

# *St. Martin de Porres Parish*

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## **Mass Times**

**Sunday:** 10:00am

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## **SACRAMENTS**

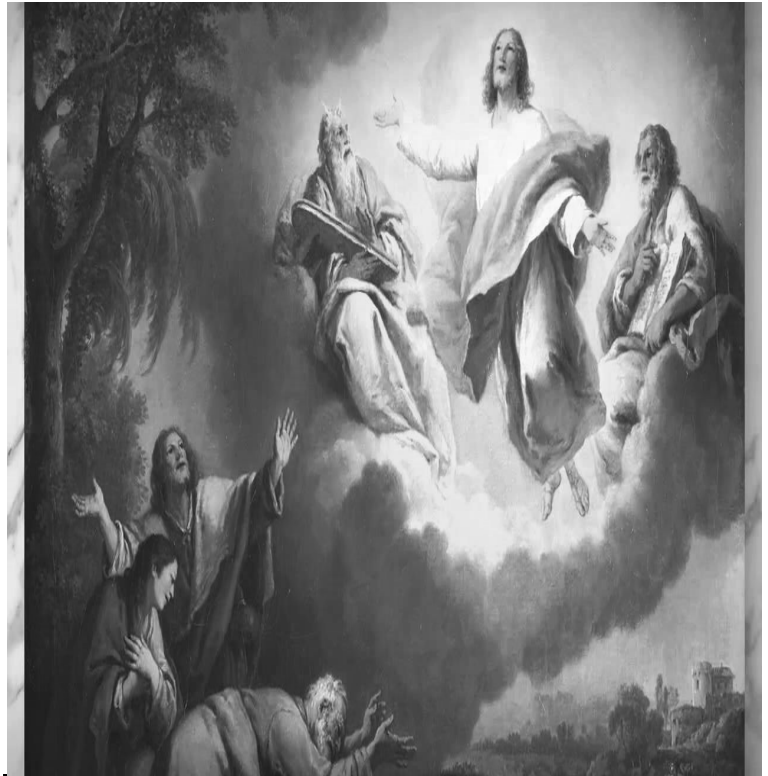
**Baptism:** The Parish has set calendar dates for the baptism of babies and small children. Parents should contact the Deacon William Pouncy.

**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.



## **SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

### **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**

**MARCH 13, 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

## MARCH 13, 2022

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**Gospel Theme:** *The Lord lives in light; Christ's transfiguration is a sign of our own. God made his covenant with Abraham with fire and smoke; God will make us anew in wonder and glory. In faith we acknowledge Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace.*

**Sermon:** In today's Gospel, we see Jesus transfigured before our eyes. For the disciples, this vision was a foretaste of the Resurrection. For us, in our lifetime, the Transfiguration is a similar experience. We know that in the resurrection of the dead, we will see Jesus and each other in a new light. In the First Reading, we learn that Abraham had a vision as well, a transforming experience of God. St. Paul teaches us that our bodies will be changed at the resurrection, to be like the glorified body of Jesus. We need such a vision of faith, in our lives. But that faith is not merely believing in Jesus and in the resurrection; no, the faith is also a whole complex of values, principles, and truths. People have actually given up their lives for the faith; we call them martyrs and saints.

- In our American culture, there are two principal attitudes towards faith. The first attitude, say of the ACLU, is that religion is a private matter, a personal choice. In our society, these people say, religion should have no part in public policy or public debate. As you would probably agree, this is a very odd viewpoint. Down through the ages, faith has often been a matter of life or death, a critical system of thought for the whole community. In the United States, some deeply religious concerns have been fighting the evil of slavery, getting workers the right to unionize, resisting the influence of atheistic Communism, and protesting against racial segregation. Ministers and priests have been involved in such concerns, for the benefit of all. So, the ACLU does not seem to have a good case.
- The second attitude you often experience is that faith itself is what is said to be important, not any particular faith. As Eisenhower famously said, "I think people should go to church, and I don't care what church it is." In a recent presidential election, Mitt Romney, a Mor-

mon, identified himself as a "person of faith." So, according to this attitude, what is important is that a political candidate or an office holder be sincere in his belief. But his or her actual faith, its doctrine, is not something with which we should be concerned. This attitude is like saying that it is important that a politician be sincere in his attachment to politics itself, to the democratic process. By this thinking, it wouldn't matter if the politician were a Communist, a royalist, or a Republican, as long as he or she was sincere. This attitude is like saying that we should respect any scientist, as long as he is a person of science. By this thinking, it wouldn't matter if the scientist believed that global warming was a serious danger for the earth or that it was of no importance at all. No, reality is this. Genuine faith involves specific doctrines that are true or false. So, it does make a difference what philosophy the politician espouses, what science the scientist advocates. That is the point of faith. In fact, there is no religion on earth, with any substantial following, that says one religion is as good as another, that all that matters is that you be sincere.

