

St. Martin de Porres Parish

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Mass Times

Sunday: 10:00am

SACRAMENTS

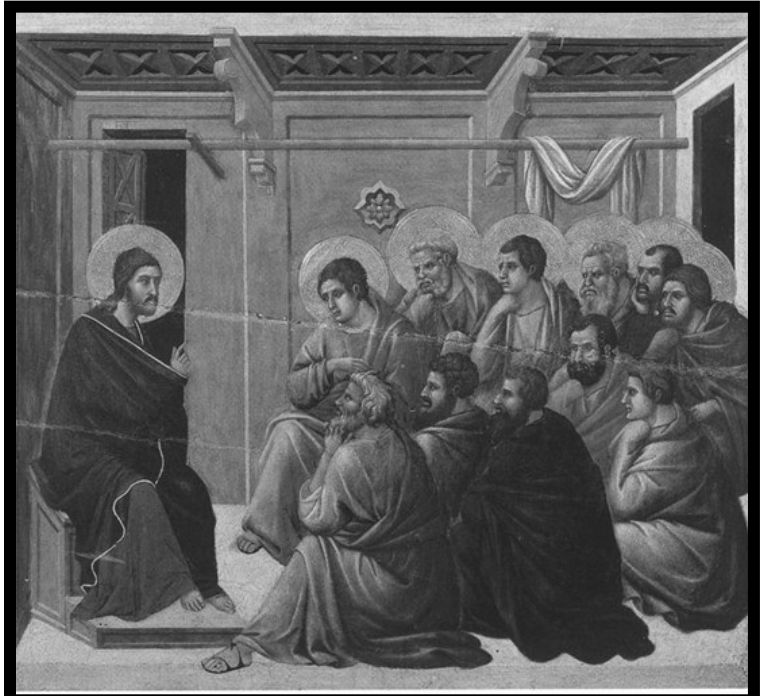
Baptism: The Parish has set calendar dates for the baptism of babies and small children. Parents should contact the Deacon William Pouncy.

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.



MAY 22, 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 22, 2022

SIXTH EASTER SUNDAY

Gospel Theme for Today: God's universal call to salvation extends to all people; so, from all who dwell beneath the skies, God's praise ascends. In the new Jerusalem, the Church, love and peace should reign. The Church is our Mother; she brings us freedom and eternal joy.

Sermon: The mystery of Easter, the paschal sacrament, is also the mystery of the Church, the sacrament of the Church. In today's Gospel, Jesus says that the Holy Spirit "will instruct you in everything." In other words, God our Father will send to the Church his very presence, his Spirit, in the community.

- So, when there was dissension, the leaders of the Church in Jerusalem said what seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to them. In this way, the leaders of the Church claimed to speak with the authority of God, present in the Church. The leaders said that Gentiles should be welcomed into the community without being circumcised. This was in accord with the covenant that God made with Noah, after the great flood.
- What is important to us today is precisely that kind of leadership. Note that it is not a question of Bible interpretation. The leaders of the Church do not cite chapter and verse; they do not express reliance on the Scripture. Rather, they say, "It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us." Then, these leaders send "leading men" from Jerusalem to pass on this message. Today, when the bishops speak, they speak with the same authority. They may will quote Scripture, but that's not the point. When the bishops teach, it is not that they are interpreting the Bible. It is that they are speaking on the authority of Christ.
- In our time, theologians and bishops together study the faith and do their best to determine what the faith implies. A recent discovery of the Orthodox, when they deal with Catholics, is that they say, "Well, it seems that they are really Orthodox." Similarly, when the Catholics meet with the Orthodox, they say, "Well, it seems that they are really Catholic." So it has come to pass. Through prayer, through humility through an openness to the Spirit, through serious study, through examination of the sources of our tradition, through our own history, we discover in each other the one, true faith.
- Now, such a growing consensus applies to the teaching of the Creed, to the central elements of the faith, to the authority of Scripture, to the power of the sacraments, to the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, to the

veneration of the saints, to the effect of God's grace. In such matters. East and West see the gift of the Holy Spirit more clearly.

As Christian unity grows and develops, it will be because the will of Christ is manifest to our leaders, that there should be one flock and one shepherd, that the Gentiles are welcome, that any racial or cultural divide should not impair our common unity. Let us thank God, then, that the Holy Spirit is bringing us together. This is the gift of the risen Christ.

