

# St. Agatha - 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.

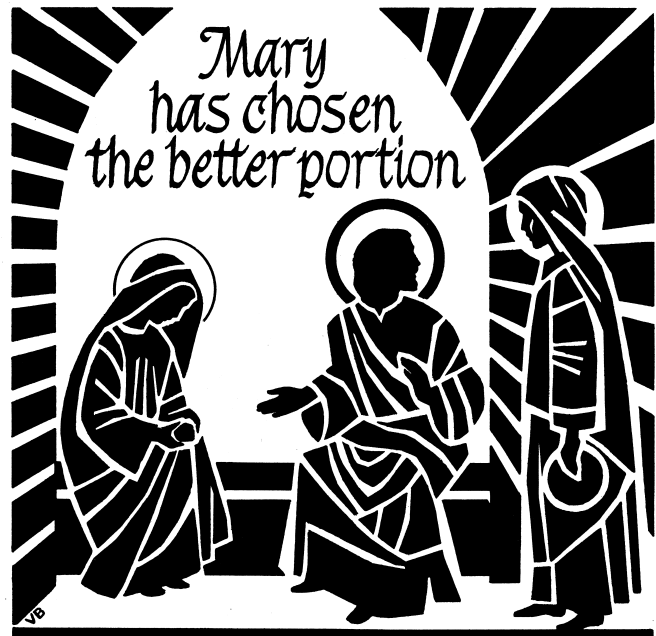
**Reconciliation** is available upon request.

**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.

## 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  
**Deacon Couple:** Rev. Mr. Greg & Carolyn Shumpert  
**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



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## JULY 17, 2022

## SIXTEENTH 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**

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel theme: Abraham and Mary listened to the Word of God: they were open and obedient. God's plan and God's wisdom are now fulfilled in Christ. He is wisdom to the mighty; he is honor to the brave.

Sermon: You all understand what hospitality means in your own homes. If you know a guest is coming, you will get ready for that person's arrival. When the guest comes to the door, there is a greeting. Perhaps you offer a drink of some kind. Above all, you give your guest attention. Today, I speak to you of hospitality in the faith and in the Church.

Sometimes, we are distracted. We get wrapped up in the wrong questions. We ask, "Why me?" We get caught up in false ideas. We become preoccupied with doubts. Sometimes, we get a fixation on one question. Sometimes, too, we get distracted by problems for which there is no solution. Perhaps an unkind priest. Perhaps some law that we can't change. In fact, sometimes we are most disturbed by things that we don't control at all. Or we may be distracted by our own problems; we may be upset in our own life. Sometimes we concentrate on secondary things, good things in themselves, but secondary: devotions, apparitions, what people think.

In the face of distractions of all kind we must exercise hospitality. We must welcome the Word. It is Jesus Christ himself who says, "Listen to me." That is what it means for him to say "Amen, Amen, I say to you." So too, St. Paul says he is a minister because God has commissioned him to preach the Gospel, to teach the Word in its fullness. So too, Abraham showed middle-eastern hospitality to his guests. God visits him, and God is made welcome. So, hospitality is a virtue: we welcome the Word.

We must also work to understand the Word. For example, the Psalm says that the man is blest who hates the sinner. Well, do you "despise the reprobate?" You know that Jesus improved upon that. Many times, he said that we should love the reprobate. That was the heart of his ministry. How about the practice of usury? As you know, that means that earning interest on money was long thought to be a sin; the Bible teaches that, as does the Psalm today. Blest is the man who does not practice usury. But times have changed. Because of inflation, because of our different economy, because of our understanding, money has a different value and meaning. Today, nobody says that usury is a sin. The whole

Church goes against the constant teaching of the Bible, as it should. Hospitality, then, means working to understand the Word, to make sense of God's revelation.

Finally, we must also think of hospitality within the Church. Seek the truth, always, within this community, in the context of our tradition and our teaching. Don't rely on the Bible by itself. Otherwise, you will end up defending slavery and condemning usury; you will be misled. Furthermore, don't be a club. The ushers and the deacons have here a special and important ministry. Consider the teenager who feels rejected. Consider the elderly person who feels alone in life. Consider the stranger in your midst who knows no one here, perhaps the person who has never before stepped into a Catholic church. You know that the minute you succeed in forming an effective committee or a working parish council, or any other group, somebody is excluded. Always, always, you have to reach out. Whatsoever you do to the least of my little ones, you do to me.

