



St. Martin de Porres

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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

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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.

Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

This Week in Our Parish

Website: www.stmartincolumbia.org

MONDAY, March 16, Fr. Michael's Day Off

Lenten Retreat at 7:00 pm

TUESDAY, March 17, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Dietz Family

Lenten Retreat at 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, March 18, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Bean Family

Lenten Retreat at 7:00 pm

THURSDAY, March 19, 10:00 am Mass

FRIDAY, March 20, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: Bob & Evelyn Riddell

Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm

SATURDAY, March 21, 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Mass Intention: Lucas Family

SUNDAY, March 22

6:00 pm - Vietnamese Mass

5:00 pm Soup Kitchen - St. Vincent de Paul

MASS INTENTIONS

March 14 & 15, 2020

5:00 pm - Helen Pellici
9:00 am - † Shayla Cyprian
11:30 am - † Bill Baylis

\$\$ FINANCIAL MATTERS \$\$

March 7 & 8, 2020

Regular Collection	\$5,305.00
Mortgage Reduction	\$276.00
Ash Wednesday	\$53.00
Soup Kitchen	\$10.00
Church of Central & Eastern Europe	\$5.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$61.00
MAP/Bicentennial	\$50.00
Bishop's Stewardship Appeal	\$519.25
	\$6,279.25

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MASS ATTENDANCE

March 7 & 8, 2020

Adults - 194 Children - 48

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

March 15 - Soup Kitchen
March 22 - Catholic Relief Services
March 29 - Bicentennial Campaign
Please give generously

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 28, 2020 - 5:00 pm

Lector: Tracy Dunn
Altar Server: Gavin Mincer
Sacristan: Pat Mincer

SUNDAY, March 29, 2020 - 9:00 am

Lectors: Fallon Covington/ TJ Wright
Altar Servers: Jacob Arceneaux & Danika Covington
Sacristan: Innocent Nkwocha

SUNDAY, March 29, 2020 - 11:30 am

Lector: Judith James
Altar Servers: Favour Nzewi
Sacristan: Barbara Johnson

Collection Counters for today March 15:
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: Fr. Marcin Zahuta, Bill Baylis, Betty Miller (sister of Flo MacLean) and all of our departed Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

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(hospitalizations, sick and homebound). Kindly call the
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SMDP SCHOOL NEWS



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

The School needs qualified substitutes for all grades. Preferably retired teachers or instructional assistants who

have worked in Early Childhood. In addition, must be willing to complete a background check through the Diocese. Employees working with students in Pre- K3 and 4 must have a background check and fingerprinting done through the DSS. The school has all the paperwork needed for both agencies. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



If you have any questions reference religious education classes, baptism, 1st communion, confirmation, or RCIA please contact Director of Religious Education Ms. Doris Arvelo 803-360-8626.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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: Third Sunday of Lent
 Tuesday: St. Patrick
 Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
 Thursday: St. Joseph; Spring begins
 Friday: Abstinence



March 16-18, 2020 -- Lenten Retreat with Br. Henry Fulmer at 7:00 pm each evening. Reception and Love Offering March 18, 2020.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus' story who never utters a word! But the Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds: "With a husband's love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly care he watched over Jesus" (Preface of Saint Joseph, Sacramentary).

Catholic devotion, therefore, hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive "Saint Joseph's Table," welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends. Tradition keeps today as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present.

Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as Patron of a Happy Death. Descended from David's house, which God finished "building" through Joseph's provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature's rebirth, begins between his feast and Annunciation (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph's silent obedience and Mary's "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity's spiritual rebirth.

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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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 information 735-0512



March 22, 2020 – KPC Jr. Daughters will have spaghetti lunches for sale \$5 or donations after the 9:00 and 11:30 am Masses. This will help the ladies attend the district conference in June.

March 22, 2020 -- CALLING SMDP School ALUMNI at 10:15 am after the 9:00 Mass for a planning meeting. We will meet in the Conference Room. Update on the Alumni April Gala Weekend! Details: Call 803 223-3894 or 699-4381.

Cardinal Newman is enrolling now for the 2020-2021 School Year. Visit us today and see how we are REDEFINING EXCELLENCE one student at a time in grades 7-12. <https://cnhs.org/>

Lenten Penance Services at 7:00 pm

PARISH	DATE	DAY
St. John Neumann	March 16	Monday
Our Lady of the Hills	March 23	Monday
Our Lady of the Lake	March 24	Tuesday
St. Martin de Porres	March 25	Wednesday
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	March 30	Monday
Corpus Christi	March 28	*Saturday @ 11:00am*
St. Peter	April 1	Wednesday
Transfiguration	April 2	Thursday

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