

# *St. Martin de Porres Parish*

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## **Mass Times**

**Sunday:** 10:00am

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## **SACRAMENTS**

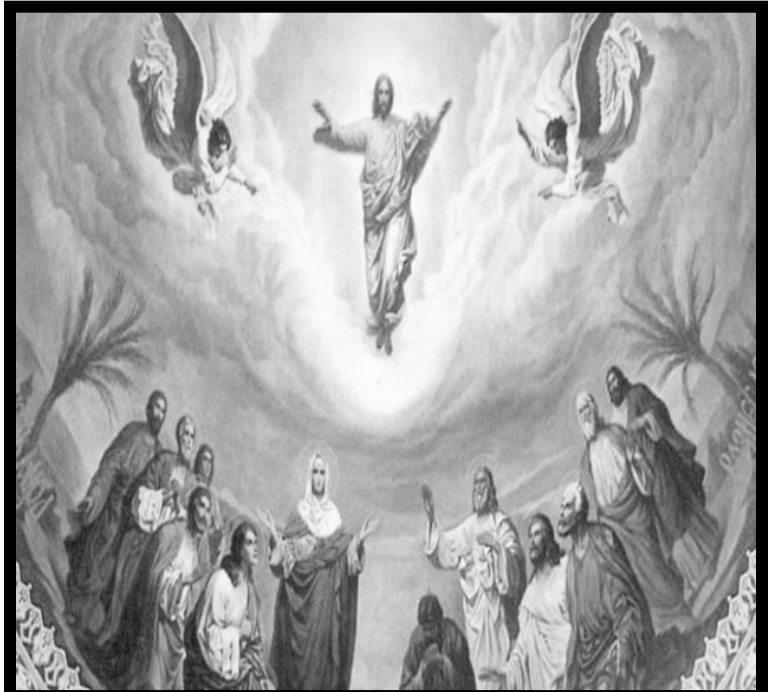
**Baptism:** The Parish has set calendar dates for the baptism of babies and small children. Parents should contact the Deacon William Pouncy.

**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.



**MAY 29, 2022**

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

## **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**

**MAY 29, 2022**

## ASCENSION OF CHRIST

Gospel Theme for Today: Christ's Ascension into heaven is God's final acceptance of the offering of Christ. That is the sacrifice of Easter, completed and perfected in the gift of the Spirit. If Christ has come to glory, so, too, will we.

**Sermon:** The Gospel of Luke records that the disciples of Christ are to preach penance to the Gentiles, the pagans, beginning at Jerusalem. Jesus gives the disciples his blessing; then he was gone. The disciples "fell down to do him reverence," that is, they all prostrated themselves, flat, on the ground. After that, in Jerusalem, they were constantly in the Temple, speaking the praises of God.

- So, the apostles remained good Jews; they continued to pray in the Temple in Jerusalem, regularly. They were filled with joy, says the Gospel; they were happy. In our own lives, we have a similar experience. Jesus is gone; he has ascended to heaven. Yet, we still pray constantly. And we are happy.
- There are numerous reasons why people are "filled with joy," as the Gospel says. Let us consider just a few of these reasons. As Michael Fordyce points out in his book, *Human Happiness*, the first reason for happiness is social. Happy people have good social networks. They have healthy relationships with others. They are typically seen as kind and supportive of others. Is that not the nature of the Church? Even though Christ has ascended to heaven, apart from us, the Church remains here, the gathering of his disciples. For us, the Church is good social network. The Church is a home, where we experience and share the kindness of the Lord. The Church is where we get and give the support that human beings need. That is why the disciples of Christ were "filled with joy," constantly.
- There is a second reason, too. Happy people are productive people. Happiness is not something that is passively attained; rather, joy is found in action. From their roles in life, happy people derive a sense of meaning. They see their role in society as useful, as valuable, as meaningful. So, today, in the Church, people who pray together find value in their prayer, every bit as much as in their good works outside the liturgy. What was true of the first disciples is also true of us, today.
- It's valid, furthermore, to say that happy people hold a healthy self-image. Happy people possess appropriate self-love and self-respect. They recognize their faults and limitations, but they are grounded in a realistic knowledge of themselves. In the Church, one individu-

al or another may be lacking in this regard. But as a community, as a family, we know who we are. We are a people the Lord has formed for himself, a people of his choice. So, even if one individual has a poor self-image, together we know how blest we are and how he has given us great blessings, as a people.

True enough, Jesus in person, in flesh and blood, does not speak with us, does not interact with us, does not teach us. Sometimes, we don't know what he wants or what he would tell us to do. Sometimes, we don't know what to believe or even how to pray. But in spite of all that, we still are happy; we are "filled with joy" because of the blessing Christ gives us in his Church.

