

# *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: 10:00 AM

Check calendar for changes.



## **Parish Staff**

Rev. Michael Okere  
*Administrator*

Rev. Mr. Leland Cave  
*Deacon*

Doris Arvelo  
*Director of Religious Education*

Loyce Harrison  
Vernetta Garcia  
*Parish Secretaries*

Mrs. Delores Gilliard  
*School Principal*

## **Parish Council**

Dr. Gerald Wilson, Chairman

Hermína Bellinger, Secretary

Deacon Leland Cave

Mrs. Delores Gilliard

Doris Arvelo

Harrison Joseph

Joyce Simons Poulard

Sydney Joseph, Youth Associate

## **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.

**The Presentation of the Lord ~ February 2, 2020**

## Presentation of the Lord

### This Week in Our Parish

Website: [www.stmartincolumbia.org](http://www.stmartincolumbia.org)

**MONDAY, February 3, Fr. Michael's Day Off**

**TUESDAY, February 4, Noon Mass**

Mass Intention: † Robert & Thelma Anderson

**WEDNESDAY, February 5, Noon Mass**

Mass Intention: † deceased May & Art Auel

**THURSDAY, February 6, 10:00 am Mass**

**FRIDAY, February 7, Noon Mass - Adoration**

Mass Intention: † Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY, February 8, 4:00 pm Confession, 5:00 pm Mass**

**SUNDAY, February 9**

6:00 pm - Vietnamese Mass

5:00 pm Soup Kitchen - Rosary Altar Society

### MASS INTENTIONS

February 1 & 2, 2020

5:00 pm - People of the Parish

9:00 am - People of the Parish

11:30 am - † DeShawn Ramsey & Sharon Wellington

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

January 25 & 26, 2020

Regular Collection	\$5,705.85
Mortgage Reduction	\$170.00
SMDP School	\$100.00
Maintenance	\$45.00
Parish Charity	\$10.00
Church in Latin America	\$535.42
	\$6,566.27

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF  
OUR PARISH!

### MASS ATTENDANCE

January 25 & 26, 2020

Adults - 272 Children - 65

### SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Feb 2 - Mission Fund & Victims of Natural Disasters

Feb 9 - Parish Charity Appeal

Feb 16 - Bishop's Stewardship Appeal

Please give generously

### Online Giving



Direct Link:

<https://abundant.co/stmartindeporres/give>

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Text: *SMDP to 73256, click the link & follow the prompts to give*

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, February 8, 2020 - 5:00 pm**

Lector: Juanita Henry  
Altar Server: Gavin Mincer  
Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Holloway & Juanita Henry  
Sacristan: Michael Myer

**SUNDAY, February 9, 2020 - 9:00 am**

Lectors: Aileen Williams & Kishinda Covington  
Altar Servers: Aniya Cave & Matthew Cave  
Eucharistic Ministers: Charlotte & Frankey House  
Sacristan: Innocent Nkwocha

**SUNDAY, February 9, 2020 - 11:30 am**

Lector: Judith James  
Altar Servers: Lucas Molina  
Eucharistic Ministers: Larry & Rose Bailey  
Sacristan: Paula Baylis

Collection Counters for today February 2:  
Katrina Lorick, Judith James, Doretha Glymph

### "Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

**For the healing of:** Terrell Alexander, Adren Bailey (brother of Larry Bailey), Pearl Bartley, Rose Bailey, Paula Baylis, William Baylis, Paulette Bradley (mother-in-law of Natasha Dennison), Kelvin Brown, Mary Beth Callais, Irma Coleman, Janice Coleman, Savi Culbertson, Floria Dial, Dolores DiMaria, James T. Easley, Damon Frazier, Carla Gouridine, Doretha Glymph, Robin Green, Ellen Greiner, Dierdre Harris, Leroy Henry, Frank Herty, Amira Johnson (daughter of Barbara Johnson), Keddrick Jones, Sandra Joseph (mother of Harrison Joseph), Vivian Kates, Dawn Lance, Maxine Lloyd, Joseph McKenzie, Hank MacDonald, Samuel Marshall, Eugene Mincer, Gavin Mincer, Elizabeth Murphy, John Roland Neal, Sr. (father of Tyrone Neal Sr.) Arthur Newson, Robert Pearson, Helen Pellicci, Veronica Ramseur, Marie Reyes, Linda Rocano, Jane Rienzie, Tripp Roche, Royce Rosemond, Judith Scott, Brenda Singleton (Pheobe Malloy), Jaimie Smith, Brenda Easley Webb (mother of Cynthia Joseph), Robert Webb (brother of Cynthia Joseph), Leroy White, Jr., Lauretta Williams, Marcia Wilson, and Vashti Woodson.

