

# The Ascension of the Lord

This Week in Our Parish - May 24, 2020

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

MONDAY, May 25, Fr. Michael's Day Off

TUESDAY, May 26, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Roy Horn

WEDNESDAY, May 27, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: Bob & Evelyn Riddell

THURSDAY, May 28, No Mass

FRIDAY, May 29, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Lula Washington

SATURDAY, May 30, 5:00 pm Mass

Mass Intention: Msgr Richard Harris

SUNDAY, May 31, 9:00 am and 11:30 am Mass

No Soup Kitchen until further notice

## MASS INTENTIONS May 23-24, 2020

5:00 pm – † Phillips Family

9:00 – † Lydia Lackey

11:30 am – † Jim Brown

## MASS ATTENDANCE May 16 & 17, 2020

Adults – 50 Children – 12

## FINANCIAL MATTERS – May 17, 2020

Regular Collection	\$5,857.00
SMDP School	\$35.00
Mortgage Reduction	\$450.00
Maintenance	\$14.00
Mother's Day	\$225.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$50.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$25.00
Catholic Charities	\$190.00
MAP/Bicentennial	\$1,425.00
E-giving Bank Fees	\$17.54
	\$8,288.54

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

### SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

May 24 – Catholic Communication Campaign

June 7 – SMDP School

Parishioners are encouraged to post their offerings, so that we can continue to carry our parish responsibilities. Post checks to:

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church,  
2229 Hampton St., Columbia, SC 29204



Online Giving

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

Download the mobile app: *Abundant Giving*

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

## "Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

*For the healing of:* Terrell Alexander, Adren Bailey (Larry Bailey), Pearl Bartley, Rose Bailey, Paula Baylis, Hermina Bellinger, 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 Gourdine, 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, Wayne Lopez (Stanley Lopez), 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., Loretta Williams, and Marcia Wilson.

*Assisted Living:* Dorothy "Nana" Paul,

*For the Souls of:* Rev. William Jones (Pheobe Malloy cousin) Mr. Levon Nelson (Pheobe Malloy brother-in-law), and All of our departed Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to Rick and Casey Giraudy for sponsoring this week's Altar Flowers

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

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

## SMDP SCHOOL NEWS

School Registration: Please share with your family, friends, and co-workers that we are accepting applications for the 2020-2021 School Year. Grades Pre K3, Kindergarten, First, Second, and Third.

\*\*PreK 4 is open for all counties with tuition paid by First Steps for students 4-year-old by September 1 of each year!

1. First Steps: [FREE4KSC.org](http://FREE4KSC.org)
2. School Applications: [www.saintmartindeporres.org](http://www.saintmartindeporres.org)
3. You may email for an application:

[smdpschool@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:smdpschool@charlestdiocese.org)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**NO Religious Education classes until further notice.** Director of Religious Education is Ms. Doris Arvelo 803-360-8626.

*Catechumens and candidates will be received into the Church at Pentecost.*

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;  
World Communications Day
- Monday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;  
St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi;  
Memorial Day
- Tuesday: St. Philip Neri
- Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury;  
Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
- Thursday: Julian Calendar Ascension
- Friday: St. Paul VI

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;  
Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;  
Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;  
Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;  
Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;  
Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;  
Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or  
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,  
27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

### SPIRITUAL READING

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

—St. Athanasius

## FROM FR. MICHAEL

### Return to Mass

Safety is the greatest challenge in all we do during this period.

#### We must conform to these requirements:

- Attendance at Mass will be limited in order to comply with distancing requirements currently in place.
- Masses will be held at the usual times: Saturday – 5:00 pm and Sunday – 9:00 am and 11:30 am. In order to ensure orderly seating and dismissal of parishioners, **please arrive on time for mass** and comply with usher assisted seating instructions upon entrance and after mass. Social gatherings and assembly are not permitted before and after mass.
- The church will be cleaned and sanitized before and after each service. Members need to sanitize hands before and after Mass.
- Hand sanitizers is available and additionally you may bring your own sanitizer for use during attendance.
- It is recommended that essential personnel and **parishioners wear face mask during mass.**
- All communion will be given in the hands, and not directly in the mouth
- Collection plates and baskets will be available at entrance and exit points at the beginning and at the end of the mass. Please deposit collections in the plates and baskets.
- Deacons and Ministers of Holy Communion must Sanitize their hands prior to distributing communion to those attending mass.
- Communion under Precious Blood will not be offered this time.

- There will be no hymnals and missalette. We will try to provide these services on TV Screens for people to share.
- Persons considered to be “high risk” and more vulnerable to the virus should consider not attending mass in the church. Special dispensation is granted by the Bishop in these instances. Safety is premium, so if you are not feeling well or are afraid that an existing condition you have may be compromised, please consider well before coming to Mass. Also, if you exposed yourself to COVID-19, please do not attend Mass.

**Be Safe.**

**Blessings, Fr. Michael Okere**

*He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.*

— Acts 1:9



### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.



Rosary Altar Society wishes to recognize our **2020 graduates/retirees**, email Malorie Harrison, [tweetrose29@gmail.com](mailto:tweetrose29@gmail.com) or the church [smartincolumbia@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:smartincolumbia@charlestandiocese.org) with graduates connect information (name, address, and email).

*The **family of Vashti J. Woodson** acknowledges and deeply appreciates all of the thoughtful expressions of condolence received. Thus far, a total of \$1,933.00 received by the church for the Mortgage Debt Reduction in memory/honor of Mrs. Woodson. Her legacy lives on!*