In the Eucharist, the Mass, God shows hospitality to us; Christ is our host. God welcomes us to the table. That is what Communion means. Not that we welcome God but that God welcomes us. Not that we are pleased but that God is glorified. Not that we are happy with ourselves but that God rejoices in us, his people. In spite of all our distractions, all our misunderstandings, all our shortcomings, all our divisions, all our misgivings, God gathers us as one people. God reconciles us. And God brings us together. It is for his hospitality, then, that we give God our Father thanks and praise, adoration and blessing, glory and honor, now and always, and forever and ever.

—Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

Closing prayer: Father, Creator, we acknowledge the wonder in your Word. You revealed to us glory beyond price. Hear our petitions and fill us with your truth, 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 10, 2022

Envelopes	\$2182.00
Loose	931.00
Kolbe House	15.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3128.00</b>

### *Mass Intentions for this Week*

**Sunday, July 17, 2022**

Norman Ingram - Father of Jan Peters and  
Janette Gruszczeni

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...

My sisters and brothers, hospitality is a central theme arising from the heart of this Sunday's readings. The first reading from Genesis presents the wonderful story of Abraham, a wandering merchant, sitting in his tent. God appears to him in the form of three strangers who he insists stay with him and his wife, Sarah, that they may be fed for their continued journey. The three bless Abraham and Sarah for their goodness toward them and predict that Sara, unable to have children, will indeed be pregnant upon their return. True hospitality is life-giving. The generosity of spirit and substance to 3 strangers creates a space for the seemingly impossible to happen. God makes a way out of no way.

In the Gospel, we are shown two forms of hospitality through two sisters, Martha and Mary. Jesus has visited their home. There are likely other visitors there and Martha feels the need to feed their guests. Mary, however, has chosen instead to sit at the Lord's feet and converse with him. It is a radical move on her part since women were not by custom allowed to participate in such conversations reserved to men.

Martha is upset that her sister has done this and appeals to Jesus to tell Mary that she should be in the kitchen helping her. Jesus, however, tells Martha that Mary has chosen the 'better part' of hospitality, which is spending time with the guest and getting to know them. Notice that Jesus does not chastise Martha, suggesting she should stop what she's doing. What he is saying is that hospitality is not just nourishing someone with food, but also and often most importantly, nourishing them with your presence, with the gift of time, attentiveness, curiosity, with a genuine expression that their guest's presence is valued.

As our two churches are becoming one unified parish, there is a great need to assure that everyone feels welcomed and included. This requires radical hospitality, hospitality rooted in the love of God, hospitality extended in multiple ways to bring us together in Christ-centered, mission-centered relationship building. There is a need to evangelize, ie., to 'be Good News' for and with each other, deepening our personal relationship with Jesus Christ through and with each other.

We need, like Mary, to sit at the Lord's feet to strengthen our relationship with Jesus. We do this through prayer, meditation, and reading and reflecting on the Scriptures. And we also need to be like Martha, doing the necessary work of providing the sustenance that can nourish body, mind and spirit. Hospitality, rooted in the spirit of Jesus, a spirit of welcome, compassion and a desire to heal and strengthen bodies, minds and spirits, is the hospitality we should always do our best to provide!

**Gentle Peace! Fr. Larry**

## 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 17, 2022

**Commentator:** Liz Becnel  
**First Reading:** Randy Kimbrough  
**Second Reading:** Suzanne Warren



### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Laurita Lockhart, Charese Troupe, Josh Morrow, Kristina Anderson, Jewel Austin, Elnora Dorsey, Maryann Harris, Tony Harris, Johnny Harris, Jasmine Harris, Jennifer Harris Lejerrion Harris, 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-Gangey, Mariano Palacios, Carter Evans, Jerome Dillon, Jan F. Peters, Sylvia Peters, Michael Parham, Jermaine Curtis, Stan Gruszczeni, 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