

St. Martin de Porres Parish

5112 W. Washington Boulevard, Chicago, IL. 60644
PHONE: 773-287-0206

WEBSITE: <https://www.stmartindepordesparish.com>

EMAIL: smartindepordes@archchicago.org

FACEBOOK: St. Martin de Porres Parish Chicago

INSTAGRAM: @smartindepordesparish & TWITTER: @StMartinParish

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.



Tuskegee Airmen "Keep Us Flying!"

EIGHTH 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 27, 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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Theme: *Each person speaks from his heart's abundance. What we think, we say. Sooner or later, what we really feel comes out. May the Lord be our vision.*

Sermon: Never forget, the words of Jesus Christ you just heard: "from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks, ex abundantiae cordis." Boy, was he right. If you talk with someone, rather quickly, you know what is on that person's mind. It's true again and again.

- In the First Reading, it is said the fruit of a tree discloses the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose that bent of one's mind. In English, we say, with the same meaning, it is better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt.
- Upon receiving the peace prize of the German Booksellers Association, Vaclav Havel, the president of what was Czechoslovakia, gave an acceptance speech. President Havel spoke of "words on words." This man was a playwright. Here is what he said. "In the beginning was the word. So it is said on the first page of one of the most important books known to us. What is meant in that book is that the Word of God is the source of all creation. But surely the same could be said, figuratively speaking, of every human action." President Havel meant that words are the beginning of deeds. Words stand for ideas. And words matter.
- According to many, women are said to have better intuition. What does that mean? Perhaps it is that women can often more capably read body language. With all of us, words are expressed physically, with gesture and grimace, with expression and emphasis, with physical power. That's self-expression, in word and deed. As the Germans say, in Rat and Tat.
- Why do some people always criticize? Why do some people persist in complaining? Why do some deliberately not want to believe? They too speak from the fullness of their heart. That is why you must pray often, even daily. That is why you must read the Scriptures, why you must experience love, why you must study. You must have in your heart, before you speak a single word, an abundance of what really matters. In

that way, with goodness in your heart, you will utter goodness in your words. Otherwise, it is the blind leading the blind.

This is not always easy. This is not always possible. This is not always going to be less than a struggle. But thanks be to God, who has given us the victory through Jesus Christ, by means of Jesus Christ, because of Jesus Christ. We can be firm and steadfast because of his grace, abundant in our hearts, living in our souls, cherished in our Church. Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory. That is what the Eucharist is, always and everywhere.

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

Closing Prayer: Thanks be to you, O God, for giving us victory, power, and life. Fill our hearts with your truth, that we speak your wisdom in all we do. We pray through Christ our Lord.

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



Barack Obama the 44th President of the United States of America



Martin Luther King, Jr. Minister and Activist

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 20, 2022

Envelopes	\$4,741.00
Loose	711.00
Kobe House	<u>241.00</u>
Total	\$5,693.00

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, February 27, 2022

✚ In Memory of Marian McCurry, the Mother of Marvin, Melissa, and Matthew McCurry

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Ash Wednesday is going to be celebrated next Wednesday, March 2, 2022. On this day, we will begin a long journey of 40 days of training ourselves to be holy as God is holy by focusing on praying, fasting and alms giving.

This day marks the beginning of lent; a period that allows us to meditate, contemplate and interiorize in our inner being the central mysteries of our faith, that is, the passion, death, and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lent is also a period of preparation for the celebration of Easter. It is a period of reform and renewal of our faith into a new life filled with the hope of eternal life. It is a time of experiencing Christ breath to his disciples and his followers; the breath of life, the breath of peace when he said, "Peace be with you". An invitation to be peaceful and peacekeepers in a tumultuous world.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday is a testament of faith, hope and a declaration that death has no power over the people of God; for Christ conquered and destroyed it. This is a time to celebrate the salvation that has been brought to humankind by Jesus Christ on the wood of the cross. For Prophet Isaiah said, "If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendant in a long time and the will of the Lord shall be accomplished through him." [Isa 53:10]

Lent is also a time of Catechetical preparation of Catechumens, that is, those who have not yet been baptized or the reception of the converted Christians into the Catholic faith. Normally during this time, Catechumens receive instructions of the Catholic faith, accepted into the order of Catechumens, elected, or enroll their names, undergo a period of purification and enlightenment. It is a time of scrutiny and presentation before the celebration of the sacrament of Baptism on the Easter Vigil.

Therefore, I urge you Brothers and Sisters, to join me to journey with Christ in these forty days or lent. I urge you to follow his footsteps as he engages himself in an intense prayer life and fasting. Do not forget to include alms giving as one of the pillars of this journey.

I suggest that in this Lenten season, let each one of us choose a prayer partner or spiritual companion that can accompany her/him to grow in faith, prayer life, fasting or alms giving. I humbly suggest that each prayer companions choose two days in a week that they ay call each other for ten minutes only and pray for each other.

Additionally, when you call your partner or companion, share what you have learned from the Sunday's readings or from the sermon/homily and then share the best bible passage/line that has touched/inspired you to move positively in the journey of faith. And if you want me to join you in your prayer sessions, please do not hesitate to call, to email, to text, to facetime, to what app me and I will be one of your spiritual companions. For those who have forgotten my number, here it is, 708-654-6992. God bless.

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 27, 2022

Commentator: Youth Sunday
First Reader: Youth Sunday
Second Reader: Youth Sunday



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 Gruszczeni, 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