

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.



Baptism of the Lord

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 9, 2022

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph. D.

Gospel Theme: God's favored Son received his baptism as a sign of God's anointing. In this way, Christ received his mission from the Father, his calling as Servant, his task on earth. All nations and races are likewise called to join him.

Sermon: The baptism of Christ is a symbol of our own baptism, which also involves the gift of the Holy Spirit.

I would like today to speak of two different understandings of the sacrament of baptism that were necessary for forgiveness of sins and for eternal life. In the fifth century, for example, St. Augustine taught that those who were not baptized would never be admitted to heaven. In fact, he taught that many, many people would be consigned forever to hell; he called them the *massa damnata*, the "condemned masses." For St. Augustine, the fall of Adam meant that our nature was very likely to bring us to sin. Original sin, he taught, was passed on to children by sexual intercourse. The pleasure of sex, taught St. Augustine, is something to which even married people should not give consent; it was a result of original sin. He called it concupiscence. In the early Church, because sin was thought to be so common, baptism would often be postponed till later life. You could only get baptized once; everybody agreed on that.

In the 19th and 20th centuries, it became evident that there were millions of people on earth who were never given the opportunity to believe in Christ; they never heard the Gospel at all. Furthermore, since Charles Darwin, the Catholic Church has been open to the fact of evolution. It is also evident that human beings have been on the earth for thousands of years, long before Jesus Christ. So, since God wills the salvation of all people, as Scripture teaches, would these millions of people be consigned to hell? Would they necessarily be denied eternal life with God? Therefore, in the middle of the twentieth century, the theology of the Church changed. At the Second Vatican Council, in the 60s, the teaching of the Church officially was altered. Now, the Church believes and acknowledges that God will save people as he wishes and as he intends; many of these people will not have been baptized. So, in the 4th Eucharistic Prayer, the priest prays for "all who seek [God] with a sincere heart." He also prays for the dead "whose faith is known to [God] alone." The liturgy itself teaches us what we should believe.

For this reason, then, baptism, confirmation, and First Holy Communion are celebrated today with a different emphasis. In all three sacraments of initiation, we want to focus on life on earth, on sharing in our common prayer, in regular participation in Sunday Mass. The emphasis is not so much on what is accomplished for the individual in terms of grace but rather on the beginning of a new life in Christ. So, with a child, we want to make sure that at least one parent or guardian will attend Sunday Mass regularly and bring the child, with him or her. We want to make sure that baptism is really and truly a first step in walking with God, Sunday by Sunday. We want to emphasize that baptism is a sign and a sacrament of membership in the community, in the here and now. That has always been part of the meaning of initiation; but now we emphasize that meaning, for the sake of our life in common. In this sense, then, we don't really prepare for baptism or confirmation or even for First Communion as such. Rather, what we are preparing for is regular participation in Sunday Mass, for the rest of life on earth. In fact, that is what the descent of the Holy Spirit means: the gift of God, in our common prayer and life.

Closing Prayer: *God, we thank you for blessing your people with peace. Hear our petitions and help all nations to know you and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 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 January 2, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 1,149.00
Loose	1,141.00
Solemnity of Mary	693.00
Christmas Offering	<u>150.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,133.00

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

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, January 9, 2022

✦ Joe Centorbi from St. Martin de Porres Church
Family

✦ Fr. Dennis S. Riley from St. Martin de Porres
Church 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 Pe-
ters, Michael Parham, Jermaine Curtis, Stan Gruszec-
zki, James Harris, Jerry Harris, Larry Mapp Jr., Essie
Pledage, Imogene Rhodes, Nathaniel W. Hall, Pamela
D. Gee, Julius Jones, Natalie Daves, Armonie Witer-
spoon, Shirley Gardner, Deborah Rutledge, Bertha
Anderson, Callie Gee, Luvenia Parker, Veronica Hicks,
John Mannelle, Jewel Austin, Anthony Adams, Eliza-
beth Henry, Hazel Bills, Clarence Walker, Lucy Henry,
Phyllis Riley, Dawn Hicks, Ernestine Cottrell, Marian
Davis

The Deacon's Corner

On behalf of Fr. Thadeo, Deacon Pouncy and the staff of Saint
Martin de Porres, we wish you a Happy and Blessed New Year.

This weekend, we recall that one of our Blessed Mother's
titles is Queen of Peace since she gave birth to the Messiah, who
Isaiah called the Prince of Peace.

As we enter the New Year, we pray that we may be blessed
with Mary's trust and patience as we work toward that day when
the whole world is joined in Peace.

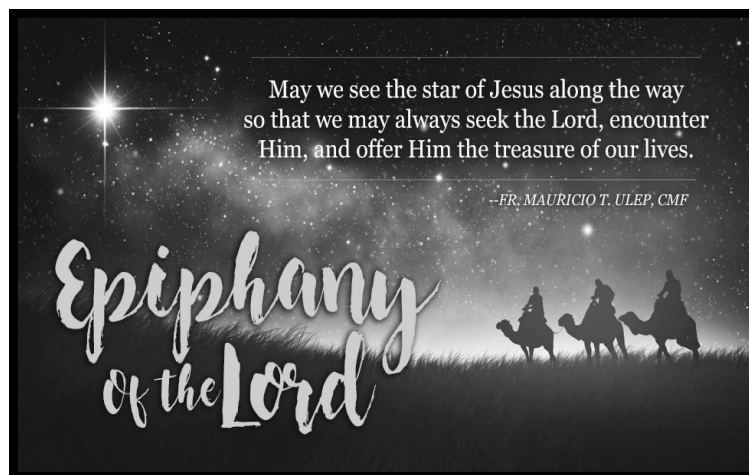
We also celebrate the Feast of Epiphany—the breaking in of
the light, we remember the Magi's journey to the newborn King.
A reminder for us that our lives are a constant search for mean-
ing, for purpose, for hope in the things of God.

St. Martin de Porres charitable ministry was blessed, with new
coats for children and adults. If you or someone you know is in
need of a winter coat, contact Liz Becnel or myself, Deacon
Pouncy.

And may I suggest, as a community of faith, hope and love,
that we will all need to practice the grace of patience, prayer and
charity as at the end of this month it may be announced what the
Renew my Church will mean for our parish and the Austin Com-
munity.

Finally, know how grateful, we are for your prayers, attendance
at mass, those watching via live stream and your generous con-
tinued support of the Parish. Thank you and have a blessed and
happy New Year to all.

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

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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Commentator: Julie Richardson
First Reader: Stella Palmer
Second Reader: Mary James



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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