**Assisted Living:** Dorothy "Nana" Paul

**For the Souls of:** Albert Armstrong (father of Valerie Parrish), Daria King, Alexzenia Hebert, Phyllis Gee, James Felder, Deshawn Ramsey (cousin of Pheobe Malloy) and all of our departed Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Please provide notice of additions to our prayer list  
(hospitalizations, sick and homebound). Kindly call the  
office at (803)254-6862 or email

[stmartincolumbia@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:stmartincolumbia@charlestondiocese.org)

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### ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to the People of the Parish for sponsoring this  
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SMDP Mugs are available! Available in White or  
Cobalt blue, SALE PRICE \$8.00. Mugs available  
after mass or during office hours.

## SMDP SCHOOL NEWS



**Restock the woodpile!** Pull your fundraiser number envelope from the board in the Gathering Area and return to the school.

The **15th Annual School Gala** is Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Our Lady of the Hills. If you would like to participate in the planning of this great event, please contact Juanita Henry 786-8151 or Delores Gilliard 254-5477.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Baptism

Baptisms should be scheduled 6 months before the baptism date. Parents must be registered members of the parish. Parents and sponsors should register for the Baptismal Preparation class. Classes by appointment only. Contact Mrs. Doris Arvelo, Director of Religious Education at (803) 360-8626 for more information and registration.

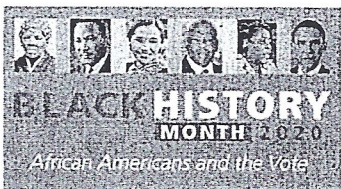
## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13  
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34  
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

### SPIRITUAL READING

*You will not see anyone who is truly striving after spiritual advancement who is not given to spiritual reading. —St. Athanasius*

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES



not be denied or abridged...on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." 2020 is also the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment securing women's right to vote. With these momentous anniversaries in mind, the 2020 theme for African American History Month is "African Americans and the Vote," exploring 150 years (and more) of the struggle to ensure that African Americans are able to fully participate in American democracy. The theme is set each year by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), an NPS partner.

<https://www.nps.gov/aboutus/news/february-monthly-theme.htm>

In addition to these developments our parish will also explore our knowledge of our Patron Saint—St Martin de Porres and share information about Black Catholics on the road to Sainthood.

**Saturday:** St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking; Blessed Virgin Mary

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

### Always Ready for Jesus

We often think, "Once I get this, or once that happens, then I will be happy." But the Gospel shows a better way. All four adults in today's Gospel long deeply for the Messiah and "the consolation of Israel" he will bring. Human temptation might obsess over the promise of future peace and prosperity, leaving only anxiety and resentment for present suffering.

But Mary, Joseph, Simeon, and Anna leave the saving of the world to God; for their part, they focus on Jesus. Each of them keeps busy with daily details of the various lifestyles they have chosen. Mary and Joseph concern themselves with raising a family, while Simeon and Anna dedicate their lives to prayer in the temple. They find peace enough in fulfilling the obligations of their stations in life, maintaining a lively prayer life to be attentive to God's action in the world.

In today's Gospel, their focus is literally and spiritually on Jesus. They model for us how to be happy and holy: performing their daily duties peacefully, always ready to recognize Jesus as he reveals himself.

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## EVENTS and ACTIVITIES

**2020 Offering Envelopes are available in the vestibule**

Eucharistic



Adoration

**February 7, 2020, Adoration**

**February 21-22, 2020 –Black Catholic Heritage Celebration** is in Columbia. A two-day bicentennial historical event. Keynote speaker is Fr. Paul Williams. register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/88874250275>

**February 27 – March 1, 2020 – ACTS Men's Retreat** at Camp Kinard, Batesburg. For more information email [ACTS@ollchapin.org](mailto:ACTS@ollchapin.org) or call Deacon John Stetar at 803-318-5092

**February 29, 2020 - The Belonging Catholic Conference 4 Women**, 8:30 until the closing Mass at 4:30 with Bishop Guglielmone. This gathering will take place in Greenville. For more information or to sign up, visit: [www.belongingcatholicconference4women.com/](http://www.belongingcatholicconference4women.com/)

celebrate  
**BLACK**  
history MONTH

**Black History Month Weekly Question-**  
"Did inventor Benjamin Banneker have the right to vote prior to 1809?"

During the month of February there will be a Black History Month question based on the information on Saint Martin de Porres' website in bulletin [www.stmartincolumbia.org](http://www.stmartincolumbia.org)

Place your answer in the designated box located in the gathering area. Each week a winner will be drawn and receive a prize. Please check church website for calendar of events and activities.



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