

# *St. Martin de Porres Parish*

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## **Mass Times**

Sunday: 10:00am

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## **SACRAMENTS**

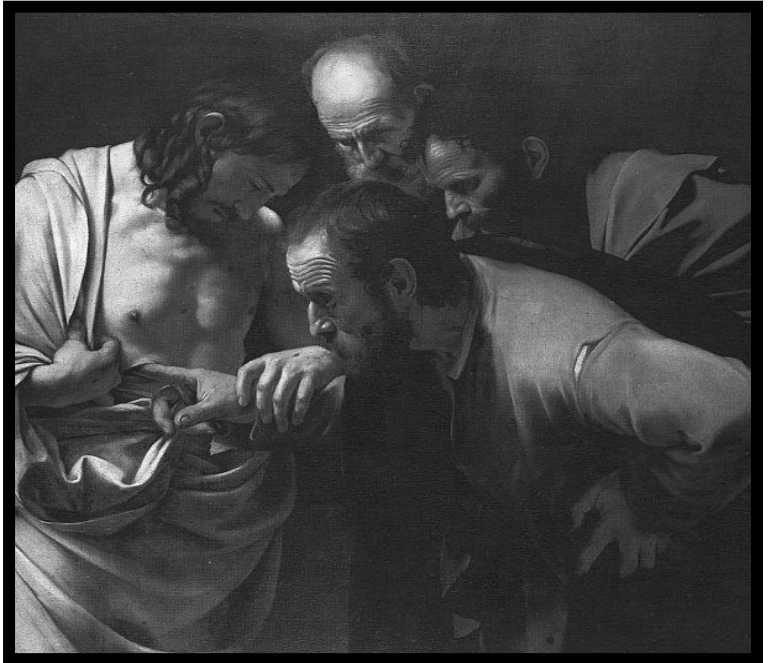
**Baptism:** The Parish has set calendar dates for the baptism of babies and small children. Parents should contact the Deacon William Pouncy.

**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.



**APRIL 24, 2022**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
( Divine Mercy Sunday)**

## **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

## **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**  
**APRIL 24, 2022**

## April 24: Second Easter Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday)

**Gospel Theme:** Unity of faith is Christ's Easter gift to his Church. Forgiveness and healing and mercy all come from Christ, our Lord and King. Here at the harvest, love is living. Hearts on high we rightly raise!

**Sermon:** Around the world, people are joining in a common celebration of faith. There is a revival of Hinduism in India, of the Muslim religion in the Middle East, of Buddhism in China. But far greater than these is the marvelous renewal of the Christian community, over the face of the earth.

- The Gospel records two sayings of Jesus that affect our life today, in the present moment. First, Jesus says, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you," From Jesus Christ, the apostles receive their mission, just as the Son has his mission from the Father. In other words, the apostles teach and govern, because Christ has commissioned them to do exactly that. Today, in our lives, the place of the apostles is taken by bishops, priests, and deacons. Jesus Christ did not give us these three ministries; they developed early on, even in the first century A.D. But the leadership they share is not from us, not from our choice or our election; it is from Christ.
- The guiding principle of the government of the United States is just government derives its authority from the consent of the governed. We call that democracy. In 1776, that was a relatively new idea. But that is not how Jesus Christ speaks, with regard to his Church. No, the authority, the leadership, of bishops, priests, and deacons does not come from the consent of the governed. It comes from Christ, personally, as he himself says.
- The other saying of Jesus is also important. He makes it clear that the apostles can forgive sins. They can also, he says, decline to do so. That's what he says. In time, we would understand this commission as the sacrament of penance, of reconciliation. The same commission applies today to denying individuals Holy Communion. Should they persist in sin. Again, this authority is not from the consent of the governed but not from Christ himself. This is not a burden but a benefit. Because of Christ's commission, God's forgiveness, God's mercy, is made more available to people, in ritual and in deeds of penance. This is a gift of Divine Mercy. The words of the priest or bishop, in giving absolution, assure the penitent that God bestows pardon and peace.
- Around the world, as just mentioned, hundreds of thousands of new Catholics are celebrating this commission of Christ, this leadership of the bishops, this forgiveness of sins. You heard the Scripture today. More and more believers, men and women, were continually added to the

Lord. What happened two thousand years ago in Jerusalem is happening today, in 2019 in Lagos and in Lima, in Hong Kong and in Kampala, in New Mexico City and in Moscow.

