

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.

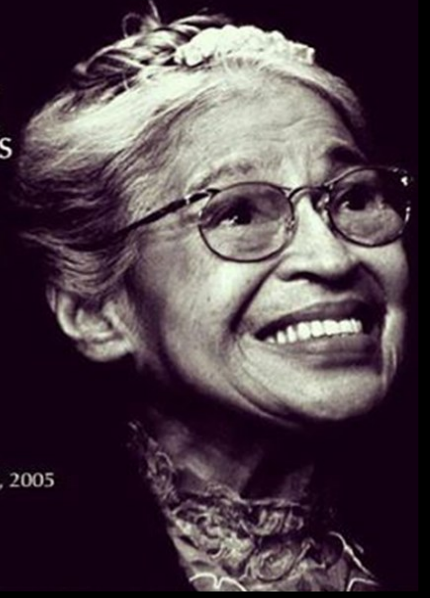
Ministry to Sick and Shut-In: If a member of the church is in a hospital, nursing home or homebound, please call the parish office if they would like to receive the Eucharist.

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

"Stand for something or you will fall for anything. Today's mighty oak is yesterday's nut that held its ground."

Rosa Parks
February 4, 1913 – October 24, 2005



SEVENTH 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**

February 20, 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Theme: *Love of other people* is the heart of our religion. Even our enemy is to be loved. In fact, where love is living, faith will thrive.

Sermon: You heard the Gospel today, and it surely makes demands upon you: "Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you." OK, what else? "To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other as well." "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

- How is this possible? Well, we hear stories that embody this teaching of Jesus. We hear of a firefighter who saves a child, in a burning building. We hear of a school principal who gently takes a gun from a student who is angry and violent. We hear of someone who donates half his liver for a transplant, for the benefit of a complete stranger. Why do people do things like that?
- For a long time biologists thought that all people are basically selfish. Psychologists were behaviorists; they said human beings are motivated by reward and punishment. In our time, however, scientists purpose a new viewpoint. Psychologists find that our feelings include a real intention to help other people. Biologists say that our ancestors learned altruism because that attitude is fostered by natural selection. People who care about other people live in groups that survive and prosper, evolution favors them. Today, then, altruism is seen by scientists as just as natural as selfishness. The teaching of Jesus, today, makes even more sense than ever.
- Bill and Melinda Gates, together with Warren Buffet, have donated millions to help other human beings. They are not the first philanthropists, and they will not be the last. The teaching of Jesus, the impetus of doing good to others, the instinct of altruism, is a reflection of the better part of our nature. Abraham Lincoln used a phrase reflecting this attitude; he spoke of "malice toward non, with charity for all." That's the same idea as today's Gospel.
- Why do some people do this? And why do others not do it? The difference seems to be in our experience

over the years, in our family traditions, in our church heritage, in our upbringing, in our heritage. Scientific studies of altruists have found certain experiences to be common among them, especially in childhood:

First, people who cared about others had loving parents, two parents, not one; parents who build up self-esteem in their children. Second, people who cared about others had parents who themselves showed good example, in charity and service to those in need. Third, people who cared about others grew up in an environment where there was right and wrong, where there was a moral code, where hurting others was known to be inappropriate.

The teaching of Jesus Christ is only effective within the family, within the community, within the Church. Together with people we are close to, we learn how to love, how to care, how to forgive, and how to live. The demands of Christ are serious; it is only within the Body of Christ that we will be able to put these teachings into practice. Alone, isolated, self-centered, we will fail. United, supported, guided, we only succeed. God grant us the better angels of our nature.

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

Closing Prayer: Father of mercy, we praise you for your grace, for your kindness, for your love. Bring us to do to others what we would have them do to us. Hear our prayers, through Christ our Lord.

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

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 FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Envelopes	\$1,852.00
Loose	851.00
Kobe House	129.00
On-Line Giving Week 3 & 4	<u>1,575.00</u>
Total	\$4,407.00

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, February 20, 2022

✚ In Memory of Sharon Trina Saunders, the wife of David Saunders from St. Martin de Porres Parishioners
We encourage our parishioners to pray for their loved ones, living and deceased, by offering a Mass Intention.
Donation for Mass is \$10.00.

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.

BE QUICK TO HEAR, SLOW TO SPEAK

Living in a world that is driven by instant communication, it is hard for one to keep his/her demeanor or ignore the drive that emboldens us to say or to air our opinions and perspective on various issues. Everyone these days wants to say something boldly. I respect that for it is one of the basic human rights to express one's opinion. I cherish this right even though sometimes we go beyond the line. Think about your house, it is full of people with opinion about everything, even the things they know not. Often family conversation or discussions becomes harder because everyone wants to talk and not to listen. At the end of the day, family conversations, do not end happily because they turn to be a debate that ends up with misunderstandings/conflict/hurt.

Moreover, nowadays even the little kids are learning faster the value of expressing their opinion. In school they are taught to express their ideas and to comment, to evaluate others' ideas and opinions. With this attitude, the young in schools are taught and empowered to be attentive in listening and articulate in evaluating and judging others' ideas and opinions. At School, the young are taught to be quick listeners and hearers with a deep sense of understanding and articulation of the issues. School imbues in youngsters the power to speak what is in their mind and controlling or speak less from their emotions. They are trained to hear quickly and be slow to speak.

I have been surprised how the youngsters becomes extremely vocal. It seems like they fear nothing for they can really talk back to you and throw you off, if you get into their lane. You need to be careful when you are talking to them. They know how to stand their ground contrary to the world we grew up. Well, I don't blame them, but I wonder how the society has evolved itself so rapid to make these youngsters talk like grown-ups; quick to speak, slow to hear.

In these modern times, "it is easy to be quick to speak and slow to hear rather than being quick to hear and slow to speak." The culture demands us to speak up and let it all out. And the need to be heard is becoming a thing of the day, which is a good thing. Many want to be heard but no one want to hear and listening to others. Curiously I wonder, if all of us want to be heard then who is going to listen? Truly no one will be there to listen or to hear to anyone.

Besides the social media world has given everybody the power to say anything behind the keyboard. Some use it well but some abuse it. The keyboard has become a new weapon that builds, constructs, challenges, warns or destroys ideas, opinion, truth, lies etc. A keyboard has become a blessing and a curse at the same time. We all know that some people say things behind the keyboard that they won't be able to say to the person face to face. I call it to coward behind the keyboard. Nevertheless, others have used the keyboard prudently, truthful, and honestly to inspire others. Still, the need to be heard quickly is behind the social media world. St. James in his letter [1:19,26] remind us, "Know this my dear brothers and sisters; everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak...if anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, his religion is vain." Friends, bridle your tongue, be slow to speak and be quick to hear. God bless you.

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

Announcement: Communication via SMdeP Parish Robocall

St. Martin de Porres has opened a Robocall account from a Company named Call Multiplier. So far, we have sent to you two test messages from Oklahoma area code - 405 number. Please be informed that we will use this number to update you on the most important issues of the parish affairs.

READERS FOR February 20, 2022

Commentator: Julie Richardson
First Reader: Linda Brinson
Second Reader: Karl Brinson



PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Danny Gardner, Sandra Coffey, 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 Mannette, 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