

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 Director of Religious Education to register.

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: Rev. Mr. William Pouncy
Operations Director: Yvonne Coffey
Building Engineer: Andre Nelson
Parish Secretary: Ida Gray
Custodian: Frank Clark
Housekeeper: Trancio Angelica Carpio
Church Maintenance: Marvin McCurry
Religious Education Director: Christine Riley,
Music Director: Darryl Petty
Website and Social Media Administrator: Emily Dillon

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

October 10, 2021

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph. D.

Gospel Theme: Wisdom comes from the Word of God, which heals and gives life. Wisdom, summed up in the commandments, calls us to holiness, poverty, and sincerity. Wisdom, more precious than gold, lets us live in the light.

Sermon: In today's Gospel, Jesus Christ gives us the key to wisdom, which we can also call maturity, prudence, common sense, intelligence. All that is wisdom. You know how important good health is. A saying common among older people is that if you have good health, you have everything. Yet the First Reading today said that wisdom, prudence, is more valuable than silver or gold, more valuable than even good health. What is this wisdom? It is the full range of human intelligence. When you start high school, you may take an IQ test. Later, you may take the SAT or the GRE. In any case, you are being tested on the basis of your verbal skills, your abstract reasoning ability, and your mathematical proficiency. Those are three kinds of intelligence, and they are important. But numerous psychologists today point out that there are really seven or even eleven kinds of intelligence. Wisdom, then, consists in much more than what is tested in an IQ test. Wisdom is much more than skills in words, math, or reasoning. For example, you need the ability to think long term; we call that judgment. You need knowledge of yourself, of your own strengths and weaknesses, your own feelings. You also need empathy, knowledge of other people's feelings and needs.

This wisdom, however, is not available to children or even adolescents. The best evidence we have indicates that the frontal cortex in women does not reach full maturity until about the age of 23; in men, the cortex does not mature until about 25. In other words, the faculty of judgment is just not mature in a 16-year-old, an 18-year-old, or even a 21-year old. They can be smart, sure; but they cannot yet be wise.

All that is wisdom for human beings. For each individual, for each person. There is another kind of wisdom which is external to us; it is what comes to us from God's revelation, God's Word to us. That's what the text from Hebrews means. The Word of God is alive and active. OK. In both the Old and the New Testament, God will help us on the journey to wisdom. He guides us, by his teaching, by his Word.

This knowledge is not fundamentalism, taking texts too literally, out of context. That's something new, largely from the 20th century and largely from the United States. No, when Catholics and Orthodox consider the Scripture, they ask certain questions. What did people mean by this Scripture? What was the situation at the time? How were the words and ideas understood, in that generation? What was the community that benefited by this teaching. How did they benefit? Catholics and Orthodox also ask other questions. How does the Church today receive this teaching? Is there any consensus today that applies or interprets this teaching? Are there any other norms or principles we know that

could help us?

So, in a sermon, you have a right to know what the Church's faith is today, what the community of believers holds to be true, around the world, in our own generation. The sermon on Sunday, the homily on the Scripture, is not the priest's opinion, not the witness of this particular parish or oratory, not the local or national value system. No, what we preach and what we celebrate is the wisdom that is shared by the whole Church, Catholic and Orthodox. Pray for the wisdom you need. Study, to gain the wisdom you lack. Rejoice, to cherish the wisdom you share, now and always and forever and ever.

Closing prayer: Great God our Creator, we praise you for the wonder of your Word. Create us anew and fill us with your wisdom, through Christ our Lord.

Your reign, O God, for saint and sage
endures where faith is found.
Within your Church, in ev'ry age,
we stand on solid ground.

Now where are they, those mighty kings,
of great and noble birth?
The guns and gold their power brings,
they vanish from the earth.

Their kingdoms come, their kingdoms go,
their words all pass away.
Like fading flow'rs, like melting snow,
they reign for but a day.

We thank you, Lord, your church yet lives;
her loyal heart is strong.
We hear, within, the praise she gives,
in love's unending song.

--from the hymn, *Your Reign, O God*
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PARISH OFFICE
St. 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

Weekly Collections for October 3, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 2,422.00
Loose	225.00
Kolbe House	29.00
Total	\$ 2,676.00
On-Line Giving 9/13-9/19/21	\$ 100.00
On-Line Giving 9/20-9/26/21	\$ 710.00
Total	\$ 810.00
Grand Total	\$ 3,486.00

Please Consider Including
St. Martin de Porres Parish
in your Will

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, October 10, 2021

+Lucinda & James Mayfield from Jan Peters and
 Janette Peters-Gruszczyk

+Deacon Anthony Llorens from the Llorens Family

We encourage our parishioners to pray for their loved
 ones, living and deceased, by offering a Mass Inten-
 tion. *Donation for Mass is \$10.00.*

