

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.

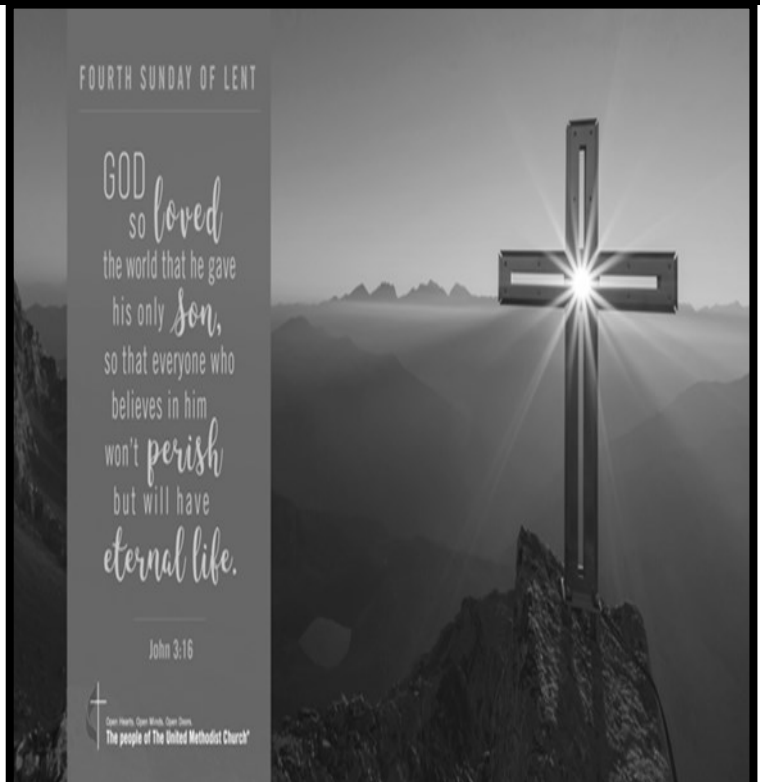
Reconciliation is available upon request.

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



FOURTH 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: *The Passover of God's People* is their celebration of life: from slavery to freedom, from sin to holiness, from famine to plenty. As it was years ago in *the land of Canaan, so it is today. God's mercy has made us one, reconciled forever. When we turn from sin, when we pass over to God's new life, there is reason to celebrate.*

Sermon: The theme of reconciliation runs through all three readings today. Reconciliation occurs not just when an estranged couple re-establishes their bond. Reconciliation is also the situation when enemies no longer fight, when people live in concord, when divisions among us break down. To pass over to reconciliation often demands a change of heart, a turning of the spirit, a renewal of purpose.

- After God's people celebrated the Passover, they rejoiced in putting aside the shame and sorrow of their captivity. St. Paul implores us to be reconciled not with each other so much as with God. And in the Gospel, the prodigal son experiences forgiveness, mercy, and reconciliation. He deserves nothing but receives everything.
- To appreciate the deep meaning of reconciliation for our lives, we turn to two Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation, each with its own proper preface. These prayers are intended especially for use during Lent, says the document of their promulgation. So, they are provided in the Lent issue of your **Leaflet Missal** prayerbook, right after the four familiar Eucharistic Prayers.
- The first prayer of reconciliation emphasizes getting right with God. We pray to the Father, acknowledging that he never ceases to call us to a new and more abundant life. Yes, God is always ready to forgive, sings the preface. In the rest of this first prayer of reconciliation, the same theme continues. For example, after the Last Supper narrative, the priest or bishop sings that we do this in memory of Jesus Christ, our Passover and our lasting peace. In other words, Jesus Christ himself, in person, is the way we experience the Passover of God's people. We pray that the Church will be healed of all division. We pray to keep in communion with our pope and our bishop; we ask God's help to work together for the coming of his kingdom.
- The second prayer of reconciliation emphasizes reconciliation with each other. In this way, the preface sings that, in

the midst of conflict and division, we know it is God who turns our minds to thoughts of peace. The priest or bishop sings that God Spirit changes our hearts; enemies begin to speak to one another. Those who were estranged join hands in friendship. Nations seek the way of peace together. We think of Jesus Christ. He is the Word that brings salvation. He is the hand God stretches out to sinners. He is the way that leads to God's peace. As in the first prayer of reconciliation, Jesus Christ in person is the means to that unity. But later in the same prayer, the Christian community has a similar role, the Body of Christ: We ask the Father to make his Church throughout the world a sign of unity and an instrument of his peace.

