



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

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Parish Secretaries

Mrs. Delores Gilliard

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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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 9, 2020

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This Week in Our Parish

Website: www.stmartincolumbia.org

MONDAY, February 10, Fr. Michael's Day Off

TUESDAY, February 11, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † deceased Tiriyungs

WEDNESDAY, February 12, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Lou Lopez

THURSDAY, February 13, 10:00 am Mass

FRIDAY, February 14, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † deceased Blakelocks

SATURDAY, February 15, 5:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, February 16

7:00 am - Vietnamese Mass

2:00 pm - Igbo Mass

5:00 pm Soup Kitchen - Transfiguration & Friends

MASS INTENTIONS

February 8 & 9, 2020

5:00 pm - Lydia Lackey

9:00 am - † Phyllis Gee

11:30 am - People of the Parish

\$\$ FINANCIAL MATTERS \$\$

February 1 & 2, 2020

Regular Collection	\$7,560.00
Mortgage Reduction	\$467.00
SMDP School	\$51.00
Maintenance	\$5.00
Mission Fund	\$606.45
MAP/Bicentennial	\$110.00
Church in Latin America	\$10.00
E-giving	161.60
	\$8,971.05

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF
OUR PARISH!

MASS ATTENDANCE

February 1 & 2, 2020

Adults - 214 Children - 54

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

February 9 - Parish Charity Appeal

February 16 - Bishop's Stewardship Appeal

March 1 - Home Missions

Please give generously

FINANCIAL NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS

If you attended the 9:00 Mass on December 22, 2019 and wrote a check for your tithes/donations, your check was not processed before year-end. The deposit was unprocessed by the bank until we completed research to locate the deposit. The deposit was found by the bank and credited to your accounts on January 30, 2020. Please feel free to contact the church office if you require additional information.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 15, 2020 - 5:00 pm

Lector: Lin Wright
Altar Server: Gavin Mincer
Eucharistic Ministers: Lin Wright & Michael Myer
Sacristan: Lin Wright

SUNDAY, February 16, 2020 - 9:00 am

Lectors: Bernetha Henry
Altar Servers: Jacob Arceneaux & Isaiah Joseph
Eucharistic Ministers: Chris Asouzu & Katrina Lorick
Sacristan: Toni Campbell

SUNDAY, February 16, 2020 - 11:30 am

Lector: Rick Harrison
Altar Servers: BryNeir Serymore
Eucharistic Ministers: Hermina Bellinger & Barbara Johnson
Sacristan: Barbara Johnson

Collection Counters for today February 9:
Cynthia Caldwell, Ed Sutton, and Sam Henry

"Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

For the healing of: Terrell Alexander, Adren Bailey (Larry Bailey), Pearl Bartley, Rose Bailey, Paula Baylis, William Baylis, Paulette Bradley (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 (Barbara Johnson), Keddrick Jones, Sandra Joseph (Harrison Joseph), Vivian Kates, Dawn Lance, Maxine Lloyd, Joseph McKenzie, Hank MacDonald, Samuel Marshall, Eugene Mincer, Gavin Mincer, Elizabeth Murphy, John Roland Neal, Sr. (Tyrone Neal Sr.) Arthur Newton, 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 (Cynthia Joseph), Leroy White, Jr., Lauretta Williams, Marcia Wilson, and Vashti Woodson.

Assisted Living: Dorothy "Nana" Paul

For the Souls of: Albert Armstrong (Valerie Parrish), Carol George Millings (Lorraine Jackman), Brenda Singleton, Clarence Robinson, Sr. (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
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ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to the People of the Parish for sponsoring this
week's Altar Flowers



We say yes Kansas Chiefs!! Souper Bowl of Caring raised \$390.95 San Francisco 49ers had \$182.26 and the Kansas City Chiefs had \$208.69. The money will be sent to the diocese to forward to disasters areas of the Philippines, Australia, and Puerto Rico

SMDP SCHOOL NEWS



The school is taking early registration for grades Pre-K3 through 3rd.

Thank you so much for supporting our 144 Envelope Fundraiser! So, far we have collected \$6,000 for our school. This is truly a blessing! If you have not returned your envelope, please return as soon as possible! We are still accepting donations! Please check out the Board! We sincerely appreciate the support of our church family!

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: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

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

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day
Monday: St. Scholastica
Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes;
World Day of the Sick
Wednesday: Lincoln's Birthday
Friday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

celebrate BLACK history MONTH

Dress to Impress-February 16th wear your best African clothing to Mass. Africa is the root of our culture: literature, music, dance, and fashion. Don the clothing of the

Motherland. Join the 2 pm Igbo Mass. Soul Food Potluck Dinner - February 29th from 6:30pm-8:30pm to end our month-long celebration. Please sign up for the dinner via the sign-up sheet in the vestibule, online at <https://tinyurl.com/smdppl> or scan the QR code on the flyer. There will be a presentation on the history of voting and African Americans, a viewing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's speech "Give us the Vote," and end with Black History Kahoots.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA (c. 1869-1947)



"Save Darfur!" That cry echoes around the world and in the heart of the Church, where a child of Darfur is one of our newest saints: Josephine (her baptismal name) Bakhita ("Lucky One," the slave-traders' nickname). Kidnapped at nine, sold in Sudan's slave-markets, flogged daily till covered with scars, Bakhita was finally bought by Italians and taken to Italy. There Bakhita discovered a "Master" who had himself been flogged to redeem her from slavery! "I am truly loved," she thought, "and awaited by this Love." Baptized, she often kissed the baptismal font, exclaiming, "Here I became a daughter of God!"

For fifty years as a Daughter of Charity, Bakhita provided cheerful hospitality to all who knocked at the convent door. In her final illness, she relived slavery's horror: "Please, loosen these chains," she begged the nurse. "They are so heavy!" Her last words were: "Our Lady! Our Lady!" John Paul II canonized her in the Jubilee Year 2000, praising God for leading her "from abject slavery to the dignity of being your daughter and the Bride of Christ."

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EVENTS and ACTIVITIES

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 or call Deacon John Stetar at 803-318-5092

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

March 7, 2020 – Annual Rosary Altar Society Luncheon, tickets are available for the for \$35 (children ages 12 and below \$20), see any RAS member.



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 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.

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

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