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR
PRAYERS

Keith Mahaffey, Elia Hinogosa-Cangey, Mariano Pala-
 cios, Carter Evans, Jerome Dillon, Sandra Coffey, Jan
 F. Peters, Sylvia Peters, Michael Parham, Jermaine
 Curtis, Stan Gruszczyk, James Harris, Jerry Harris,
 Bobbie Hicks, Larry Mapp Jr., Essie Pledage, Imogene
 Rhodes, Nathaniel W. Hall, Pamela D. Gee, Julius
 Jones, Natalie Daves, Armonie Winterspoon, Shirley
 Gardner, Deborah Rutledge, Bertha Anderson, Callie
 Gee, Luvenia Parker, Veronica Hicks, John Mannette,
 Elnora Dorsey, Jewel Austin, Anthony Adams, Eliza-
 beth Henry, Hazel Bills, Clarence Walker, Lucy Henry,
 Theresa Cole, Phyllis Riley, Dawn Hicks, Tyrone Fen-
 nell, Ernestine Cottrell, Marian Davis

Renew My Church—Archdiocese of Chicago

**Who is the Grouping Feedback & Discernment Team (GFDT) and
 what do they do?**

The GFDT is a gathering of leaders from each parish/school in a
 grouping. These leaders are invited by their pastor to take on this role
 and are typically selected based on a level of prior experience in sup-
 porting the mission of the parish, their capacity to bring forth an open
 mind and heart as to what the Holy Spirit is asking of the community,
 and the ability to participate in the entire process, which spans several
 months.

The team meets for 3-4 months to discuss and prayerfully discern the
 ministerial and operational strengths and challenges of the parishes and
 schools within their particular grouping. Eventually the GFDT will
 provide feedback and information about its grouping for the RMC
 leadership to review and present recommendations to the Cardinal so
 he can make final decisions regarding potential changes to school and
 parish structures.

What are the mission imperatives of Renew My Church?

1. **Make Disciples** - Everything we are doing through Renew My
 Church is to create a strong and sustainable foundation upon which our
 Church can serve to bring more people - today and in the future - into a
 personal encounter and lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ.

2. **Build Community** - Our parish and school communities today face
 a number of impediments to vitality—the parishioner bases of many
 parishes are very small; the number of school-aged children in areas
 has decreased; we have fewer priests; many of our parishes are not
 sustainable to carry on the mission of the Church; and many parishes
 and schools have deferred maintenance for many years, resulting in
 unaffordable capital needs. But it is also important to admit that re-
 sourcing alone is not enough to meet the needs of our times. Parish and
 school communities that today are well-resourced and vibrant still face
 significant challenges because of the changes in society.

Seven facets of parish vitality have been identified to guide the re-
 newal of our parish communities:

- a. **Culture of Evangelization**, b. **Ongoing Formation and Disci-
 pleship**, c. **Vibrant Worship**, d. **Rich Community Life**, e. **Com-
 mitment to Service**, f. **Passion for Vocations**, g. **Faithful
 Stewardship**.

3. **Inspire Witness** - In keeping with the urging of the Second Vatican
 Council, Pope Francis is calling the Church to go out into the world as
 a field hospital to bring healing to a world torn by division, violence,
 racism, poverty and to promote respect for human dignity and life.

OUR PARISH OFFICE

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

Something NEW!!! Sunday, September 26, every 4th Sunday has been designated Youth Sunday. We courage all youth to participate in the Mass as commentators, lector's, ushers, and those who are 16 years and older we will train them to be Eucharistic Ministers. Interested? Please sign up at the rear of the church.

The Feast of St. Luke - The Patron of Doctors and Surgeon

On Sunday October 17th, 2021, we will celebrate mass to bless and honor all our Doctors, Nurses, Policies, Fire Fighters and all other First Responders. Please join for mass at 10am

On November 2nd, 2021 - There will be a mass at 9:00am for All Souls

November 7th, 2021 - We will celebrate the Feast of our Patron Saint, St. Martin de Porres. Pease join us for mass at 10am.

BAPTISMS FOR SMALL CHILDREN

If you need the Sacrament of Baptism for Babies and small children, call the Parish Office during weekday business hours. Christine Riley, our Director of Religious Education will contact you. There will be a meeting for Parents & Godparents after we set the date for the new date for Baptism.

READERS FOR THE 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Commentator: Liz Becnel
First Reader: Karl Brinson
Second Reader: Angela Brinson

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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 Rasheed, 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 Rasheed

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: Christine Riley
R.C.I.A.: Christine Riley
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: Willie Wilson
Couple's Ministry: Angela & Michael Wilson

Travel & Entertainment: Joyce Riley
Liaison: Yvette Henderson & Angela Wilson