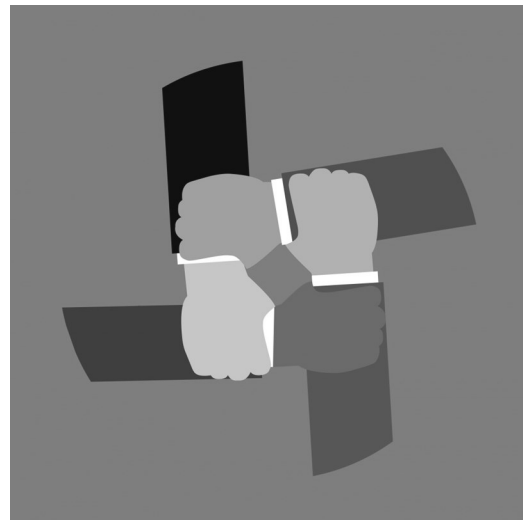
Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

**Closing Prayer:** O God, Father of glory, we thank you for clothing us with power from on high. Hear our prayers and grant us a spirit of wisdom and insight to know you clearly, through Christ our Lord.

### VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

**St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry is looking for St. Martin de Porres men to volunteer in the Food Pantry on Wednesday and Thursday from 10a.m. until 12:00p.m. If you are interested in volunteering in the Food Pantry, please see Leon Williams or Richard Kimbrough.**

### UNITY



**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 May 22, 2022

Envelopes	\$2,332.00
Loose	179.00
Ash Wednesday	20.00
Easter Flower	20.00
Easter Offering	20.00
Solemnity of Mary	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,591.00</b>

## *Mass Intentions for this Week*

**Sunday, May 29, 2022**

Calvin Kovatch from Betty Stone

Anthony Wallin from Linda Wallin

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. Baptism will be held every 2nd and 4th Saturday or Sunday after Mass.

## PRAY AND SING LIKE PAUL AND SILAS IN PRISON

It is being said, the Catholic liturgies or prayer services are always quiet, organized, meditative and contemplative. Often most of the prayers are prepared beforehand and written down. There is little space for what we call "ad lib" or spontaneity. The new generation or young generation call our services or liturgies, boring or lacking connection between one Sunday to the next. I hear what they say.

Generally, from the pulpit observation sometimes but not all the time, it seems like, there is a minimal of active participation from the people's side, in singing, in responding to prayers and in being fully present at the worshipping services. We hardly clap at our Catholic liturgies and if we do we say that is a Baptist's spirit, we hardly do the liturgical dance and if we do we say that is destructing and time wasting from praying, and the list goes on and on. In other words, it is hard to ignore the feelings of young people that our services lack invigorating spirit.

However, the blame is always pointed to the Priests that he is not charismatic, that he is boring, that we cannot understand him, that he is not the best preacher etc. As such everything is left to one person and most Priests accept the responsibility to fall upon them. However, I think the blame is for everyone who come to our Catholic liturgies/services because each one of us bring his/her own spirit/joy of the gospel in liturgy. And so, when we come to services, it is good to ask ourselves, "which spirit of the gospel am I bringing to the service? Do I want to be an active participant, or I want to lay back and be a spectator of service? Therefore, the attitude we choose, is the attitude we put in the liturgy or services we participate.

Now, the Acts of the Apostles 16: 16-40, speak of the story of Paul and Silas in Philippi where they were imprisoned because of preaching the gospel and casting out the evil spirit. Though they were locked up tight in the inner cell with their feet chained between heavy blocks of wood, their worshipping spirit was not chained or prisoned. They brought the joy of the gospel in the inner cells of the prison. The bible tells us that at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sung. They worshipped God while their feet were chained. The guards did not realize that it is possible to chain the hands and the legs, but it is impossible to chain the spirited mouth of a person. Paul and Silas sang hymns to God and other prisoners were listening even though they were imprisoned and were chained.

As a result of this, God brought a violent earthquake which shook the prison to its foundation, opened the doors of the prison and the chains fall off all the prisoners. Some can call this a coincidence, but I call it an effect of a powerful and spirited prayer and singing to the Lord. Well, if our Churches may inherit this midnight type of praying, singing and worshipping God like Paul and Silas, God will indeed shake to its foundation the prisons and the chains that makes us to be less active in our liturgy and worshipping services. So, brothers and sisters let us learn to pray and sing like Paul and Silas in our own prisons that hinders us to give the best to God. Let us learn to pray and sing like Paul and Silas that God may open the doors of our Church to allow fresh spirit to come in; pray and sing like Paul and Silas that we may be released from being spectators of worshipping services and become active participants of the praying and singing to God. Let us learn to be Paul and Silas in prayers and singing. 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

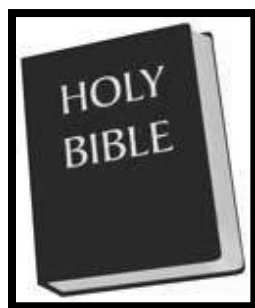
Every Thursday Communal Service with Adoration and Benediction at  
9:00am

### 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 MAY 29, 2022

**Commentator:** Liz Becnel  
**First Reader:** Stella Palmer  
**Second Reader:** Mary James



### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Michael McLemore, Norene Evans, Selma Dillon, Gregory Brooks, Alexander Madden, Flora Yancy, 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 Gruszczycki, 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, 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