

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.

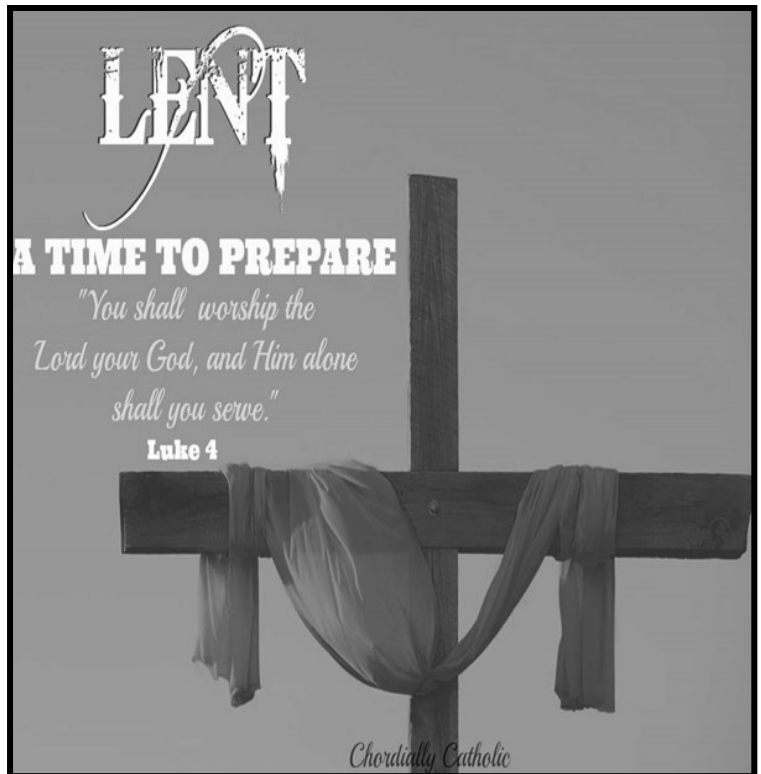
Reconciliation is available upon request.

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF 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**

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Gospel Theme: *God calls us to conversion, to turn to him, to reform. Moses once formed a people, but in the desert most of them sinned. Today, if we repent, God will again bring us out of captivity.*

Sermon: You just heard how people perished. Under the leadership of Moses, many of God's people died of disease and starvation. We have all seen tragic accidents occur, with substantial loss of lives. The Scripture today, especially the preaching of Jesus, urges us to look in the face of death and to be converted. For many who experience severe illness or deep disaster, the possibility of repentance or conversion comes about for the first time. It's hard to change.

- In Japan, General Toshio Tamogami won the grand prize in a history essay contest. General Tamogami wrote that President Franklin Roosevelt trapped Japan into attacking Pearl Harbor, that Japan never waged a war of aggression, and that if Japan had not gone to war, that country would have become a "white man's colony." It's hard to admit you're wrong. It's hard to change.
- In Russia, history books write of World War II as the "Great Patriotic War." These books never mention the agreement between Hitler and Stalin that made the 1939 war possible. These books also never mention the severe losses and defeats that occurred when Germany invaded Russia in 1941. It's hard to admit you're wrong. It's hard to change.
- Yet, conversion is possible. Repentance does take place. In his Confessions, St. Augustine recounts how often and how abundantly he sinned, when he was a young man. St. Patrick makes the same kind of admission in his own autobiography. A saint is not someone who was always perfect; a saint is a sinner who underwent conversion.
- In October, 2009, Abby Johnson was the director of the Planned Parenthood in Bryan, Texas. She said that she began to feel uncomfortable when the organi-

zation began to suffer from the economic downturn. Abby was told to bring in more abortions. She said, in her own words, "The money wasn't in family planning. The money wasn't in prevention. The money was in abortion. And I had a problem with that." The turning point for Abby was the moment she saw an actual ultrasound image of an abortion in progress. "I don't have this guilt. I don't have this burden on me anymore," said Abby. "That's how I know it was a spiritual conversion." Since October 6, 2009, when she resigned, Abby has joined up with the nearby Coalition for Life; she prays in public near the Planned Parenthood Facility where she worked for many years. Yes, it's hard to admit you're wrong. It's hard to change. But it is possible.

- In your own lives, you may not be involved in promoting abortion. You are not racists or people who would even think of harming another person. Yet each of you knows that you have room to grow, a need to repent, a challenge to do penance. That's what Lent is all about.

