

# *St. Martin de Porres Parish*

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## **Mass Times**

Sunday: 10:00am

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## **SACRAMENTS**

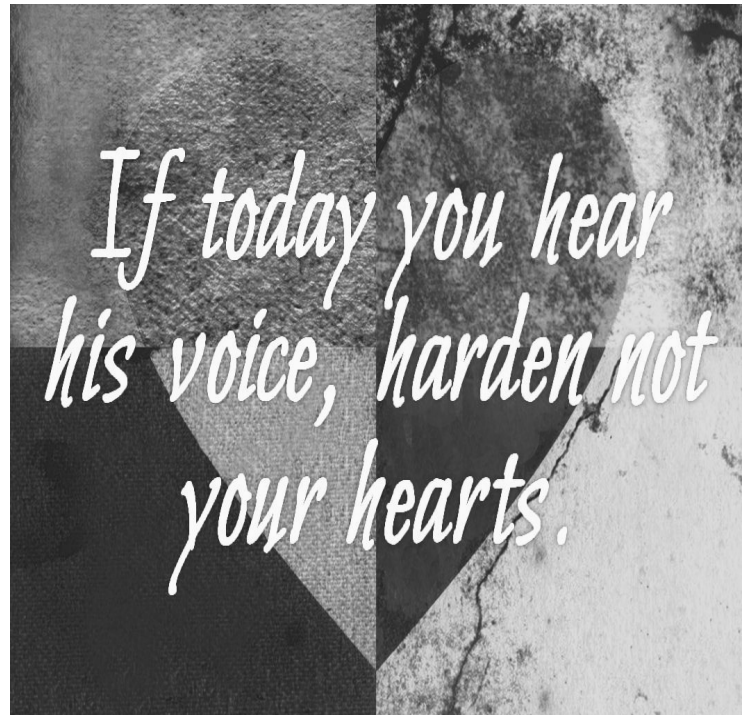
**Baptism:** The Parish has set calendar dates for the baptism of babies and small children. Parents should contact the Deacon William Pouncy.

**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.



## **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **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 30, 2022**

### **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

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Gospel theme:** Christ is indeed a prophet, his words still the sea. Our sovereign King speaks; he is the Church's one foundation who was born to set his people free.

**Sermon:** Today, we focus on the Second Reading, the Epistle of St. Paul. We have often heard the author's tribute to love, especially at weddings. But today we want to consider St. Paul's teaching in depth.

- For Greek-speaking people, as you know, there were three kinds of love. The first, *philia*, is the kind of love that you see in a military unit. Even many years after men serve, especially in wartime, their unit will gather again for a reunion; in military service, a life-long bond can be established. You find a similar kind of love in a football team, even in a small town. So, Philadelphia, in English is the "city of brotherly love." One English word for this kind of love is friendship, deep friendship.
- The second kind of love, *eros*, is what we call romantic love, which involves physical attraction and the physiological production of many hormones; it is sometimes called lust. In English, we speak of "erotic" attraction or "erotic" passion. That's it. Down through the ages, countless songs have been written about this kind of love. This bond is fragile, though, and is readily broken when there is rejection or infidelity, it usually lasts perhaps two to five years, no more. This kind of love is not the subject of today's Epistle; it is passionate, emotional, spontaneous, and physical. It is also directed to only one person, usually of the opposite gender. Even Tiger Woods has only one at a time. But *eros* has nothing to do with today's Second Reading.
- The third kind of love, *agape*, is the subject of the Epistle. This love is also called charity; it can be directed to any number of people. In the case of the Epistle to the Corinthians, St. Paul is urging these people to show love for each other, within their community. They are divided, jealous, and contentious. St. Paul writes this letter to them and emphasizes how important this kind of love is for them. In the second kind of love, *eros*, one is oblivious to the faults of the beloved; in the third

kind of love, *agape*, one sees the faults of the other but loves anyway. This is indeed the way we need to behave in our gatherings, in our relationships with one another, in our discussions and in our common work; Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is not jealous. Love is not pompous. Love is not inflated. It is not rude. It does not seek its own interests. And so on.

Why did St. Paul need to go into such detail? Why do we read such a text today? The reason is simple. People, including people in our own community, do not love each other in this way. And why don't they? One reason is self-centeredness, in many cases, narcissism. You remember from Greek mythology, the young man Narcissus was preoccupied with looking at his own reflection in the water. He was so preoccupied that he drowned. Hence, narcissism is an extreme form of selfishness or self-centeredness. This is not mental illness; it is part of the human condition. Whenever someone is hurt or angry or depressed, that person will be centered on his own feelings, his own emotional needs. That's the way we all are, at one time or another. That's the way we all are, at one time or another. That's also the way that children are, most of the time. It is perfectly normal for children to be preoccupied with their own emotional needs. That's why St. Paul says that when he was a child, he used to talk as a child, think as a child, and reason as a child. Today, with the fullness of love also comes the fullness of maturity.

—Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

**Closing prayer:** Father, we thank you for giving us faith, hope, and love. Be our rock of refuge, and we will proclaim your wondrous deeds, through Christ our Lord.

### Weekly Collections for January 23, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 1,401.00
Loose	160.00
Kolbe House	35.00
On Line Giving Week 1 & 2	<u>440.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,036.00</b>

## **“West Blest Side” Renew My Church Update: January 2022**

### **Discernment Process**

St. Agatha, St. Martin de Porres and Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica Parishes engaged in the Renew My Church (RMC) review and discernment process over the past few months. The Grouping Feedback and Discernment team (GFDT), which was made up of members from each community, met to review and discern the future parish structure for the area. Our deepest appreciation goes to the GFDT who prayerfully discerned the parish structure during this challenging time of the pandemic.

Based on their meetings and feedback gathered from the larger parish community, they submitted feedback to the archdiocese. The Archdiocesan Standards and Recommendations Commission, which includes representatives from across the Archdiocese of Chicago, reviewed the feedback and other information, including financial summaries and parish trends.

Cardinal Cupich and Bishop Lombardo are grateful to Fr. Dowling, Fr. Mgimba, Fr. Krymski and the Grouping Team who gathered together, and all who offered feedback through the recent discernment process.

The grouping's excitement for the possibilities of how powerful a Catholic presence could be on the city's West Side shone through in the feedback. The Grouping Team set forth a compelling vision for how the parishes could work together as a bridge and link for the communities of North Lawndale, Garfield Park, and Austin to support initiatives addressing:

- Youth and Young Adult ministry & Evangelization,
- Social justice & community outreach, including engaging in a powerful way the issues of:
  - Poverty,
  - Crime/violence,
  - Food deserts,
  - Mental health,
  - Education, and
- Supporting the spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being of individuals and families

The Grouping Team also expressed a vision for honoring the richness of African American spirituality and what it can offer to the greater Catholic community.

### **Outcome**

In the past few weeks, Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, archbishop of Chicago, the archdiocese's auxiliary bishops, and the archdiocese's Presbyteral Council met to discuss the Commission's recommendation. Based upon those discussions and prayerful consideration, Cardinal Cupich made the following decisions regarding the parish structure in this grouping.

**In alignment with and affirmation of the Grouping Team's proposed scenario to best support strong future ministry on the West Side:**

**St. Agatha and St. Martin de Porres will unite as one parish with two worship and ministry**

**sites, one pastor and one pastoral team, effective July 1, 2022.**

Both churches will continue to host a regular schedule of Masses. The specific schedule will be determined by the pastor in consultation with parish leadership.

St. Martin de Porres will formally be designated the parish church where the united parish's sacramental records will be kept.

The local community will discern possibilities for the new permanent name, within guidelines provided by the archdiocese, and submit three to five options to Cardinal Cupich.

St. Angela School will continue in its current structure, now associated with the united parish.

**Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica will continue in its current structure, with enhanced collaboration between Our Lady of Sorrows and the united parish to be formed by St. Agatha and St. Martin de Porres.**

**Areas for collaboration between Our Lady of Sorrows and a united St. Agatha and St. Martin de Porres include:**

- Co-supporting a Youth/Young Adult Minister, Religious Education Director, and Evangelization Director for ministry to the West Side
- Intentionally setting the Mass schedules at all three churches in the grouping
- Identifying opportunities to intentionally come together as one West Side Catholic community for holy day and other sacramental celebrations.

### **Next steps**

The renewal process calls us to become a stronger, more sustainable presence for the future capable of reaching more people in their work of making disciples of Jesus Christ, building communities with one another and inspiring witness in the world around us.

The newly united parish community will embark upon the next phase of renewal, focusing on strong evangelization to the world around us. We know that this structural change is just the beginning of our journey of renewal.

Renewal of our Church means that every Catholic, every searcher, and everyone who loves Jesus and his Church, will have to look anew at what it means to be Jesus' intentional disciple and to live out that discipleship faithfully, humbly, and generously.

Profound gratitude to all involved in the process to date, and prayers for all those who will take up the next phase of renewal, sharing faith and evangelizing those searching to know Jesus more deeply.

*Mass Intentions for this Week*

**Sunday, January 30, 2022**

Caryn & Michael Kondret from Linda Wallin

Anthony Wallin from Linda Wallin

## 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

Please keep Norene Evans and her family in your prayers. Norene's sister, Geraldine Moore, made her transition on Thursday morning. No arrangements have been made.

### 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 30, 2022

**Commentator:** Stella Palmer  
**First Reader:** Julie Richardson  
**Second Reader:** Dr. Fred Richardson

### 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 Witterspoon, Shirley Gardner, Deborah Rutledge, Bertha Anderson, Callie Gee, Luvenia Parker, Veronica Hicks, John Manette, Jewel Austin, Anthony Adams, Elizabeth Henry, Hazel Bills, Clarence Walker, Lucy Henry, Phyllis Riley, Dawn Hicks, Ernestine Cottrell, Marian Davis

### *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