

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Week in Our Parish - August 9, 2020

Website: www.stmartincolumbia.org

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

TUESDAY, August 11, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Eugene Sullivan & Mary Sullivan

WEDNESDAY, August 12, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: Tito & Vern Garcia

THURSDAY, August 13, No Mass

FRIDAY, August 14, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † deceased Moffatt Family

SATURDAY, August 15, Assumption of Mary 5:00 pm Mass

Mass Intention: † Wilbur & Sophie Grooms

SUNDAY, August 16, 9:00 am and 11:30 am Mass

No Soup Kitchen until further notice

MASS INTENTIONS

August 8-9, 2020

5:00 pm – † Robert & Desmond Joyner

9:00 am – People of the Parish

11:30 am – Family of Marsha Taylor

MASS ATTENDANCE

August 1-2, 2020

Adults – 73 Children – 4

FINANCIAL MATTERS – August 2, 2020

Regular Collection	\$4,621.00
SMDP School	\$35.00
Mortgage Reduction	\$285.00
Maintenance	\$50.00
Parish Charity	\$50.00
Mission Fund	\$50.00
Soup Kitchen	\$167.00
Diocesan Bicentennial Year	\$50.00
Bank Fess	\$5.75
	\$5,313.75

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

August 9 – Diocesan Bicentennial Year

August 16 – Maintenance

August 23 – Mission Fund

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

OR USE:

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 Bellingier, Kelvin Brown, Mary Beth Callais, Irma Coleman, Janice Coleman, Savi Culbertson, 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), Keddrick Jones, Sandra Joseph (Harrison Joseph), Vivian Kates, Dawn Lance, Maxine Lloyd, Wayne Lopez (Stanley Lopez), Joseph McKenzie, Hank MacDonald, Samuel Marshall, Eugene Mincer, Elizabeth Murphy, John Roland Neal, Sr. (Tyrone Neal Sr.) Arthur Newson, Robert Pearson, Helen Pellicci, Joyce Poulard, Veronica Ramseur, Maria Reyes, Linda Rocano, Jane Rienzie, Tripp Roche, Royce Rosemond, Judith Scott, Brenda Singleton (Pheobe Malloy), Patricia McDermott Sinnott (Gerald/Sandra McDermott), Jaimie Smith, Brenda Easley Webb (mother of Cynthia Joseph), Robert Webb (Cynthia Joseph), Jackie Weedon, Leroy White, Jr., Laretta Williams, and Marcia Wilson.

Assisted Living: Dorothy "Nana" Paul

For the Souls of: Margaret Martin (aunt of Geraldine Arceneaux), those who have died from the Coronavirus COVID-19, 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

smartinolumbia@charlestondiocese.org

ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to Lee Beu for sponsoring this week's Altar Flowers

SMDP SCHOOL NEWS

We will welcome back our students to full day classes August 24, 2020.

School is seeking a **Spanish Teacher** for the 2020-21 school year

- Position is for 1-day week for grades Pre K3 to 3rd
- Experience in teaching the language to students
- Teacher may be retired

We are also seeking **substitute teachers** for the school year 2020-2021. Contact the school for more information, 803-254-5477.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

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: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Nagasaki Memorial Day
Monday: St. Lawrence
Tuesday: St. Clare
Wednesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Thursday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
Friday: St. Maximilian Kolbe
Saturday: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FROM FR. MICHAEL



We are welcoming new members in the parish. RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will be done virtually. Individuals interested in

becoming Catholics are requested to call the office for direction 803-254-6862.

These are challenging times and some priests within our diocese have gotten ill with the coronavirus. I ask that you remember them and myself in your prayers.

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.
Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.
Amen.

Be Safe.

Blessings, Fr. Michael Okere

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



The next Bible Study will be August 26, 2020 at 6:00 pm via ZOOM

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If you are experiencing suicidal thoughts, please contact the Suicide Hotline 1-800-273-8255



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In many church buildings constructed in the early twentieth century, there is a window or statue of Pope St. Pius X. Often, these windows were purchased with coins collected by grateful children, since in 1910 a decree admitted much younger children to First Communion. Before then, only teenagers were customarily confirmed and then admitted to the Eucharist. What we often think is ancient practice in fact sometimes has fairly shallow roots, in this case only ten decades. For centuries, Communion had marked the end of formal religious education, but a hundred years ago, Pius X located it at the point at which a child could express a desire for the sacrament and receive it with understanding. In 1917 a new code of canon law determined that age to be about seven, and this practice was observed almost everywhere until the beginning of the Second Vatican Council forty years ago.

In a growing number of dioceses, recent practice has restored the sacramental order that Pius X's generous decree upset, and increasingly confirmation is celebrated before First Communion. But the gift Pius gave to the children of the Roman Church remains firm: everywhere we admit children to the Lord's table. Where the traditional order has been restored, seven-year-old children are confirmed before First Communion.

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*Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.
— Psalm 85:12*