

# *St. Martin de Porres Parish*

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## **Mass Times**

Sunday: 10:00am

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## **SACRAMENTS**

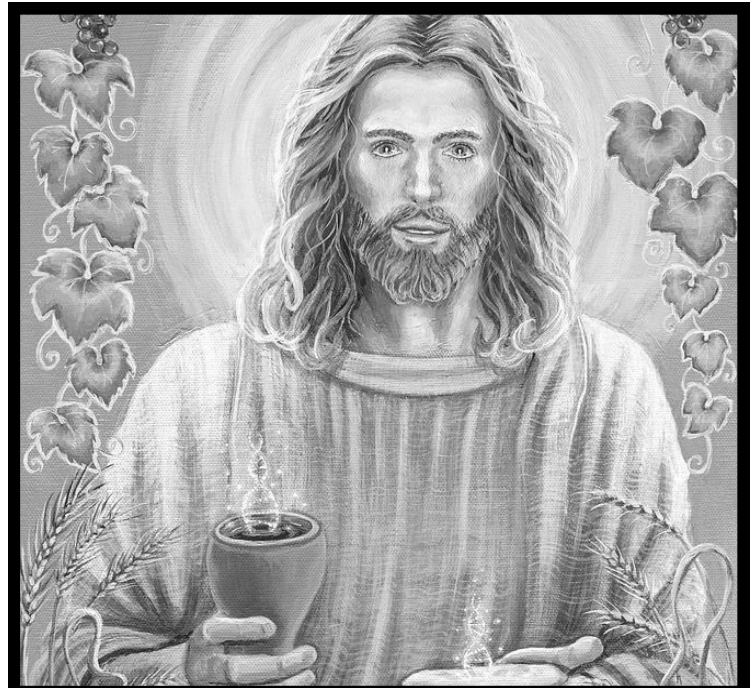
**Baptism:** The Parish has set calendar dates for the baptism of babies and small children. Parents should contact the Deacon William Pouncy.

**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.



## **JUNE 19, 2022**

# **THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

### **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**

### **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

## THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

**Gospel Theme for Today:** Today, we celebrate the Eucharist itself, the thanksgiving. The Mass is a blessing of God, a statement of praise and adoration, a prayer of gratitude, an act of acknowledgement; that is the meaning of the word, "eucharist." In each of the three cycles of Sunday readings, this feast has a different emphasis. In cycle A, the emphasis is on the bread, the body of Christ. In cycle B, the emphasis is on the blood of the new covenant. Now, in cycle C, the emphasis is on the act of thanksgiving, which we call Eucharist. In all three readings, there is a mention of a "blessing," a statement of praise and thanksgiving. Therefore, today, the emphasis is on the kind of prayer that the Eucharist is.

The emphasis of today's Scripture is that the Eucharist is thanksgiving, blessing of God.

- Back in the fourth century, as a reaction to heresy, the Church began to emphasize the Eucharist as a downward movement, a blessing given us, a grace, a benefit. Yet for the first four centuries of the Church's life, our emphasis was on the upward movement of blessing, the thanks and praise we give to God, the offering of sacrifice we render.
- What is a priest, then? Since the Middle Ages, our emphasis has been that the priest is a sacred person, said to have certain powers. He is the one who brings down to us the presence of Christ on the altar; he is the one who consecrates the bread and wine; he is the one who bestows on us blessings from God. This is a downward movement. In the Eucharist, our emphasis was on the consecration. Yet again, for the early centuries of the Church, the emphasis was otherwise. For the early Christians, our emphasis was on the upward movement of our prayer. Our focus was on what the priest does for us, in praying to God for us, in leading our sacrifice; the whole community was seen as holy. In the Eucharist, our emphasis was on the thanksgiving, the offering.
- You can see now how the early emphasis of the Church coincides with the examples given in Scripture. In the First Reading, the priest Melchizedek gives a blessing most importantly, he blesses God. He praises the creator of heaven and earth. St. Paul emphasizes the memorial character of the Eucharist; Jesus said it was to be done "in remembrance of me." St. Paul stresses that the Eucharist is a proclamation, a public announcement, an open statement of the death of the Lord. It is something of importance, because of what it

says and what it means. Finally, today's Gospel recounts how Jesus "raised his eyes" to the sky and pronounced a blessing, just before the people ate. This prayer of thanksgiving is not incidental; it is important.

