

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.



FIFTH 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**

APRIL 3, 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

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Gospel Theme: God reveals to us something new. Now, obeying his Word, we submit to the change God brings about. We do not judge others, we do not linger in the past; we do not become mired in the present. No, we direct our attention to the finish line—the goal for which we live.

Sermon: For all of us, there are two kinds of faith. First, there is a calm, gradually growing faith, faith in human progress, faith in our society, faith in ourselves. In this sense, faith is the fulfillment of everything human. There's a second kind of faith, also familiar to you. This faith is belief that prevails in spite of the situation, in spite of opposition. This faith is not natural or easy. This is the kind of faith St. Paul talks about, again and again.

- For example, the great saints believed in spite of themselves. When popes were having children by many women, when priests were drunkards and lazy louts, when lay people were hypocrites and cheaters, a great saint spoke up. She was Catherine of Siena. She spoke up in spite of everything. Her faith was real. Her faith was a challenge to the established order. Her faith was a demand to change, to be converted. St. Catherine of Siena understood this well.
- Here's another example. Father John Smyth, a priest at Maryville Academy, an orphanage, once said he had seen so many turn out bad, because of their family background. Some kids just can't make it, he said. Yet there were exceptions. In some cases, people do have faith. They do live a good life, in spite of everything. Can it be that we are so formed by our environment that we have no choice? Do we ever do anything radically different from what our family has taught us? Do we ever do anything radically different from what our family has taught us? Is determinism the best philosophy? Father Smyth said there were exceptions, and I think he was right. Sometimes there is real, living faith that makes life new, that gives a new beginning, that changes everything.
- Sometimes, children turn out different from their parents; sometimes, they are acting in reaction to their parents. Even twins are sometimes different—so you know what that means. Environment isn't everything. We believe in free will, and we believe in grace. God really sometimes turns out to be the opposite of what we think. And faith sometimes changes everything.

- We do not live in a world that dominates us. In spite of evil, hypocrisy, laziness, corruption, we are not beaten. St. Paul said that his justice (happiness with God) comes not from the law but from faith in Christ. That means that it is not human deeds that make us right with God. It's God's own gift that makes us right with him. That's faith. That's justification by faith.
- St. Paul did not live as though the battle was over. He was running a race, looking ahead, striving for a goal. He gave no attention to what was behind—middle age—childhood—failure—revenge—enmity—he looked to the future. Life on high in Christ: God says, "Look, I'm doing something new; don't you see it?"

This desert of life will be transformed. All the sorrow, all the pain, all the hurt, all the disease, all the illness, all the division. There will be an abundance of joy, of happiness, of pleasure, of delight, of good health, of unity, and of peace. "These are the people I formed for myself, that they may proclaim my praise." That's the Church, joining in the Eucharist. That's God's people, giving God the glory, the praise, and the thanks, now and always, and forever and ever.

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

Closing Prayer: Lord, God, we thank you for the vision of the saints. Help us to keep eternal life in mind, help us to avoid rash judgment and unkind words. Grant that we come to know you well and to share your compassion, 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**

Rise n' Shine! It's Pancake Time!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



SATURDAY * APRIL 23, 2022

7AM - 1 PM

at

PURCELL HALL

4300 WEST WASHINGTON BLVD

CHICAGO, IL 60624

DINE IN OR CARRY OUT

\$10.00 PER TICKET

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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

Weekly Collections for March 27, 2022

Envelopes	\$2,986.00
Loose	459.00
Easter Flower	45.00
Kolbe House	<u>45.00</u>
Total	\$3,445.00

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, April 3, 2022

+ In Memory of John Branch, Jr the brother of Carolyn Collier

+ In Memory of Elisabeth Henry from Paula Wilburn

+ In Memory of Noelle Annan requested by Victor Annan

Arvella Millhouse from Mary McLemore

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Centuries ago, these Lenten days were a time of intense final preparation for the candidates for baptism. By now, they had already been numbered among the "elect" for Easter baptism, and were daily challenged to excel in prayer, in fasting, and in works of charity.

As is true today, at a certain point in the weekly assembly for Eucharist, the non-baptized were dismissed from the assembly for their own learning and prayer. While they might have had impressions about the Eucharist, they had no direct experience. The rites of the church were secret and its worship places off-limits.

For the Easter Vigil, those to be baptized arrived very hungry from long fasting, and perhaps very apprehensive as to how initiation was to be accomplished. A long night of vigil and storytelling, a shimmering pool of baptism, the anointing with oil and clothing with white robes came as something of a surprise.

At the end of a long, life-changing night of embrace by Christ and the community, as the eucharistic feast ended, a final surprise was brought forward. To address the deep hunger of the newly baptized, the church offered a bowl of milk and honey, sign of promises fulfilled, sign of community, prosperity, and peace, and yet another foretaste of heaven's banquet.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITE

"Calling all of St. Martin de Porres! If you have social media, specifically Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter, please check us out and give us a follow. We want to grow our community and reach as many people as possible, especially the younger generation who can help actively support and contribute their amazing ideas and stories. We all have a voice, one that only grows with a community that is blessed by the miracle of God's Word, and one that we want to raise up to change the world. So please send a direct message to any of our social platforms to contact Emily if you want to be featured. You can also email her at egdillon@archchicago.org. This is an amazing opportunity to share your story and for your voice to be heard. Our social media usernames are printed in the bulletin as well as our website. Thank you."

Emily Dillon

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

Charitable Hands Ministry—Call Deacon William Pouncy
Telephone (312) 841-3974

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 3, 2022

Commentator:	Randell Kimbrough
First Reader:	TBD
Second Reader:	TBD

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Arvella Milhouse, 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 Witterspoon, 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, 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