

St. Martin de Porres Parish

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Mass Times

Sunday: 10:00am

SACRAMENTS

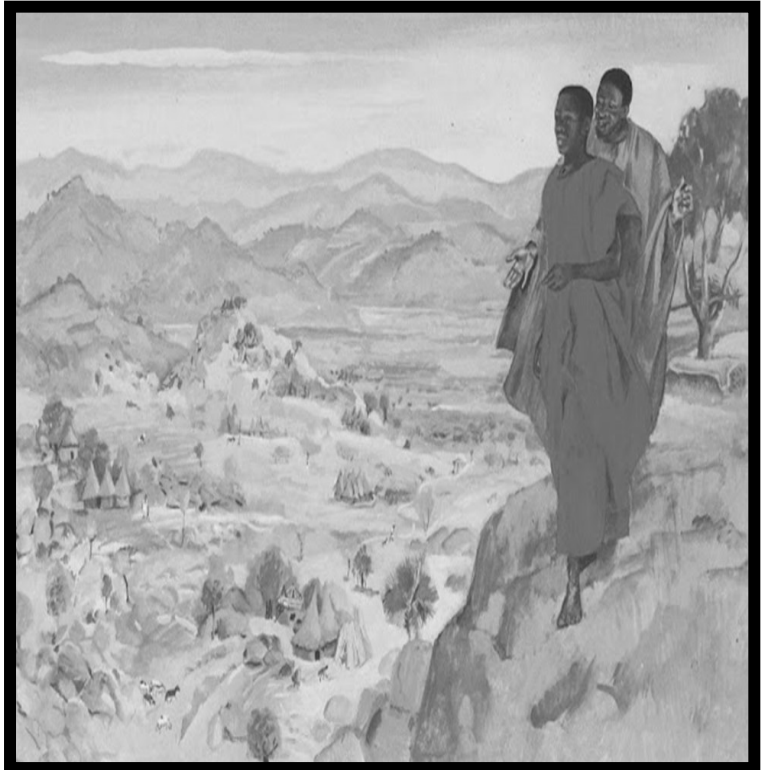
Baptism: The Parish has set calendar dates for the baptism of babies and small children. Parents should contact the Deacon William Pouncy.

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.



FIRST 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 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel Theme: *Faith enables us to survive temptation, to obey the Word of God, to thank God for the gift of salvation. We are brought out of the desert, all of us, to a land of life and joy.*

Sermon: Faith is the focus of our lives. Faith is the foundation of all that we do. Faith is the basis for right living, for hope, and for love. In the Gospel, the faith of Jesus is put to the test, the loyalty he owes God his Father. Note that the devil tempted him, and the devil quotes Scripture well; he knows the Bible. So, being able to cite Scripture verses is not necessarily a sign of true faith.

- Many of us are aware of atheists and their books, individuals such as Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens. Well, how many of us are believers? How is it in the countries of Europe? Are Americans really more religious, as many allege us to be?
- Some years ago, the Gallup organization took a poll of various European countries, as well as the United States. The average percentage of atheists in Western Europe was 5%. It was 1% in Ireland, 3% in Scandinavia, 4% in Great Britain, Italy, and Spain, and 10% in France. In the U. S. only 5% of the people said that they were atheists, the same as the average of Western Europe.
- However, the same question can be put in different terms. In Ireland 64% said that they were religious; yet 82% went to Mass at least once a week. However, 83 per cent of the Italians said they were religious; yet average church attendance in Italy was about 36%. In the U.S., 81% said they were religious; 43% said they attended church at least once a week. Obviously, religion and faith don't have the same meaning in various cultures. Faith means different things to different people. But one important meaning, from the Bible, is loyalty to God, fidelity to his will, prioritizing values that are believed to come from him. The Gospel today records that Jesus was tempted in his loyalty to his Father. Nonetheless, he overcame those temptations. He did not waver but held true to his principles.
- This Lent, we do what Jesus did. We do our best to

focus on what is important. We try to take a good look at our priorities and re-assess our faith. In the end, we are saved by God, by grace, by faith, not by the good deeds we do. Faith, we know, is itself a gift, not something earned or merited. This is why St. Paul says that the person with faith has a certain security in his or her relationship with God. A person believes and, in that act of believing, is set right with God, is "justified," theologians say. By the same token, we profess our faith in words, such as the Creed or the Eucharistic Prayer, that is how we are saved.

This Lent, perhaps 70,000 individuals across the U.S. are catechumens; with the rite of election on this day, they are called forward to begin the journey of Lent, the pilgrimage we make together to Easter. Let us pray for these catechumens and for each other. This Lent, let us prepare well for the celebration of the paschal mystery, six weeks from today. The catechumens are preparing for baptism; the rest of us are preparing to renew the promises of our own baptism. Let us begin that journey, in the fullness of faith, in the security of hope, in the abundance of charity.

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

Closing Prayer: O Lord our God, we thank you for bringing us out of Egypt, for saving us from slavery and bringing us to the promised land. Help us fight temptation and win the final victory, 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
FEBRUARY 27, 2022**

Envelopes	\$1,916.00
Loose	203.00
Total	\$2,119.00

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, March 6, 2022

✚ In Memory of Sylvester Curtis from the Curtis Family

✚ In Memory of Larry Mapp, Sr. from the Mapp Family

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.

The Beginning of Lent: A Time of Spiritual Revival

This week we have begun forty days of lent. A time of renewal and transformation of our lives. The mother Church invites all of us to pray, fast and give alms.

The gospel of Matthew in chapter 3:13-17 - 4:1-11, narrates the first luminous mystery of the Holy Rosary, the Baptism of our Lord Jesus in the Jordan. It is said, Jesus arrived at Galilee and came to John the Baptist to be baptized. He was baptized and thereafter the spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He spent forty days and nights praying and fasting. And he was tempted by the devil.

Indeed, Jesus was hungry, and his body needed food. For forty days and nights he mortified and trained his body not to give up to the world of material things but rather to the things that are spiritual and that which endures eternally. He fought against the devil temptations that enticed him with the glory of human cities, empty promises of the devil and to give up to the need of the body. He wrestled the devil and until the devil left him alone and the angels came to help him.

In these forty days Jesus experienced a spiritual revival or a spiritual power, for prayer and fasting connected him to the higher power of God the Father. From his prayer life Jesus developed an attitude of the mind that he is in the Father and the Father was in him. And so to speak he became intimately related to the Father such that he was united with him at all time. In our human language we can say, "Jesus developed a deeper dependency attitude with God the Father. Even though he was himself the second person of Triune God, yet he called God prayerfully in important moments of his life."

Therefore, in this Lenten season we are invited to come into this spiritual revival that Jesus walked through for forty days and night. We are invited to develop an intimate relationship with God the Father through a deeper experience of prayer life.

We are invited to develop a spiritual dependency attitude with God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit that we can do nothing without them. And that we are invited to join Jesus to train our body to hunger for spiritual things and not material things by fasting and giving alms.

May the good Lord bless you and you journey with Jesus in these forty days and nights of spiritual revival. God bless you.

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 4, 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 6, 2022

Commentator: Randy Kimbrough

First Reader: Karl Brinson

Second Reader: Mark Henderson



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