- The heart of the Eucharist is the Anaphora, the Eucharistic Prayer, the Prayer of Thanksgiving. It begins with the words "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." In the Roman Rite, the Anaphora ends with words, "Through him, with him, and in him, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever." The people sing Amen to that doxology, and the Eucharistic Prayer is ended.

Today, some of the best theology on the priesthood will see the priest as not primarily another Christ, an alter Christus, but primarily as a presider, a leader of the Church's prayer, a spokesman for the community, a representative of the Church. Similarly, the Eucharist will have a clearer emphasis as the prayer of the community gathered on Sunday, the local assembly, here and now. Both perspectives are valid and true. But the latter emphasis is more in accord with the Scripture and the best part of our tradition.

**Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.**

**Closing Prayer: Blest are you, O God, Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. For all your wonders, we praise you and bless you and thank you. Hear our prayers today. In this Eucharist, grant us your blessing in abundance, that we may praise you forever, 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.**

**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 June 12, 2022

Envelopes	\$2,317.00
Loose	1,041.00
Kolbe House	8.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,366.00</b>

### *Mass Intentions for this Week*

**Sunday, June 19, 2022**

+Larry Mapp, Sr. from his loving wife, Delores  
Mapp

+Jacqueline Racasi from your loving Aunt Dena

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.

## A STORY IS TOLD ABOUT THE STONES IN THE FOUNTAIN

A story was told to us by a priest (I do not remember word by word) about this fountain that people used to draw water from it for their use. Unfortunately, the water level started to become low, and not sufficient to provide water for all the people that depended on it like before. People started to speculate the reasons behind why the fountain did not have enough water. Some thought that was due to lack of rain while others thought it was God punishing them.

The decision was made to get into the fountain and dig deeper to see whether there was a new water current that could bring more water into the fountain. Young people were chosen and then were lowered into the fountain by a rope to investigate. On reaching the base of the fountain they were surprised to find the fountain base had many stones in it that prevented them to go deeper into the base of the fountain. So, they started to take out the stones one by one.

The more they took the stones out of the fountain, the more water level was increasing. They discovered the fountain did not lack water, but the presence of the stones had blocked water from filling the fountain. Indeed, when they removed all the stones, the fountain was filled again with water. Later, it was discovered that some children, because of their curiosity, were constantly throwing stones into the fountain without knowing the impact of their actions. Indeed, innocent actions sometimes can cause great discomfort.

Thinking about this story today, our life may be represented by this fountain that has water that bring vitality and attract people to come into our lives. Stones represents hardships and difficulties that sometimes are thrown intendedly or unintendedly to each one of us and leave us with scarcity of vibrancy. These stones can cause dryness in us, can cause discomfort, can attract people to come closer to us wanting to dig deeper into our lives to discover the abrupt change that have happened in our lives.

Now it is good for us to discover what makes our lives dry. It is good to discover the kind of stones that have been thrown into the fountains of our lives and strive to remove them to bring vitality in our life. And sometimes, we just need some help from somebody else to take the stones out of our lives. Stones paralyze our live but its absence in us cause great joy. Therefore, are there any stones in your heart that bother you? Are there stones that bring dryness and coldness in your life? If so, please join St. Martin de Porres Church, for a healing mass with Fr. Brian Walker, next Sunday, (June 26, 2022 at 10am) for a healing mass. God bless you.

**Fr. Thad**

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

## OUR PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open weekdays from  
9:30am to 5:00pm.

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

Every Tuesday morning mass at 9:00

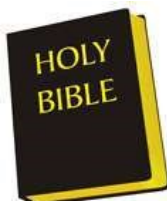
Every Thursday Communal Service with Adoration and Benediction at  
9:00am

### 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 JUNE 19, 2022

**Commentator:** Liz Becnel  
**First Reading:** Michelle Williams  
**Second Reading:** Pat Buford



### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Michael McLemore, Norene Evans, Selma Dillon, 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 Gruszeczki, 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