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

Closing Prayer: Lord of life and love, we welcome your Word; we thank you for the gift of your son. Grant our petitions, that we may go forth and bear fruit, through Christ our Lord.

We Welcome Fr. Larry Dowling To St. Martin de Porres (Biography of Fr. Dowling)

Rev. Larry Dowling is the pastor of St. Agatha Parish in Chicago's North Lawndale community, having previously served as pastor at Chicago's St. Denis Parish and associate pastor at St. James Church in Arlington Heights. He received his Masters of Divinity (1991) and Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) (1998) from the University of St. Mary of the Lake. He is a '97-'98 alumnus of Leadership Greater Chicago. He currently serves as Dean of Deanery III-D. He also serves as Board President for the ACTA Foundation and as Moderator for the Priests for Justice for Immigrants as well as a board member of the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program at Catholic Theological Union. He is actively involved in local community organizing efforts, criminal justice reform and restorative justice projects, anti-violence and labor issues throughout the Chicago area.

He served on the Board of Consultors to the Cardinal and on the Anti-Racism Implementation Team for the Archdiocese. He is also prior board member and president of the Illinois Center for Violence Prevention (ICVP) and Arise Chicago. He has served as Chair of the Association of Chicago Priests (ACP) and as editor of UPTURN, a bi-monthly publication of the ACP. He is a published writer, making contributions to wounds of child and youth sexual abuse. He is an avid reader, backpacker, hiker and bicyclist.

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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 15, 2022

Envelopes	\$2,021.00
Loose	178.00
Kolbe House	<u>256.00</u>
Total	\$2,455.00

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, May 22, 2022

✚Barbara Chamberlain from Betty Stone

Caryn & Michael Kondrat 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.

THE SEED OF DESTRUCTION: GUN VIOLENCE AND MASS SHOOTINGS IS A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY

In this past week, cities across America, from Buffalo in New York, Milwaukee in Wisconsin, Laguna Woods in California, Winston-Salem in North Carolina, Amarillo & Houston in Texas, to our own city of Chicago in Illinois, we have seen uprising of gun violence and mass shootings in public areas. We pray for the repose of those who died in these mass shootings and the recovery for those wounded and injured.

These mass shootings have been motivated by white supremacists' racial bias, racial hatred, gang confrontations or fights between groups etc. It is saddening and terrifying to see public places like parks, schools, churches, supermarkets, movie theatres and night clubs become places of targets for these heinous crimes against humanity. Currently it is not certain that these spaces are safe places to be.

The action of a gunman of 18 years with white supremacist mentality, who travelled 200 miles to Buffalo-NY, to target and kill African Americans while livestreaming his disgusting actions, deeply saddens and troubles most of us. We the community of hope, faith, and love, condemn these odious, inhuman, and abhorrent actions against Black people, other people of different races, and creed. Indeed, Cardinal Cupich in his statement regarding the Buffalo mass killing said, "On Saturday, May 14, a gunman used an AR-15, high-capacity assault weapon to murder 10 Black Americans at a Buffalo grocery store, wounding two bystanders. Many of his victims were near or beyond retirement age, including Pearl Young, 77, a grandmother of eight who taught Sunday school, and Katherine Massey, 72, a civil-rights advocate who had written in favor of stronger gun-safety laws." This is sad news.

These acts of mass shootings and gun violence create fear and terror in our community. The acts plant a seed of destruction that destroys the God given gift of life from innocent people, inflicts unbearable wounds and pains to the people of color. Certainly, the enemy wants to create fear and terror among the people of color that they may not continue to fight for their dignity, rights, and freedom. But the enemy is wrong, because the fight for freedom, dignity and rights will continue no matter what. There is no retreat and there is no going back. Aluta continua – the struggle/fight continue for racial justice.

Now, Thomas Merton, in his book "The Seed of Destruction, once said "If you are knowingly responsible for laws that will systematically be violated, then you are partly to blame for the disorders and the confusion..." Therefore, I am not ashamed to say today, "gun manufacturers you are responsible for these crimes; Law makers, you are responsible for these atrocious acts; and you who keep silence, you are responsible for the lives that have been lost, for the pain, and wounds of the innocent people. You are responsible.

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 22, 2022

Commentator: Barbara Cottrell
First Reader: Julie Richardson
Second Reader: Dr. Fred Richardson



PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

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