of faith. We praise you for the wonder of your glory. We praise you for the light of your grace. Hear our petitions and bring us to the splendor of your Kingdom. 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 26, 2021

Envelopes \$2,689.00

Loose \$899.00

(Which includes (Kolbe House—\$215.00, Retirement fund for Religious—\$25.00, and Christmas Offering-\$590.00)

Total \$ 3,828.00

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

Mass Intentions for this Week Sunday, January 2, 2022

+ In Memory of Norbert Zyk from Mary Zyk

+ In Thanksgiving for St. Martin de Porres from the Villalba 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

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 Curtis, Stan Gruszczeni, 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 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

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

2022 Offering Envelopes can be found in the rear of the church at our reception area.

Parish office will be closed Monday January 3, 2022 and resume Tuesday January 4, 2022.

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 FEAST OF EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Commentator: Liz Becnel
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