The words of Jesus are fulfilled in your presence. You know of disasters and death. Do penance now, so that you do not perish.

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

Closing Prayer: God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, we welcome your Word. Hear us now, at the end of the ages, and bring us to love you with all our heart, through Christ our Lord.

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

CROP WALK WEST (CWW)

St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry will participate in Crop Walk West on May 1, 2022. Due to the continuation of the Covid Virus into 2022, St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry will walk again at our site on May 1, 2022. (Same as 2021)

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 13, 2022

Envelopes	\$1,610.00
Loose	211.00
Ash Wednesday	1.00
Kolbe House	11.00
Week 7-8 (2/24-2/27)	760.00
Total	\$2,593.00

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, March 20, 2022

**+ In Memory of my dear Grandmother,
Frances Fitzgerald from Michael McLemore**

**+In Memory of London Marquez from the
Marquez Family**

John Michael Kondrat from Linda Wallins

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.

YOUNG PEOPLE HANG OUT WITH OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH, IF NOT THEY WON'T COME

Twenty-four years ago, I decided to become a religious missionary priest. By then I was a young man in my earliest twenties. Becoming a priest was one of my strongest dominant interests, that I wanted to become. I imagined the future of my priesthood would be more less the same as the Priests I admired. I imagined that I would preside over the vibrant Church with many of children, youths, and adults. I imagined a Church that will be like the Church of the missionaries who established Churches and faith communities, hospitals, and schools to serve the need of the people. I built an image of a missionary Priest that will go to the homes of parishioners and be welcomed with joy, teach bible and Church teachings in homes, meetings Catechists and plan for vibrant pastoral life of the Church, hosting Easter revivals, retreats and so forth for young Christian's students. I imagined a perfect Church with no racial bias, power struggle or closing/merging of Churches. Little did I know that God ways are not my own highways and byways, until I started noticing some contradictions of what I imagined, and the truth of what God has called me to become and serve the Church. I realized God's ways was his will and his will for the Church is to strive to fulfill the mission of salvation of the souls. Indeed, years of formation passed, and I was ordained as Priest and sent to the Parish.

There were few young people in the Church. It bothered me not to see people of my age not coming to the Church in majority. Coming from the seminary where most of us were young generations, I had to learn to start "hanging out" with people that were older than me and learn their language. But still something was missing. I decided to reach out to few young adults who were in the pews and invited them for the meeting at Applebee's Grill and Bar. It is fun and unusual. I did the meeting at Applebee's. Fortunately, all the invited guests came. We discussed in depth what causes young people to come to the Church? Some of the reasons that came up strongly were; that the Church invites young people to come to the Church but once they come, it does not have anything to offer that quench the thirst of young people, that the ministries of the Church are all led by adults that do not welcome young people to join and if they join, they treat them as if they do not know what they are doing, that the Churches does not trust or give priority and opportunity for young people to be leaders in the Churches, etc.

In that Applebee's meeting, I discovered that all the young people that surrounded me, were professionals and experts in different fields. We had richness that we did not know of experts in our Church. So, we decided to form a group and resolve to be active in the Church. The group became vibrant and some of the group members as of today are vibrant Catholics. But my eyes were opened that young people comes to the Church with an expectation of worshipping with their fellow young people. If the Church do not have their age group, it is unlikely young people will come because they will know the space is not theirs and are not welcomed. Hence, it is imperative that the Church invest in entrusting young people with Church leadership, modernize its worshipping style and space to accommodate them, welcome and appreciate them instead of judging them and see them as less capable to do the work of God. Young people are the best evangelizers of the gospel of Christ if they are entrusted with that responsibility. But they do not "hang out" with people who are not of their age. If the Church does not provide space for them, they will likely go out to sports Bars to find other young people to hang out with them.

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.

St. Martin de Porres Men's Group Pancake Breakfast on
Saturday, April 23, 2022 at Purcell Hall. Tickets are \$10.00
Dine in or Carry Out. Come One Come All.

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 ar-
ea 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 20, 2022

Commentator: Mary James
First Reader: Ciara Jones
Second Reader: Barbara Cottrell

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Hildred Fuller, 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 Gard-
ner, Deborah Rutledge, Bertha Anderson, Callie Gee, Luvenia
Parker, Veronica Hicks, John Mannette, Jewel Austin, Anthony
Adams, 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