

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.



FIFTH 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 6, 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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel theme: Jesus Christ called the apostles and they followed. So it is today. Just as God sent Isaiah and Paul to preach, he sends us forth on mission. With loyalty and love, we spread the Gospel, the peace of Christ.

Sermon: You heard in today's Gospel how Peter had trouble accepting the call of Jesus; Peter said, "Depart from me Lord, for I am a sinful man." In the First Reading, Isaiah had the same problem. Isaiah was called by God to be a teacher, a prophet; yet he said, "Woe is me. I am doomed!" Both Peter and Isaiah knew that they were sinful men; they were reluctant to take on any public mission.

- As it was with them, so it is with you. Many of you may say immediately that the call of Jesus to evangelize is given to priests and deacons, maybe to special church workers. But that's not why the Gospel is proclaimed in your midst. The point of the Scripture is clear. Jesus wants all his disciples to spread the good news. Jesus wants all people to join his Church, and he can't welcome them in without you. That's why this Gospel is read today. Jesus says that from now on, you will be catching not fish, but men and women.
- We Americans are beginning to do exactly that. In the United States, all across the country, Catholic parishes have widely implemented the RCIA, the Rite, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. In this rite, people are gradually welcomed into the Catholic community, through a series of steps. In general, in our country, people go through the RCIA in about a year. This is a gradual growth in faith, a ritualized period of growth, leading up to the three sacraments of initiation, baptism, confirmation, and Communion. Most new Catholics complete the RCIA and are fully initiated at Eastertime.
- In a recent year, for example, about 65,000 people in the U.S. were baptized; another 93,000 came into full communion; they were already baptized in another Church. That's a total number of new Catholics of about 158,000. From diocese to diocese, the total varies. In the Diocese of Orange, California, 650 people

were baptized; over 500 others came into full communion. In Detroit, Michigan, 589 individuals were fully initiated into the Catholic Church; just under 500 joined us from another Christian tradition. Cincinnati, Ohio, had 437 people baptized and 606 enter full communion. These figures refer to children seven years of age and older, as well as adults. Babies are counted separately.

- In most cases, people who became Catholic did so because of individual Catholics they worked with or lived with. In most cases, people see what faith means in the lives of believers; they then want that faith for themselves. Sometimes, they do research; they read the Bible on their own; they seek out further information. This sort of thing is happening all over the world, not just in our country. South Korea already has more Christians than Buddhists. China is said to be at least 10% Christian already; that would be 130 million Christians. In about twenty years, some of the largest Catholic countries in the world will be Congo, Nigeria, and Uganda, each with more Catholics than Italy, Poland, or Spain.

So don't hesitate to speak up about your faith. Don't be reluctant to tell others what you believe. Don't be afraid to be honest with other people. Above all, let your own faith be so real and effective that others can see it makes a difference. These are the ways you are all called to evangelize, to carry out today's Gospel in your own lives.

—Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

Closing prayer: Father, you always complete what you begin. Help us to answer your call, to carry out our mission in life, and to join you in your kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

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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 January 30, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 2,519.00
Loose	345.00
Kolbe House	<u>53.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,917.00

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, February 6, 2022

✦ Brenetta Terry from the Family

✦ Ms. Bobbie Hicks from Paula Adams Wilburn

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.

David love for his son Absalom [2 Sam 13:1 -19:9]

Absalom was the third son of King David from his wife Maacah, daughter of Talmai the King of Geshur. Character wise, Absalom was a kind of a son who looked like a policeman and judge at the same time, he catches and punishes wrong doers. Some can say he did not know how to control his anger and frustrations. This is a fair opinion when we look at what the Bible has told us about him.

Absalom had a beautiful sister named Tamar of whom him and his half-brother Amnon, loved her dearly. Amnon was the eldest son of David and his wife Ahinoam of Jezreel. The bible tells us that Amnon loved her half-sister Tamar to the extent that he became sick from the power of romantic love.

Not knowing how to control his emotions over his romantic love toward his half-sister Tamar, Amnon cowardly committed an intolerable crime and an insensate deed by violating her.

His half-brother, Absalom, upon hearing it, he became angry but hid his anger. He intentionally planned and killed Amnon for his crime and took flight to Geshur to his grandfather, King Talmai.

After three years, he returned to Jerusalem, and Absalom was pardoned from his sin of killing Amnon. But then he planned insurrection against his father King David and declare himself as a King in Hebron.

He organized his army and fought against his father's army, and he was defeated. However, King David had commanded that his army not to kill Absalom. But his army under the leadership of Joab defied King David's order and killed Absalom. King David wept and mourned for his son's death. He cried, "My son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you Absalom, my son, my son!" [2 Sam 19:1]. His crying demonstrated how much he loved Absalom even though as a son.

Well, David truly loved his son regardless of how his son was and what he did in life. David had preferred his own death rather than his son's death. For many parents, this action of King David is not new to them; they love their children unconditionally regardless of how good or bad their children might be. For the love of a father or mother does not end because of the behavior of their children. Parents loves their children no matter what. 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

Please keep Mr. Willie Wilson and his family in your prayers. Mr. Wilson wife, Thelma, made her transition on Saturday, January 29. No arrangements have been made.

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 6, 2022

Commentator: Randy Kimbrough
First Reader: Roosevelt Moneyham
Second Reader: Michael Davis

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

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 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