



# St. Martin de Porres

**Catholic Church • Diocese of Charleston**

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### Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:00 & 11:30 AM

### Mass in Vietnamese

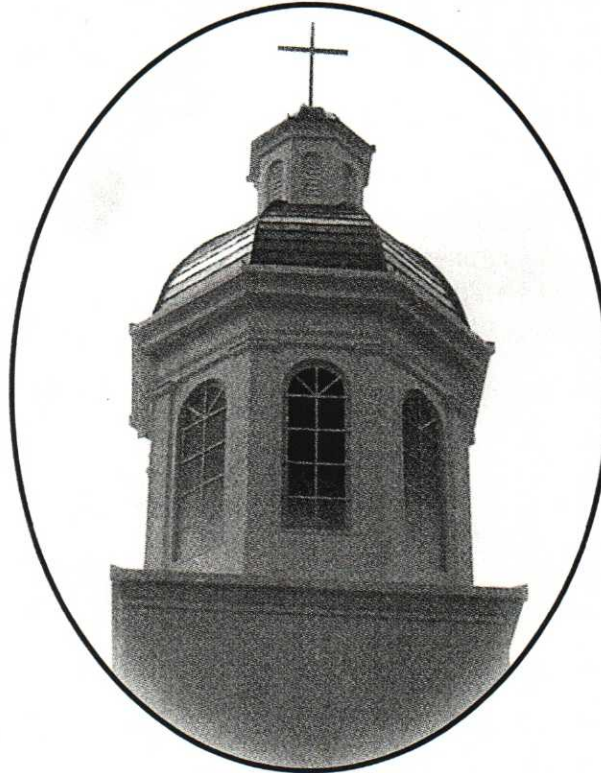
As announced in bulletin

### Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday  
12:00 Noon

September thru May  
Thursday: 9:30 AM

Check calendar for changes.



### Parish Staff

Rev. Michael Okere  
*Administrator*

Rev. Mr. Carl Johnson,  
*Deacon*

Mrs. Ardrina Scott Elliott  
*Administrative Assistant*

Mrs. Doris Arvelo,  
*Director of Religious Education*

Sr. Roberta Fulton, S.S.M.N.,  
*School Principal*

### Parish Council

Dr. Gerald Wilson, Chairman  
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Deacon Carl Johnson  
Sr. Roberta Fulton, ssmn  
Doris Arvelo  
Hank MacDonald  
Lin Wright

### Finance Council

Cathy Chiles, Chairperson  
Larry Bailey  
Naomi Scipio  
John Spells

### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
Friday 9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

### Confessions

Saturday 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM  
and by appointment

### Weddings

If planning to receive the Sacrament of Marriage, our Diocese requires a program of instruction & preparation at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please contact the Church Office.

### **St. Martin de Porres Mission Statement**

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church is a multicultural community founded on the African American Catholic experience. We are a faith-filled community promoting spiritual and academic development, financial stability, social justice, and strong shared leadership. We will continue the faith of our ancestors as we hand down the traditions to our youth.

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 13, 2015**

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### This Week In Our Parish

Website: [smartincolumbia.org](http://smartincolumbia.org)

#### MONDAY, September 14

Father Michael's *Day Off*

#### TUESDAY, September 15

12:00 pm Mass

#### WEDNESDAY, September 16

12:00 pm Mass

#### THURSDAY, September 17

10:00 am Mass Intention: Jim & Leah Bean

#### FRIDAY, September 18

12:00 pm Mass Intention: +Lila & Joe Williams

#### SATURDAY, September 19

4:15 pm – Confession

5:00 pm Mass

#### SUNDAY, September 20

9:00 am Mass Intention: Barbara & Will Szillat

11:30 am Mass

5:00 pm - SOUP KITCHEN: Transfiguration & Friends

6:00 pm Vietnamese Mass

### Important Dates in September

September 19 – KPC/KPC-LA Event\*

September 20 – Catechetical Sunday

September 27 – **Parish Picnic**

### MASS INTENTIONS

For September 12 and September 13, 2015

5:00 pm – The People of the Parish

9:00 am – The People of the Parish

11:30 am – The People of the Parish

### Today's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:

The second collection today is for *St. Martin de Porres School*. Please give generously.

### \$\$ FINANCIAL MATTERS \$\$

September 5 and September 6, 2015

Regular Collection	\$5,979.00
Catholic University	412.40
Parish Charity Appeal	20.00
St. Martin Mission Fund	15.00
St. Martin School	12.00
Total Offerings for the week:	\$6,438.40

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2015 – 5:00 pm

Lector:	Tracy Dunn
Eucharistic Ministers:	Katrina Lorick & Barbara Holloway
Altar Servers:	Gavin Mincer & Kayla McClary
Sacristan:	Hank MacDonald

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 20, 2015 – 9:00 am

Lector:	Doris Trezevant
Eucharistic Ministers:	Tito Garcia & Vern Garcia
Altar Servers:	Alice Tollefsen & Kwylig Wise
Sacristan:	Laurie Tollefsen