This is why during Lent we recall the vision of Abraham, the doctrine of St. Paul, the Transfiguration of Jesus. We need a vision to live by, a specific religion which teaches what truths are eternal. Our Catholic faith is not just a matter of sincerity. It is a question of what we believe about God, about Jesus, about the Holy Spirit, about the Church, about the Eucharist. This Lent, it is fitting to do penance. It is also fitting to study, to learn, to grow in wisdom. Do that, and you shall live. **-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.**

**Closing Prayer: Father, we listen to your Son. We live by his words. We yearn for his coming. Answer our needs and bring us to your kingdom of light, through Christ our Lord, and bringing us to the promised land. Help us fight temptation and win the final victory, 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 March 6, 2022

Envelopes	\$3,825.00
Loose	2,483.00
Kolbe House	160.00
Ash Wednesday	654.00
Easter Flowers	180.00
Misc. Offering Env.	<u>165.00</u>
Total	<b>\$7,467.00</b>

## *Mass Intentions for this Week*

**Sunday, March 13, 2022**

**Happy Birthday Marie Flowers from James &  
Carolyn Collier**

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.

## GOD GLORIFIES THE HUNBLE

The prayer of Magnificat which is found in the gospel of Luke 1:46-55, is called the Cantic of Mary in which our Mother Mary testifies to Elizabeth that her soul rejoices in the Lord and proclaims the greatness of the Lord.

For those who are praying Breviary every day, know that this prayer of Mary is always being prayed at the evening prayers, after the proclamation of the short reading. It is a rich prayer which Mary proclaimed it, when she visited her kinswoman Elizabeth who was pregnant at an old age for her first-born, John the Baptist. Meanwhile at that time, Mary had received the news from the angel Gabriel, that she will be the Mother of God, Jesus the Christ. (Luke 1:32)

Reciting this prayer, you will realize that the words of Mary warn and inspire to enhance our understand that God, "has shown mercy for those who fear him in every generation and that he has shown strength of his army, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly." (Luke 1:50-52)

Indeed, these are profound words of prayer that warn the citizens of this world not to strive for the mightiness, thrones, and proudness. But rather to humble themselves and become small like little children for the sake of creation and for the Kingdom of God.

According to Mary, God always lifts and exalts the humble. He rewards those who prefers the narrow rather than the big gate of the Kingdom. And I know many holy men and women, whom in my opinion, will receive this reward because they have humbled themselves to do God's work without wanting recognition from the public. And I know some of you brothers and sisters will be exalted too by God because you are profitable to Kingdom for your service for the people of God. I am sure you are now laughing and saying, "father you are kidding! Me! This will not happen to me!" Well think about the story that is being told by Abba John the Dwarf about an old man who humbled himself and did not want recognition. And the story goes like this: -

Abba John the Dwarf once said, "There was a spiritual old man who lived a secluded life. He was held in high estimation in the city and enjoyed a great reputation. He was told that a certain old man, at the point of death, was calling for him, to embrace him before he fell asleep. He thought to himself, if I go by day, men will run after me, giving me a great honour, and I shall not be at peace in all that. So I will go in the evening in the darkness and I shall escape everyone's notice. But lo, two angels were sent by God with lamps to give him light. Then the whole city came out to see his glory. The more he wished to flee from the glory, the more he was glorified. In this was accomplished that which is written: He who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 14:11)

**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

During Lent we will have Station of Cross on Fridays,  
March 11, to April 8 at 7:00p.m.

### 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 MARCH 13, 2022

Commentator: Stella Palmer  
First Reader: Angela Wilson  
Second Reader: Michael Wilson



### 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 Winterspoon, 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