

# *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  
**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 3, 2022**

**FOURTEENTH 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**

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Theme for Today Peace to Jerusalem; the fullness of our joy is ours to share. We are proud of our destiny, the glory of the Cross. The Lord Jesus, the Savior, brings happiness to his people. We invited all people to come where the wind is free, where God's spirit is living.

You just heard the Gospel of Christ. He says that you are to be ambassadors of peace. Jesus Christ sent out his disciples, two by two, ahead of him. They were to prepare the way for his arrival in a given town or village. The disciples were to say to the head of household "Peace to this household." If the man or woman was peaceful, the peace offered would rest on that person, says the Gospel. If the man or woman was not peaceful, the peace would return to the disciples. What does this mean?

How does peace come and go like that? Is it not a state of mind, a condition of being? Is it not an attitude of the spirit? Is it not a set of behaviors, a way of living? Perhaps that is what Jesus Christ means. If we wish peace upon someone or some group, our wish may be accepted or rejected. But the wish or even the prayer will not work by itself; it must be received.

You know this is how the world works. Some people just can't accept peace. They are hostile or argumentative or selfish or narcissistic or upset or depressed or hurt. It doesn't matter what you say. They will only respond with hostility.

Jesus Christ, in today's Gospel, is telling us something important. So often you can't fix people; you can't change them; you can't make them behave the way you think they should behave. In this case Christ is telling his disciples, and he is telling us something new. He says that you have to remember that you are lambs among wolves. There are plenty of people out there who are thieves, predators, manipulators. You're not going to change them. Move on. Is there not much wisdom in that?

So many young women, it is said, think that they will change their boyfriends. They think that they can fix them. It just doesn't work. One wag put it this way. He said that men marry and think that their beautiful wives will never change, but they do. From another perspective, women marry and think that their husbands will change and they didn't. This is part of the reason why marriages are not always perfect and why families are not always places of peace.

In another sphere of life, the military efforts of our armed forces, it is much that the same. Several years ago, people said that we had to invade Iraq, in order to establish democracy in that country. Once we removed the evil dictator, it was said, people would joyfully embrace equal rights for all. People would give women equal opportunity. People all over the world, it was said, want freedom. So, we Americans would invade, set up democracy there; and the whole Middle East would begin to change. Several years ago, that is what many people said. Nobody says that now.

There is no questions that we have the finest armed forces in the world, the best technology, the most efficient war machine the world has ever seen. So, after a quick battlefield victory, with mission accomplished, have we won the peace for which we fought? Nobody says that now.

Like the kamikaze suicide pilots of the desperate Japanese in 1945, we are now faced with thousands of people who are ready and willing to commit suicide to achieve their ends. We Americans don't understand this. We find it difficult to believe that religion could actually be a vital force in a culture. We don't understand that people's hearts and minds are different from ours. Let us indeed pray for peace. But let us also pray for wisdom. Let us learn from the Gospel of Christ, the Gospel that points to a better way.

Priest: God, we thank you taking care of us like a mother, for loving us and giving us strength. Hear our prayers and grant us your peace, through Christ our Lord.

—Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

**Closing prayer:** Lord our God, we praise you for showing us the path to life. Hear our prayers; help us to know your will and to carry it out, without reservation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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### 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 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 26, 2022

Envelopes	\$1,870.00
Loose	409.00
Kolbe House	<u>115.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,394.00</b>

### *Mass Intentions for this Week*

**Sunday, July 3, 2022**

Anthony Wallin from Linda Wallin

+ Rev. Dennis Riley for Gerard Dupee

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.

### Welcome to St. Agatha and St. Martin de Porres

It has been almost like four months since the decision of uniting St. Agatha and St. Martin de Porres was decreed by Blaise Cardinal Cupich. This decision was supported by the Discernment Team that was formed by 15 members of St. Agatha, St. Martin de Porres and Our Lady of Sorrow Basilica plus the Clergy that are working in these faith communities.

Since then, Fr. Larry and Fr. Thad have exchanged pulpit. Fr. Larry came to St. Martin de Porres twice, and likewise, Fr. Thad has gone to St. Agatha twice. This has allowed Parishioners of both communities to know in person the Priests that will be drum-majoring the unity of the two Blessed Westsides Communities. At the same time, the Priests too, have come to know the other communities that will be part of their ministries.

Moreover, we have had some few meetings between Brian Collins, our Project Manager, Fr. Larry, and Fr. Thad to plan and to create a timeline and priorities for the next 12 months of Operations and Transitions. Now we have a timeline of priorities to focus on in the next coming months; we urge each one of you to be vigilant and collaborative to make sure we focus on building the vision for the betterment of the gospel, the Church, the community and the faithful of the new formed Parish. We urge you to consider becoming a leader without a title, in leading and influencing others to the best of your ability, to follow Jesus, that is to be a radical disciple of Christ and not a follower.

Each one of us is special in the Kingdom of God. And each one of us is bringing resources, talents, and treasures to the Kingdom. And therefore, each one of us is significant in making the Kingdom to be realize/to come here on earth as it is in heaven. With this understanding, it is our prayer that as we are coming together, our focus will always be, bringing our talents, our treasures, and our resources together to serve with charity the West Blest sides Community.

May St. Agatha and St. Martin de Porres intercede for us to become united in the bond of love; may we bring hope to the Blest Westsides; may we be the hands, the legs, the eyes, and the channels of salvation to the people we serve, and we live with. God bless you.

**Fr. Thad**

## 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

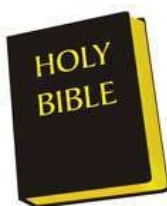
Every Thursday Communal Service with Adoration and Benediction at  
9:00am

### 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 3, 2022

**Commentator:** Stella Palmer  
**First Reading:** Mary James  
**Second Reading:** Mark Henderson



### 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 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