

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
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OF
EASTER**



MAY 15, 2022

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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**

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Gospel Theme for Today: We are God's vineyard, a community formed in love, assembled by the apostles. We are the new Jerusalem, radiant with joy and courage. To God we sing a new song!

Sermon: There is no question about the love of God present in other Christian traditions. In the Eastern Orthodox Church, the grace of God is truly present in the liturgy. In the Lutheran Church, the Word of God is rightly preached and celebrated. In the Pentecostal Church, the Spirit of God is bestowed in abundance. But today I speak to you and to your community, to your tradition.

- Recently, someone made the observation that ministry to fine but business comes first. In other words, your first objective is to survive and prosper, to do your work efficiently and productively. I want to expand that insight. I want to help you integrate your faith and your work. In this way, your understanding of your life will be richer and deeper.
- My children, I give you a new commandment: Love one another. Love is not simply good feelings about Jesus. Love is not simply benevolence toward others. And love is not simply charity. Your business and your ministry are love, and you must know why. We often think of ministry as an act of charity. That means not working for the profit motive. That means giving discounts. That means being generous.
- But wait a minute. A teacher who does a good job, a teacher who really helps students, a teacher who is a credit to his profession also deserves a good salary. Her ministry is not exactly charitable. It is educational. Consider a doctor who goes to medical school for years. A doctor has a true ministry of healing. And he is paid well for that. Neither ministry primarily involves charity. You see what I am saying? You must think of your priorities and act accordingly.
- In fact, making a profit is itself a virtue. That is the difference between Ukraine and Hong Kong. In Ukraine, people still can't get what they need. In Hong Kong, people have come from poverty to prosperity. This is the point of the parable of the talents, the main point. This is the point of the parable of the unjust steward. You know what Jesus was talking about. Your business is your ministry, whether it is for profit or non-profit.

By paying your bills on time, by saving money on postage,

by choosing an efficient printer, you are helping the common good. In fact, you earn a profit so that you can be charitable. So, you see, in this sense, there is not a divorce between your work and your faith. They fit together. The commandment of love also means that you help people to learn, that you build up the church. These are your educational and religious ends. And this too is love, in the fullest sense.

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

Closing Prayer: O God, you are glorified in the Son of Man. You are holy, majestic, and mighty. Listen to your people, and bring your Church to the fullness of your kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

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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 8, 2022

Envelopes	\$3,074.00
Loose	1,209.00
Kolbe House	<u>30.00</u>
Total	\$4,313.00

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, May 15, 2022

+Rosie M. Pouncy from Deacon Pouncy & Family

+Holman Ingram, father of Jan Peters & Janette Peters-
Gruszczeni

+Ruthanne Kovatch from Betty Stone

+Happy Heavenly Birthday Elisabeth Henry from The 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 CHURCH IS OUR MOTHER AND THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

The United States of America celebrate Mother's Day. In this day, the USA honor distinctive women who are mothers. The reason behind this is the fact that the responsibility of being a mother is the most transcendent and a priceless kind of work. It is neither a job nor a work, rather a divine responsibility. No one can pay a woman to be a mother even though some are paid to be surrogate mothers. Yet the work of being a mother, is incomparable to cash value.

The book of Ephesian in its fifth chapter, speaks of the Church as a bride of Christ. In this chapter the Church is given a feminine character as the body of Christ. The Church here is referred as "she" or "her". Undeniably, the book of Ephesian affirms this by stating, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish [Eph 5:25-27]. This feminine image of the Church as a bride of Christ, says Ronald Lawler et al., in his book *The Teaching of Christ: A Catholic Catechism for Adult*, is the image of "...the new Eve, faithful spouse of the new Adam."

Therefore, the Church is called Mother simply because of its virtue of giving birth to many children, who out of faith in Jesus Christ and by baptism are reborn to eternal life. Those who are initiated in faith are called the adopted children of God the Father. The adopted children of God form a family of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a purchased people, and a kingdom people. St. Cyprian said, "you cannot have God for your Father if you have not the Church for your Mother."

Pope Francis in his general audience on September 3, 2014, was quoted affirming the essence of the motherhood of the Church. He said, "The Church is our mother because she cares for her children and guides us on the path of salvation...She nourishes and sustain us with sacraments; she illuminates us with the light of the gospel, orients us to the good, encourages us in the moments of darkness and defends us from the snares of evil, exhorting us to vigilance so as to succumb to its seductions."

As we are in the honeymoon of celebrating the feast of Mother's Day, let us also remember to celebrate our Church as it embodies this image of a mother who loves, cares, protects, guides, nourishes, tenders, watches and teaches her children to grow in the knowledge and wisdom of God. May the holy Mother Church be our refuge in the moment of our need. 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 15, 2022

Commentator: Barbara Cottrell
First Reader: Angela Wilson
Second Reader: Michael Wilson



PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

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