

# *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 8, 2022**

**FOURTH 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 8, 2022**

## FOURTH EASTER SUNDAY (MOTHER'S DAY)

Gospel Theme for Today: Christ is the Shepherd, our leader, and Lord, the Lamb of God. At his high feast, the Eucharist, we acknowledge Jesus as our Prophet, our Priest, and our eternal King. As Shepherd, Christ leads us to heaven. He is closer to us than even Mary or any one of the saints. Christ is near to us to heaven. He is closer to us than even Mary or any one of the saints. Christ is near to us in the Gospel, in the sacraments, and in his Church. Together with Mary, with the saints, we go to God through Christ. This is the spirit of the liturgy, the teaching of the Church.

**Sermon:** In the First Reading, you heard how St. Paul and St. Barnabas preached the Word, how the town of Antioch turned out to hear them, how the Gentiles gave them a welcome reception, and how the Jewish leaders got them thrown out of town. In Antioch, many Gentiles accepted the faith and believed in Jesus as the Messiah. In part, local Jews may have rejected Paul and Barnabas precisely because Jews did not want to Associate with Gentiles.

- Scripture says that when “the Jews” saw the crowds coming to hear the apostles, the Jews were jealous and angry. Now, who are these “Jews”? Are not Paul and Barnabas Jews? Are they not teaching in a synagogue? Are not the people listening also Jews? Of course! All of them were Jews. The Bible text should rather say, “Jewish leaders.” It was the leaders who were jealous. Here’s what happened and why.
- The Acts of the Apostles was written after the Gospel of Luke, after the fall of Jerusalem. The cause of this Roman persecution, the reason the city was destroyed, was the widespread movement in favor of a Messiah. There were plenty of Jewish people who thought that the Messiah was coming soon, someone who would overturn the Roman authority and set up a new, Jewish kingdom. Therefore, the Romans arrested anybody who might claim to be this Messiah. To suppress any revolt, the Romans wiped out the whole city of Jerusalem, every man, woman, and child.
- After this disaster, the rabbis decided that this Messiah business should be put on the shelf. In fact, the rabbis threw he followers of Jesus out of the synagogue, along with any others who promoted the coming of the Messiah. For the first time in Jewish history, some Jews were publicly and officially expelled from the community. This had never happened before and has never happened since.
- There are all kinds of Jews, with all kinds of different theologies. But the Messianic Jews, the ones who looked for a Messiah or who thought Jesus was the Messiah, they were excommunicated and rejected. Naturally, the followers of Jesus themselves were hurt and angry. That’s why the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of John speak of “the Jews.” There is already severe antagonism and bitterness.
- In a way, the rabbis had no choice. It was obvious that the Romans would crack down on any Jews who favored a Messiah. The leaders were not just anti-Christian; they were against anyone would bring their community into danger. With Roman le-

gions everywhere, the Jewish people were in mortal peril.

- In a way, then, this story tells us how the Church began, with an opening to the Gentiles, the uncircumcised, Greek-speaking pagans. The Church began to grow, precisely from a group of people who were either rejected by their own or who were outsiders to begin with. From failure comes ultimate success. From sin comes abundant grace. From sorrow comes everlasting happiness. We honor mothers and grandmothers today, because so often their love is without limit. In the same way, the unlimited love of the Church will foster her unity and peace.

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

**Closing Prayer:** Great God, we bless you for all you have done for us. Hear our petitions and help us bear witness to you and to the Lamb, that someday in heaven, we bring you praise and honor, glory and might, forever and ever.



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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 1, 2022

Envelopes	\$2,744.00
Loose	441.00
Easter Flower	2.00
Easter Offering	163.00
Kolbe House	<u>36.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,386.00</b>

## *Mass Intentions for this Week*

**Sunday, May 8, 2022**

Birthday Mass for Jamie Collier-Vanzant from James & Carolyn Collier

+Blessing to our Mom , Lillian Dillion, from the Dillon Family

Emily Jane Mason , Godmother of Jan Peters

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.

## HAPPY MOTHER' S DAY

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers. I pray for you mothers that the good Lord may fill you with his goodness and his graces. May he strengthen you and embraces you with an abundance of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12:8-10 - wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety & fear of the Lord) and of the fruits of the Holy Spirits (Gal 5:22-23 - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness & self-control). May the Lord anoint you that you may live in the Spirit and follow the Spirit.

Across the Unites States of America, on this day, the kitchen tables at homes and restaurants will be filled with the exuberant hearts of the children celebrating and honoring their mothers. Beautiful flowers of different colors and of sweet-smelling scents, have been sold in abundance to be given to the mothers in this gracious day. We as a community of faith, hope and love express our vote of gratitude for you Mothers for being our mothers.

Gwen Harwood (1920-1995) an Australian Poet, in her poem *Mother Who Gave Me Life*, said "Mother who gave me life, I think of women bearing women...It is not for my children I walk on earth in the light of the living. It is for you, for the wild daughters becoming women." Indeed, with honor, today we celebrate the daughters who became women that became Mothers. We celebrate you for giving birth to us, we celebrate the gift of fertility, we celebrate the woman you are, and we celebrate of the soul of the woman you are.

Now, the book of Exodus chapter 20:12, decree that "Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you." Indeed, this decree is what we call the fourth commandment of God. It demands us to honor our mothers and fathers. For the fourth commandment of God, the Catechism of the Catholic Church # 2215 teaches this, "Respect for parents (*filial piety*) derives from *gratitude* toward those who, by the gift of life, their love and their work, have brought the children into the world and enable them to grow in stature, wisdom, and grace. "With all your heart honor your father, and do not forget the birth pangs of your mother. Remember that through your parents you were born; what can you give back to them that equals their gift to you?"

Therefore, it seems to me, Mother's Day is by spirit is an everyday celebration. The celebration calls us to respect, honor, celebrate and appreciate our mothers every day. Even though I know most mothers like and love flowers; but my dear brothers and sisters, take care of your mothers and fathers beyond one flowers and luncheon on Mother's Day. Visit them often, call them often and pay some of their bills often to show your appreciation of the expenses they incurred for raising you. If you do that, you will have a long life in the land of God. Happy Mother's Day to y'all.

**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 8, 2022

**Commentator:** Marvin D. McCurry  
**First Reader:** Janette Peters Gruszczeni  
**Second Reader:** Jan Peters



### 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