

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. 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
Interim Parish Secretary: Carol Johnson
Custodian: Frank Clark
Housekeeper: Trancio Angelica Carpio
Religious Education Director: TBA
Music Director: Darryl Petty
Websites & Social Media Administrator: Emily Dillon



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JUNE 26, 2022

**THIRTEENTH 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**

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel theme: Loyalty to God's call means remaining faithful, keeping on the right path. We follow Christ to the end, from death to life, from slavery to freedom, from selfishness to love.

Sermon: In the Gospel today, Jesus Christ reminds us that he calls us to follow him, without reservation, without looking back, without any regrets. At the same time, he wants us to make our decisions in freedom. St. Paul says that it was for liberty that Christ freed us. You have been called, he says, to live in freedom but not a freedom that gives free rein to the flesh. Out of love, place yourselves at one another's service, he says. St. Paul is right.

On the one hand, we need to commit ourselves to Christ, not to any other teacher, such as Buddha, Confucius, Mohammed, or Brigham Young. We need to make that commitment to Christ with all our being. Yet it must be a free commitment, without coercion or manipulation. We must know what we are doing. You know of various cults that deceive people, through drugs, emotionalism, group pressure, or psychological techniques. That's not what Christianity is about. No, in order to come to genuine faith, people must be free to do so.

How different this goal is from the ideal of the 18th century Enlightenment! The United States is still inspired by the hopes and dreams of that era, of the Declaration of Independence, of the Bill of Rights, of the writings of Thomas Paine. Well and good. Yet that fought-for freedom was really independence from the British Empire, from taxation without representation, from the authority of King George of England. Those are all political goals, not true freedom of the spirit.

The American revolution was born with such high ideals. Yet the American Constitution explicitly provided for slavery. Thomas Jefferson wrote eloquently of independence, yet to the end of his life, he kept slaves. Similarly, the French revolution was idealistic, in favor of liberty, equality, fraternity. Yet that

revolution ended in slaughter, massacre, and dictatorship. In the twentieth century, in both Russia and China, the Communist revolutions promised liberation for working people; yet they too resulted in the death and enslavement of millions of people.

Today, in our grade schools, birth control devices are distributed to children because, as the teachers say, "people who are mature can learn to act responsibly." The problem is that many adults and most children are not mature and do not act responsibly. The devices in question have a failure rate of one in six, about 16%. Is that a reasonable risk for anything? Is that a sensible, mature choice?

So, if we cherish liberty, freedom, autonomy, we do so in order to embrace the teaching and the tradition that comes from Jesus Christ. The Church has many faults and has a long history of sins, not just mistakes. Yet where else shall we go? The nature of commitment is that we pledge ourselves not only to Jesus Christ but also to the Church he founded.

—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.

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 19, 2022

Envelopes	\$2,521.00
Loose	269.00
Kolbe House	<u>196.00</u>
Total	\$2986.00

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, June 26, 2022

Ruby Williams from the Curtis Family

Caryn and Michael Kondrat from Linda Wallin

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.

Thank you Note to Yvonne Coffey & Ida B. Gray

Today we are bidding farewell to Ida B. Gray, our Secretary and Yvonne Coffey, our Operation Director. I would like to thank them for an outstanding and meritorious service they offered to St. Martin de Porres Church. Indeed, Ida and Yvonne, "you have delighted yourself in the Lord, and he has given you the desire of your heart", for all the years you have been working at this Church. We appreciate you; we honor your service and thank you for your generous and kind heart.

Our Sister Ida has been working with St. Martin de Porres for approximately eleven years. And before that she worked at Presentation. She indeed worked for the Archdiocese of Chicago for seventeen years. I would like to thank her for giving her time and talent for the service of the Church and for the gospel of Christ. Also, I would like to thank her for being the voice and the face of St. Martin de Porres for all those who visited our office and for those who called the Church for anything. Under her leadership, Ida built a culture of hospitality in our office. The parishioners, the strangers, the hungry, the thirsty, the downtrodden, the homeless, the poor, the rich and the naked, were all welcomed and received by her just as Christ would have been received. We will truly miss her calm voice and her attentiveness to listening that gave most of us an assurance and a sense of being important to and for her and the Church. We will miss you, Ida.

Our Sister Yvonne joined St. Martin de Porres staff, three years ago. She brought in our staff the professionalism that she learned from Corporate America, for leading successful organizations and missions with purpose of achieving goals or visible results. She brought her expertise of managing financial resources, human resources, missions, and visions. She also brought to us her expertise of preparing, planning, supervising, and leading to successful results different kinds of projects. With Yvonne leadership, St. Martin de Porres was able to implement and finish different capital and management projects that are visible and some that are not visible to our eyes. The community of St. Martin would like to thank you Yvonne for implementing changes, procedures and methods of operation and management of Church's affairs. We will miss your dedication, industrious spirit and making sure we were on top or ahead of deadline to all our operations. We will miss your wisdom, your encouraging words, your hard-working spirit, your organizational and planning skills, your love, and your warm-hearted spirit. We will miss you, Yvonne.

Ida and Yvonne, through your service you have proven that "A dream does not become a reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination, and hard work", to achieve it. You have transformed your dreams and our dreams into a reality through your hard-working spirit. You have created a platform that gives us an opportunity to build a more vibrant, successful, vision and result oriented community. May the Father God bless and order your steps as you open new chapters of your lives. Blessings to you all.

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

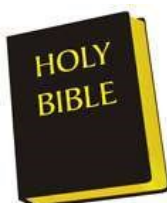
Every Thursday Communal Service with Adoration and Benediction at
9:00am

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 JUNE 26, 2022

Commentator: Youth
First Reading: Youth
Second Reading: Youth



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