

# *St. Agatha - 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.

## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Larry Dowling  
**Associate Pastor:** Fr. Thadeo Mgimba  
**Deacon Couple:** Rev. Mr. William & Gayle Pouncy  
**Deacon Couple:** Rev. Mr. Bruce & Sandra McElrath  
**Operations Director:** TBA  
**Building Engineer:** Roger Lozano  
**Assisting the Pastor with the DRE:** Marvin McCurry  
**Interim Parish Secretary:** Carol Johnson  
**Custodian:** Frank Clark  
**Housekeeper:** Scarlett Evans-Perez  
**Religious Education Director:** TBA  
**Music Director:** Darryl Petty  
**Websites & Social Media Admin:** Emily Dillon



**JULY 10, 2022**

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

## 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**

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel theme: Our conscience demands honesty; the love of God is already in our hearts. That love, born in the Church, enables us to reach out to help our neighbor; whatsoever we do to help others, we do to Christ. That is God's law.

Sermon: All of you know that God cannot be seen with your eyes. God cannot be touched by a human hand. God cannot be discovered by science. And God cannot be known by philosophy. Indeed, in the sense in which we know him, without Jesus Christ and without the Church, there is no God. There may be a First Cause. There may be some kind of Supreme Being. There may be an elementary philosophical principle. But in fact our God is none of these things.

Our God is a person. He is the God of Moses. He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. And if God is invisible, Christ is very visible. Scripture says that Christ is the image—the living image—of the unseen God. Eikon tou theou aoratou. Once, many years ago, idolatry was considered a sin because it was pagan, not Jewish. Today, we have an image of God, not made by human hands. Today, nothing can take the place of Jesus Christ.

Do you think that God's laws are too complicated? Do you think that God is too unreal, perhaps too remote? Maybe some priests are. Maybe some lay people are. But listen: Because of your faith in Christ, God is living in your heart. His kingdom is within you.

Yesterday, in ages past, theologians often spoke of a natural law, a divine purpose. People learned of that natural law through philosophy. Today, in the present generation, a more developed idea is gaining ground. Many Christians understand God's law, true morality, even more clearly. It is this. The Dutch theologian, Father Edward Schillebeeckx, says any law of God is also the human good. Nothing is revealed which contradicts what is humanly good. Now that's basic. It means that God's law is in your hearts. Sometimes religious people have deep feelings of guilt, and some cannot bear the tension. That can be because their religion is not in balance with their lives. Consider how hard it can be to work this out. For many generations, slavery was seen to be

OK; it was part of the economy. It was an integral element of culture and society. Today, we think differently; and so our moral judgment about slavery is different. We have changed. Particularly today, in matters of sex and in matters of justice, God's law is the human good, in the human situation.

The Law of Moses was good for its time. The Ten Commandments were good for their time. But Jesus Christ is good for all time. Not just because the parable of the Good Samaritan, today's Gospel, is a good story. No, Jesus Christ is central to our morality because he is the fulfillment of all law and all human tradition. He is the head of the Church, says St. Paul, not the Pope. Who Remembers John XII or Innocent the II? And who cares? No, Jesus Christ is the fullness of our life, the head of his body, the Church. All creation exists in view of him and because of him. That's why we find holiness outside the Church, because Christ is already there. That's why Thomas Aquinas could use Aristotle to develop theology. We are open to the truth, wherever it is. Jesus Christ and his grace are part of God's creation. As a man, Jesus is the fullness of humanity, the firstborn of what God has made.

Remember that God cannot be seen with the eyes. But Jesus Christ is here, in all his glory, in Word and Sacrament. For this wonder, we thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

—Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

Closing prayer: Great God, we marvel at the wonders of your truth. Fill us today with your wisdom, answer our prayers and guide us in your truth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### THE ROSARY

**The Rosary will be prayed every First Sunday of the month. At 9:30am before Mass. All are invited to come Pray the Rosary.**

**Please be prompt**

**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 July 3, 2022

Envelopes	\$2086.00
Loose	196.00
Kolbe House	<u>35.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,317.00</b>

### *Mass Intentions for this Week*

**Sunday, July 10, 2022**

Arthur James Wilson from St. Martin de Porres

Ms. Lori Caples from St. Martin de Porres

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.

**From the Desk of Fr. Larry....** It is my privilege to write for the first time to the family of our new parish community, including the faith-filled people of St. Martin de Porres Church and St. Agatha Church. Both of our churches have been formed by generations of predominantly Black Catholics, with an open door to anyone seeking a spiritual home where they will be welcomed, supported and invited to share their time, talent and treasure to ensure that the Good News of Jesus Christ is very much alive in our communities and the world. who seek a spiritual home. We honor all of those who have brought us this far in faith, the great heroes and heroines for racial equality and the faithful heroes and heroines, both living and dead, who have contributed their blood, sweat and tears, time, talent and treasure to ensure that our surrounding communities of North Lawndale and Austin know that Jesus Christ is alive through, with and in all of us. Over the last two Sundays, Jesus has sent his disciples, two-by-two, to prepare the way for his final journey to Jerusalem. There are several important aspects to this: • We cannot travel this journey through life without companionship rooted in the love of Jesus Christ. As our parish family expands immediately with the joining of our two churches and two ministry sites under one united parish, and then grows and expands through our evangelization efforts to draw others into the work of Jesus Christ in the world, joining in worship that nourishes and sustains us. Thus it is important that we make every effort in the coming months to build relationships with the new members, the new companions on the journey. • We need to remind each other that to follow Jesus means to deliberately choose to let go of those things that would distract us from putting Him and our companions on the journey as our priority in life. This requires a single-minded focus on acknowledging and addressing our fears and uncertainties, voicing our hopes, dreams and prayers for what our new parish can be in service to the Good News of Jesus Christ on the west side. • In light of today's Gospel, we need to claim the true meaning of neighbor, that every human being, especially those in need, are neighbor to us. In communities where the term neighbor is seen more and more as just a location, we need to reclaim the full meaning of Jesus that reminds us that neighbor is a relationship, not just a location. Although our churches will be geographical neighbors, although 4 miles apart, we will work to build a truer sense to honor this parable that neighbor encompasses care, mutual support, accompaniment, watching out for each other, affirming and compassionately challenging each other to a greater depth of commitment to honor and continue the long and strong legacy of African American spirituality, also honoring the diversity of those who choose to join us on the journey.

In order to begin our journey together, we will host two listening sessions, one during the daytime, one in the early evening, to come together to hear both your concerns and fears and your hopes and dreams for what our new parish can be, with the help of God. Fr. Thadeo and I are excited about the possibilities about what we can become to greater honor the Lord's goodness to us. Let us hold each other in prayer, and continue the long and rich legacy of the Catholic faith on Chicago's West Blest Side.

**Gentle Peace! Fr. Larry**

P.S. Our Listening Sessions will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, July 27th, 6:30 p.m. at St. Martin de Porres Church; and Sunday, July 31st, Noon at St. Agatha Church. We encourage participation at either or both locations!

## OUR PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open weekdays from 9:30am to 5:00pm  
Effective July 5, 2022 the Office hours will change to  
9:00am - 1:00pm

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

Every Tuesday morning mass at 9:00

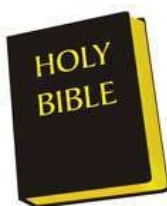
Every Thursday Communal Service with Adoration and Benediction at  
9:00am

### 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 JULY 10, 2022

**Commentator:** Julie Richardson  
**First Reading:** Barbara Cottrell  
**Second Reading:** Dr. Fred Richardson



### 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