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015 – 11:30 am

Lector:	Judith James
Eucharistic Ministers:	Barbara Johnson & Claudia Cooper
Altar Server:	Tymia Boles
Sacristan:	Loyce Harrison
Collection Counters:	Rosalyn F. Smith Maxine Lloyd Jerome Brown

### “Lord, Hear Our Prayer”

*For the healing of:* Henderson Adams, Declan Alexander, John Arceneaux, Chester Bolden, Sallie M. Boykin, Nellie Brown, Vivian Carraway, Rea Coverdale DeVan, Floria Dial, Doretha Glymph, Pat R. Goodwin, Edward Hampton, Vivian Kates, Jacqueline Kelly, Harriet McKie, Donald Miller, Eva Mary Njoku, Robert Pearson, Theodore Pearson, Arthur Perry, Jane Rienzie, the Silver family, Jaimie Smith, Veronica Sullivan, Agnes Toomer, Catherine J. Weedon and Leroy White, Jr.  
*For the souls of:* Otis Hicks, Mark Murells, Molly Williams and all our departed brothers and sisters in Christ.

Assisted Living: Dora Brooks, Alexzenia Hebert  
Nursing Home: Charlese Fischer, Byron Weston

*If you would like to include someone in our prayer list, kindly call the office at (803)254-6862.*

### MASS ATTENDANCE

September 5 and September 6, 2015

Adults: 243      Children: 61

*Mortgage Reduction Offerings for the Weekend of September 6, 2015 were \$620.00*



## SCHOOL NEWS

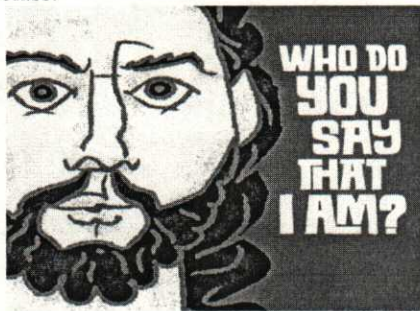
SMDP School is still accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year. New families in the parish are encouraged to apply.

## EVENTS/ACTIVITES/UPDATES



### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Classes meet on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 pm. Please contact Cathy Meadows at (908) 548-4350 if you are interested in joining the class.



**New to the Parish???** Please drop by the Office to complete Registration forms, pick up a ministry booklet, calendar and photo directory.

## FLOWERS

**THANK YOU** to MMS who is sponsoring flowers for the month of September.

### Liturgical Committee Meeting – Oct 7, 2015

Please meet in the church conference room at 6:00 pm.

\* **"FRIENDSHIP 9 to EMMANUEL 9 to the REMOVAL OF THE CONFEDERATE FLAG A SYMBOL OF HATE" event**, sponsored by KPC/KPC-LA to be held on September 19 from 10am- 12:00 pm in the SMDP School Cafeteria.

**SAVE THE DATE** Black Catholics' Heritage Celebration,  
"An Advent Gathering of the Faithful"  
December 12, 2015  
Columbia, SC  
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Volunteers Urgently Needed! Contact the Office please.**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;  
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6;  
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35  
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50  
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15  
Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3;  
Mk 9:30-37

### THE CROSS TO BEAR

If you bear the cross gladly, it will bear you.

—Thomas à Kempis

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It seems obvious to us that Jesus Christ is the Lord of second chances. We need look no further than Peter's denial and rehabilitation for proof. Yet early Christians were more tentative with the gift of forgiveness. For them, every Sunday was an experience of the Lord's power to heal and forgive, yet there were three sins that placed persons at the margins of the community's life. In some places, the rift caused by these sins was permanent. The sins were apostasy (denial of the faith), adultery, and murder. They were particularly detested because of their power to divide and even scatter the community gathered around the Lord's table. Fragile and persecuted communities could crumble and disappear under the weight of a harm done by a public sinner. Sinners were excluded from the community in the hope that "tough love" would help them come to their senses and experience deeper conversion. Inevitably, lists of grave sins grew longer as various bishops added their personal pet peeves to the roster, and more people were required to do public penance. For them, reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Many sinners accepted their condition and hoped for a chance at a deathbed reconciliation by anointing. With more and more people permanently on the outs, the church began to struggle toward the light of the Lord's unfailing gift of reconciliation.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Grandparents Day; Rosh Hashanah  
(Jewish New Year 5776) begins at sunset  
Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows  
Wednesday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian  
Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine  
Saturday: St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary

### What's happening in the Diocese?

See the handbook on the table at the back of the church.

### SERVANT

Sometimes the hour and the person meet. Sometimes, when a task or mission is set upon our shoulders, we know we must meet our responsibilities and we are ready. These are heady and invigorating times. The first reading and the Gospel proclamation today are intimate glimpses of a commencement, an inauguration of a challenging future. In both readings, a sense of gravity prevails.

The first reading is from the mysterious Servant Songs from the book of Isaiah. The person is steadfast and brave. His courage and bravery are not located in his stout heart, but in God. We are reminded, "The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear" (Isaiah 50:4), so the servant understands the mission. And twice, "The Lord GOD is my help" (50:7, 9), so that the servant can endure the coming struggle.

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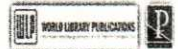
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