



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 Council

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Finance Council

Cathy Chiles, Chairperson
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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.

First Sunday of Lent ~ March 1, 2020

1st Sunday of Lent

This Week in Our Parish

Website: www.stmartincolumbia.org

MONDAY, March 02, Fr. Michael's Day Off

TUESDAY, March 03, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: †

WEDNESDAY, March 04, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: †

THURSDAY, March 05, 10:00 am Mass

FRIDAY, March 06, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: Dorothy Longstaff

SATURDAY, March 07, 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, March 08

6:00 pm - Vietnamese Mass

5:00 pm Soup Kitchen – Rosary Altar Society

MASS INTENTIONS

February 29 & March 1, 2020

5:00 pm – † Arthur Sheheen
9:00 am – † Souls in Purgatory
11:30 am – † Bill Baylis

\$\$ FINANCIAL MATTERS \$\$

February 22 & 23, 2020

Regular Collection	\$4,879.37
Mortgage Reduction	\$90.40
Ash Wednesday	\$172.25
Parish Charity	\$20.00
Maintenance	\$25.00
SMDP School	\$746.50
Church in Latin America	\$179.00
Church of Central & Eastern Europe	\$262.35
Mission Fund	\$20.00
Flowers	\$65.00
Bishop's Stewardship Appeal	\$20.00
	\$6,479.87

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MASS ATTENDANCE

February 22 & 23, 2020

Adults – 182 Children – 51

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

March 1 – Home Missions
March 8 – Bishop's Stewardship Appeal
March 15 – Soup Kitchen
Please give generously

SAVE THE DATES: MARCH 16-18, 2020
ST. MARTIN DE PORRES LENTEN RETREAT
WITH BR. HENRY FULMER

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 07, 2020 – 5:00 pm

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

SUNDAY, March 08, 2020 – 9:00 am

Lectors: Kishinda Covington/Etta Harrison
Altar Servers: Danika Covington & Aniya Cave
Eucharistic Ministers: Frankey & Charlotte House
Sacristan: Toni Campbell

SUNDAY, March 09, 2020 – 11:30 am

Lector: Katrina Lorick
Altar Servers: Favour Nzewi
Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Johnson & Rick Harrison
Sacristan: Pheobe Malloy

Collection Counters for today March 1:
Jackie Weedon, Johnathan Kirkwood, Hector Garcia

"Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

For the healing of: Terrell Alexander, Adren Bailey (Larry Bailey), Pearl Bartley, Rose Bailey, Paula 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, Robin Green, Ellen Greiner, Dierdre Harris, Leroy Henry, Frank Herty, Leslie Hodges-Jackson, 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 Newson, Robert Pearson, Helen Pellicci, Joyce Poulard, 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: Bill Baylis, Betty Miller (sister of Flo MacLean) 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@charlestanddiocese.org

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SMDP SCHOOL NEWS



St. Martin de Porres Catholic School is accepting registration for Pre K 3 through 3 grade, all counties are eligible. Pre K 4 students may qualify for tuition from First Steps, parents will need to apply early!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Sunday School
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If you have any questions, please contact
Director of Religious Education is Ms. Doris Arvelo
803-360-8626

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

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: First Sunday of Lent
Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins
Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel
Wednesday: St. Casimir
Friday: World Day of Prayer; Abstinence;
First Friday
Saturday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity; First Saturday

*****Stations of the Cross, each Friday during Lent at
6:00 pm followed by Soup and Salad Reception*****

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

Obedience and Disobedience

The second reading this Sunday is not easy to follow, especially when some of Paul's sentences are more like paragraphs. But you will notice that he makes several important connections: between sin and death, between Adam and Jesus, and between obedience and disobedience.

Sin, he says, is the cause of death. Of course, everyone is subject to death at some point, even if they haven't sinned. A less serious sin can be a little "death" when it makes us feel that we are not as close to God as we could be. And sins that we might think are not a big deal, like smoking, can lead to serious health problems.

The connection between Adam and Jesus is not so obvious. Adam was the first to bring sin and death into the world. Jesus is the first to bring forgiveness by his death on the cross. The main difference between them is that Adam disobeyed God, while Jesus was obedient to his Father. Adam reminds me of a child who knows what he is supposed to do, but thinks that he can do the opposite and get away with it.

In the Gospel, Satan can be thought of as trying to get Jesus to do things the easy way. When he tempts Jesus to turn stones into bread, he shows Jesus an easy way to feed the people. But Jesus takes a better way, when he feeds us with himself in the Eucharist. The devil says Jesus can throw himself off the temple as a dramatic way to attract followers; Jesus lets himself hang from the cross to draw people to himself. Satan promises the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will only worship him. But Jesus chose to be crowned with thorns and receive his kingdom when he rose from the dead.

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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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.

March 8, 2020 – Cardinal Newman Open House for prospective families Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m.! Private tours are always available contact Donna Fosmire fosmires@earthlink.net

March 14, 2020 – Sidewalk advocates for Life Training. 12:00-5:00 pm at the Diocese Assembly Hall in Charleston. To register contact local director at 843-580-6516 or email SAFLCharleston@gmail.com.

March 19, 2020, at 7:00 pm Lenten Retreat with Chris Padgett "I'm not Ok, You're not Ok, but it's Ok" at Transfiguration in Blythewood. Call parish office for more 735-0512

March 20-22, 2020 -- Rachel's Vineyard Retreats in Greenville bring spiritual healing and restoration to women and men who have had or participated in an abortion. For more information, please contact Christy 803-554-6088, grace4healing@gmail.com or Kathy at 803-546- 6010. www.rachelsvineyard.org

March 24 and March 31, 2020 – Birthright of Columbia office volunteer training at 6:00 pm at 1316 Richland Street. For more information, contact Anita Campanelli at 803-765-0165 or email anita@birthrightofcolumbia.org

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