

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.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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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 23, 2022

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 23, 2022

Gospel theme: The *Word of God*, proclaimed in Scripture, comes from the voice of the prophet. Christ's message of freedom makes us his body and brings us to his banquet.

Sermon: In both the First Reading and the Gospel, you heard how the people were attentive to the Word of God, how they listened, how they welcomed the chance to hear the truth. "All the people listened attentively," say the Book of Nehemiah. "The eyes of all in the synagogues looked intently at {Christ}, says the Gospel of Luke. Well, it's true. Today, this Scripture is fulfilled as you hear it.

- As you know from public television, as you know from your own study, there have been many species of humans on the earth, homo habilis, homo erectus, more recently Neanderthal man. Of all these species, we alone have survived, homo sapiens. Why do you think this has happened? Neanderthal man had a bigger brain and lived on the earth for 300,000 years. Homo erectus spread all over the world, even to Australia.

Judging from today's Scripture readings, we can begin to give an answer. One thing that marks us apart is our culture, our sense of tradition, our ability to pass on complex values to the next generation. We do that through language, through rituals, through stories, through religion. True, we have grandparents who often live on, long after fertility is past. True, we have high intelligence, greater than that of any other primate. True, we have a deeply cooperative nature, expressed in efficient hunting and gathering. And these traits are found all over the earth, wherever there are human beings.

- For the Jewish people, the heart and soul of good living consisted in following the law, the Torah, the norms for living, proclaimed in the Book of Nehemiah. For the Christian community, the teaching of Jesus Christ fulfills and surpasses the Torah; we live by his Gospel to the present day. Yes, we share our own human abilities and talents, traits that enable us to survive and even prosper. As St. Paul teaches, however, all these gifts must work together. The human body, the results of thousands and thousands of years of

natural selection, the human body is itself a marvel of cooperative effort, of common purpose. So, too, it must be the case with our human society and our divine assembly, with our American commonwealth and our Catholic Church.

- Why are human beings divided so much by war and by ethnic conflict: Why are Christians so broken up in various sects and denominations? It is not God, who gave us our human nature. It is not Christ, who left us his sacraments, his Church, and his teachings. No, the reason we are divided is that all too often we go our own selfish ways. As the Scripture says, we have turned, everyone to his own way. As the Epistle to the Romans puts it, "All have fallen short of the glory of God."

To you, Jesus quoted the Book of Isaiah, namely, that "the Spirit of the Lord is upon me." That's one, principal reason we are here, gathered as a people, because Christ is speaking again, in our own time, in our own presence, in our own assembly. It's fine to read the Bible at home. It's wonderful to cherish your own private devotions. It's great to go to school and to study. But there is no higher activity of the Church than the liturgy itself. By its nature, the liturgy surpasses all your other activities. You have no higher or more important task than to hear the Word of God, to pray together, and to offer God your praise and thanks in the Eucharist. Indeed, the Spirit of the Lord is upon you, here and now.

—Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

Announcement

Yvonne Coffey, Director of Operations of St. Martin de Porres is planning to go back into retirement to spend time with her Family and Friends. Her Last day will be either June 30th or December 31st, 2022.

More details will be communicated. In advance, we thank Yvonne for her love, professionalism, hardworking spirit and her tireless effort to support the Mission, Vision and Purpose of St. Martin de Porres Church.

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 16, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 2,417.00
Loose	1,967.31
Kolbe House	<u>202.00</u>
Total	\$4,586.31

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

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, January 23, 2022

- ✦ In Remembrance Julie Abbs from Joanne Walsh
- ✦ 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**

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 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 Mannelle, Jewel Austin, Anthony Adams, Elizabeth Henry, Hazel Bills, Clarence Walker, Lucy Henry, Phyllis Riley, Dawn Hicks, Ernestine Cottrell, Marian Davis

Greetings from Fr. Thad

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Happy belated New Year,

I returned from my long vacation last week. I left last year with an intention of going to see my Mother who had suffered Covid -19 for two weeks. I found her well. But I could not come back as I had planned because of the emergence of the new Covid -19 variant, the Omicron. But all I can say is this, "America is blessed and privileged to have an abundance of resources in combating Covid-19 pandemic, including FREE COVID TESTING SITES in almost every township. Please take advantage of these resources."

I would like to thank Fr. Mike Knotek, Deacon William Pouncy, Yvonne Coffey and the Administrative & Pastoral Staff of St. Martin de Porres for working hard to make sure the Parish was vibrant and all the spiritual, liturgical, pastoral and the outreach services were running smooth without interference. Thank you for your hard work.

Also, I would like to thank the Priests, Fr. Greg Rom, Fr. Tom Walsh, Fr. Rukuratwa Kiiguta, Fr. Thulani Magwaza, Fr. John Breslin, Fr. Tom Jackson, Fr. Honoratus Mwageni and Bishop Robert Casey, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago, for their willingness to come to St. Martin de Porres and officiating masses while I was in Tanzania. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

This vote of gratitude will not be complete if I will not thank you the People of God, the Community of Faith, Hope and Love, the members of St. Martin de Porres for your patience, generosity and kindness in supporting the mission, vision, work and the life of St. Martin de Porres Church. May the good Lord bless, guide and protect you with the Precious Blood of his Son, Jesus Christ, from all the snares of the devil.

Finally, this Sunday, we are gathering at Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica for the Renew My Church Mass with Bishop Lombardo. The purpose of the mass is to pray and communicate the decision of the outcome of the Renew My Church for the Blest Westside. The mass will be at 12:30 in the afternoon. Please consider to attend the mass.

Thank you and be blessed.

Fr. Thad

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 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 23, 2022

Commentator: Youth
First Reader: Youth
Second Reader: Youth

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Closing prayer: Lord God, you made us the Body of Christ; and for
that we thank you. Hear us now, and help us to work together, that
your voice may be heard and your Name may be praised, through
Christ our Lord.

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