It is Jesus Christ himself who tells us there is nothing to fear. I am the First, and the Last, the One who lives, forever and ever. As Christ spoke to John, he speaks to you, all of you, today. Peace be with you, indeed. Mercy be with you, indeed. Faith be with you, indeed.

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

**Closing Prayer:** Father, we thank you for giving us the Spirit of your Son, the Spirit of divine mercy. Hear us now. Build up your Church in unity, peace, and love, 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

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

**Charitable Hands Ministry—Deacon William Pouncy and Elizabeth Becnel** Call Deacon Pouncy  
Telephone No. (312)841-3974

### Weekly Collections for April 17, 2022

Envelopes	\$4,228.00
Loose	299.00
Ash Wednesday	10.00
Easter Flower	75.00
Easter Offering	1,882.00
Kolbe House	<u>286.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,780.00</b>

### *Mass Intentions for this Week*

**Sunday, April 24, 2022**

Gracie Martin & Henry Mayfield the Aunt & Uncle of Frank Clark, Jan Peters, & Janette Gruszeczki

+Catherine Kovatch from Elizabeth Stone

+In Memory of Eddie Brown, Sr. from his loving family

We encourage our parishioners to pray for their loved ones, living and deceased, by offering a Mass Intention.

### 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 EARTH IS FILLED WITH THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD

We are living in tough times. But some people have said that each decade that has passed, has witnessed tough times. These tough times have come in the form of conflicts and wars between nations, hunger and drought, epidemics and pandemics, injustices and crimes against humanity, or injustices against environment etc.

Yes, we can say aloud that bad news makes news. And it takes one just to open a radio, newspapers, or televisions to hear the bad things that happens every day to people and around the world. Indeed, from a pessimistic point of view, it seems that the order of the world is dominated by the bad news.

But the truth of the matter is this, God in his goodness has filled the Earth with his immeasurable goodness. He made the heavens out of the word of his mouth; he had gathered the water of the sea as in a bowl and separated the dry land from the water to make it a platform for his created beings to live. Certainly, God has a wise designs and plan for his people and for the world [Psalm 33]. Knowing this one realizes that no matter how bad life looks like but the number of bad things that happens every day, do not exceed the greatness of the goodness that happen every minute in the world.

Amid every bad thing that happen, God brings his goodness to surpass the amount of badness that happens; for he brings victory in it. It is because of this divine plan, that the saying that "every good Friday has its Easter Sunday, is a motto for all believers and non-believer that there is a victory in every downfall. And in every evil the power of God is manifested to bring hope and prosperity in people's life.

It is our duty as people to open our minds and our hearts to see how the Earth has been fashioned such that evil and bad things do not have last sayings in our life due to the graces and the goodness that God has placed around us. Therefore, for us all who have been burdened by the heavy load of life, always remember that God has loaded you too with heavy load of his goodness that surround your life like drops of showers of spring rain. 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

### Annual Credit Union

The Annual Credit Union will be Tuesday April 26, 2022 at 7:00p.m. via  
Zoom. Zoom information to join: Meeting ID: 823 7603 7696;  
Passcode: 992540. For those who can't join by zoom, please dial in  
by calling: 312-626-6799.

### 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 APRIL 24, 2022

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



### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Patrick McAnany, 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 Gruszczeni, James Harris, Jerry Harris, Larry Mapp Jr., Essie Pledage, Imogene Rhodes, Nathaniel W. Hall, Pamela D. Gee, Julius Jones, Natalie Daves, Armonie Witherspoon, Shirley Gardner, 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

### *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