

March 22, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent

This Week in Our Parish

Website: www.stmartincolumbia.org

MONDAY, March 23, Fr. Michael's Day Off

TUESDAY, March 24, No Mass

WEDNESDAY, March 25, No Mass

THURSDAY, March 26, No Mass

FRIDAY, March 27, No Mass

SATURDAY, March 28, No Mass

SUNDAY, March 29, No Masses

No Vietnamese Mass

No Soup Kitchen

MASS INTENTIONS

are offered during Fr. Michael's private Masses

\$\$ FINANCIAL MATTERS \$\$

March 14 & 15, 2020

Regular Collection	\$3,786.96
Mortgage Reduction	\$120.00
Soup Kitchen	\$606.00
Bishop's Stewardship Appeal	\$75.00
	\$4,587.96

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF
OUR PARISH!

MASS ATTENDANCE

March 14 & 15, 2020

Adults – 174 Children – 26

ALL COLLECTION ENVELOPES CAN BE MAILED TO
THE CHURCH
SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

March 22 – Catholic Relief Services

March 29 – Bicentennial Campaign

April 5 -- Easter Flowers/Maintenance

Parishioners are encouraged to post their offerings, so
that we will continue to carry our parish
responsibilities. Post checks to St. Martin de
Porres Catholic Church, 2229 Hampton St.,
Columbia, SC 29204



Online Giving

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

Download the mobile app: *Abundant Giving*

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

Please give generously

"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), Kedrick 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, her birthday is March 30, mail cards to Harmony of Columbia, 2232 Clemson Rd, Apt. 1023, Columbia, SC 29229

For the Souls of: 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

SMDP SCHOOL NEWS



In a letter to principals and parents, Msgr. D. Anthony Droze, vicar general, wrote that "due to the increasing COVID-19 pandemic and recent developments in guidance from public health, state and local leadership, we will suspend classes in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Charleston from March 16-31."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NO Religious Education classes until further notice.
Director of Religious Education is Ms. Doris Arvelo 803-360-8626. Packets for First Communicates can be picked up at the church office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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:	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday:	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Tuesday:	World Day for Truth Concerning Human Rights Violations
Wednesday:	The Annunciation of the Lord
Friday:	Abstinence

FROM THE BISHOP DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON



In a March 16 letter to South Carolina Catholics, Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone announced the cancellation of Masses in the Diocese of Charleston. The letter is as follows:

The COVID-19 coronavirus continues to spread throughout the United States, and we must take care to protect ourselves and those who are most vulnerable. The Center of Disease Control and various government entities have issued directives to limit the number of people who can gather in one place. As a result of these recommendations, and in collaboration with other dioceses in our province, **there are to be no sacramental or other liturgical celebrations anywhere in the Diocese of Charleston effective at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17 through the end of day on Wednesday, April 1, 2020.**

This directive means there are to be no Masses in the Diocese during this time; therefore, **I am granting dispensation for your Sunday Mass obligation for the weekends of March 21-22 and March 27-28.**

Additionally, all scheduled Confessions are cancelled. Any baptisms planned in the next sixteen days should be rescheduled. All quinceañeras must be canceled or rescheduled. Confirmations will be rescheduled according to each parish's calendar. Funerals and weddings may occur but will be celebrated privately with just the immediate family present. Unfortunately, perpetual adoration will have to be temporarily discontinued. **There will be no regularly scheduled parish activities until further notice.** All scheduled penance services are cancelled, and there will be no Communion calls at hospitals, nursing homes, or private homes until further notice.

The sole exception to this policy is the celebration of the final sacraments for those in danger of death. If you need a priest for the Anointing of the Sick or Last Rites, your pastor will provide a number you can call.

Parish churches will remain open during their normal hours so that you can come to pray. Parish offices will remain open at the discretion of the pastor.

The College of Consultors and I will meet again on Monday, March 30, to decide how we will proceed, including whether we will have public or limited Holy Week services. In the meantime, we will update you on our response to this ever-changing health crisis on The Catholic Miscellany and diocesan websites, and on our various social media pages.

These may seem like drastic measures; however, we must put public safety first. We are dealing with a deadly virus.

In the coming weeks, I encourage you to pray. Watch Mass on your computer or on your television. Gather your family and pray together. We are still on this sacrificial journey of Lent. We must mark these turbulent times with prayer asking for the Lord's boundless mercy as well as showing His love through kindness and care for our neighbors.

These are days when we truly must care for one another by taking the appropriate precautions and providing needed help. Let us pray that the virus is dispatched quickly as we look forward to celebrating the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday.

FROM FR. MICHAEL

Thank you for your support of St. Martin de Porres Church. There is so much uncertainty in all of our lives right now, but I want you to know as I say my private Mass in the evenings, I am praying for our church and our nation. If any members are in need or can provide assistance to other members, please contact the church office. I hope to periodically send out information through email, our website <http://stmartincolumbia.org/> and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stmartincolumbia/>, so please stay tuned. Stay safe, Blessings Fr. Michael

Online Resources to watch Mass:

Eternal Word Television Network/EWTN

- Mass is broadcast on its television network. Check the schedule for your local times at ewtn.com/tv/schedule

CatholicTV Network (con español) Daily and weekly Masses in English at catholicTV.org/masses

- Misas de fin de semana en español
- App available to watch via mobile

MagnificatTV (solo en español) Misas diarias aquí en magnificat.tv/es

Precious Blood of Christ Church, Pawleys Island

- Sunday at 8 and 10:30 a.m. at pbocchurch.com
- And on Facebook at [Precious Blood of Christ](https://www.facebook.com/PreciousBloodofChrist)

Relevant Radio (con español; và tiếng việt)

- Daily and Sunday Masses at relevantradio.com/faith/daily-mass-video
- App available to watch via mobile

Revive.fm

- Reflexiones diarias con el Padre Gustavo a las 7 a.m. a las [facebook.com/radiorevive](https://www.facebook.com/radiorevive)
- Otros recursos católicos en español

St. Gregory the Great Church, Bluffton

- Sunday at 11 a.m. at sgg.cc/mass-live-stream.html

St. Mary's Church, Greenville

- Sunday at 11 a.m. on [facebook.com/stmarysgvl](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysgvl)

St. Michael Church, Garden City (con español)

- saintmichaelsc.net
- Daily Masses, Monday-Friday at 8 a.m. at
- Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m.
- Saturday Mass at 4 p.m.
- Sunday Mass at 7 and 11 a.m.