As with the other Eucharistic Prayers, these two prayers of reconciliation are directed not to Christ or the Spirit but to God through Christ. The Roman liturgy does this consistently, following the teaching of Jesus, as recorded in the Gospels, as exemplified in the Epistles. We pray for reconciliation to the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

Closing Prayer: **Father, your forgiveness is great; we praise you for your mercy. Hear our petitions, and help us pass over, from death to life from slavery to freedom, from sorrow to lasting joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

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)

**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 20, 2022

Envelopes	\$3,437.00
Loose	319.00
Ash Wednesday	30.00
Kolbe House	234.00
Easter Flower Offering	<u>527.00</u>
Total	\$4,547.00

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, March 27, 2022

+ In Memory of Charlie Thomas from his wife Sue Thomas, father of Mark and Yvette Henderson, Chuck and Diane Levy and dearly missed grandfather of Tara Levy and Jason Henderson

+In Memory of Barbara Ann Shields, sister of 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.

FORGIVENESS IS A DIVINE ACT

It is shamefully that I start writing this article, acknowledging that I am not one of the best drivers out there. Until now, I have not yet received any recognition from the Secretary of State for being a good driver. This might be due to the fact that I have been caught "few times" driving over the speed limit, sometimes for good reasons and sometimes for no reasons. I truly feel sorry because I am becoming more conscious and disciplined about my driving behaviors.

Due to this, I have learned a couple of lessons from driving incidents I have had that at no time, do not try to outrun the yellow light simply because it is life costing. Also always respect the "Do Not Turn" sign on the right, because it is dangerous. Personally, I got a couple of hundred dollars fines for not respecting that traffic sign. Further, always come to full complete stop and do not turn or move unless you are sure the law permits you to do so. Having said this, for most of us our driving behaviors are changing/becoming better because of punishments and not necessarily a sense of safety. We fear to get tickets or going to court. But reckless driving cost lifelong injuries and the loss of life. We got to be careful.

Well, once I was driving in rural areas of Ohio, and I was stopped by an officer for going over the speed limit. The officer came to my car and informed me that he had stopped me because I was driving above the indicated speed limit. I felt bad because that was not my intention to go over speed. I asked the officer if he can forgive me because I was new to the area. The officer said, "I cannot forgive you, I will give you a ticket." I was disappointed because I thought he could have accepted my apology and write off the ticket. I was disappointed and a little angry.

Now, I realized the officer was right because he was performing his duty of enforcing the law, reminding me and other drivers to maintain the order of the law for the common good of the society. He was doing what the law permits and demands him of doing. If ones agree or disagree with him, it is just a matter of public opinion. One of my teachers Fr. Kevin Feeney, used to say, "keep the law and the law will keep you." In other words, he was saying do not break the law since the function of the law is to keep and protect those who keep it and to punish those who break it. For this reason, the law provides justice and not mercy for us. It rewards those who observe it and penalize the wrong doers. The police officer even though he could have allowed me to walk free without a ticket, but he chose to enforce the power of the law since I broke it without a reasonable cause.

Therefore, justice always exonerates truth and goodness. It is does not seek mercy or forgiveness. For justice is a human way to reward those who do good and penalize those who are doing wrong. But forgiveness provides mercy and compassion to those who are wrong doers. Forgiveness gives second chance and opportunity to reclaim one's dignity and respect by doing what is good and right. Forgiveness is not a human act, but rather, it is a divine act. It is God who calls us to repent our sins, be merciful, and forgive others their sins as we would like him to forgive us. The requirement for a proper repentance and forgiveness is the act of contrition, that is, the act of feeling sorry for wrong we have done and resolve not to do it again.

However, the letter of the Shepherd of Hermas says, "If a man sin often and repent it is unprofitable-such a one shall hardly save his soul." So, it is unprofitable to repent without a sincere desire to refrain from doing wrong, for nothing change even if we will be forgiven seventy times seven. Understand forgiveness is an act of renewal of one's holiness.

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 27, 2022

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

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