

## Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Week in Our Parish - August 23, 2020

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

MONDAY, August 24, Fr. Michael's Day Off

TUESDAY, August 25, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Vashti Woodson

WEDNESDAY, August 26, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Jay Jones

THURSDAY, August 27, No Mass

FRIDAY, August 28, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Chloris Kanisch

SATURDAY, August 29, 5:00 pm Mass

Mass Intention: † Riddell Family

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

No Soup Kitchen until further notice

† Denotes deceased

### MASS INTENTIONS

August 22-23 2020

5:00 pm – Bernard Singleton

9:00 am – Jackie Norris

11:30 am – People of the Parish

### MASS ATTENDANCE

August 15-16, 2020

Adults – 63 Children – 7

### FINANCIAL MATTERS – August 15-16, 2020

Regular Collection	\$3,997.00
Mortgage Reduction	\$100.00
Maintenance	\$248.00
Parish Charity	\$10.00
Mission Fund	\$25.00
Diocesan Bicentennial Year	\$20.00
Bank Fess	\$8.10
	\$4,408.10

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

### SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

August 23 – Mission Fund

August 30 – Parish Charity

September 6 – Bishop's Stewardship Appeal

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/stmartindepores/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, Kelvin Brown, Mary Beth Callais, Irma Coleman, Janice Coleman, Savi Culbertson, Dolores DiMaria, James T. Easley, Damon Frazier, Carla Gourdin, 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), Hank MacDonald, Joseph McKenzie, Mary McLawrence (sister-in-law Rosa Garcia), 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 Rienze, 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., Lauretta Williams, and Marcia Wilson.

**Assisted Living:** Dorothy "Nana" Paul

**For the Souls of:** 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 [stmartincolumbia@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:stmartincolumbia@charlestandiocese.org)

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to Veronica Ramseur for sponsoring this week's Altar Flowers in memory of Vashti Woodson

### 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: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mk 6:17-29

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

### 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: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Bartholomew  
Tuesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanaz  
Thursday: St. Monica  
Friday: St. Augustine  
Saturday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

## 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.

## Prayer for the Safety of Returning to School in a Pandemic

Father please hear us when we tell You of our concerns of sending our children and educators back to school.

Know that we are striving to make all of the right decisions and need Your love and power to help us overcome any difficulties.

Please watch over everyone as times and routines are about to change once again.

We know that we can do anything through You, so please help us ensure health and semi-normalcy in the coming months.

We give our hearts to You, now and forever.

Amen

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**Be Safe.**

**Blessings, Fr. Michael Okere**



Patience is the companion of wisdom.

—St. Augustine

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

### Forgiveness

One of the most memorable images from the pontificate of Pope John Paul II is not his shocked expression as he is hit by a bullet, but rather his tender meeting with his assailant, and his forgiveness. It is far more compelling because, although people are struck by bullets every day, true reconciliation is in relatively short supply. An outside observer might list attempting to kill the pope as an unforgivable sin, but of course we know that forgiveness of sin is woven deeply into our tradition of living as Christ did.

Interestingly enough, the Church took a hard line on these matters early on. Until the second century, people expected Christ's return in the near future, so they deferred judgment to him. Soon, however, bishops began to grant forgiveness for sin after baptism, but only once. What we know as the sacrament of penance takes its life from Jesus' work of reconciliation, but just as scripture shows Jesus forgiving people in one life-changing encounter, so the church granted one chance only. Great sins were the target, such as idolatry, adultery, and murder. Penance was lengthy, difficult, and public, and the bishop was in charge of the process. For the next several weeks, we'll look at subsequent creative and helpful changes in the celebration of this sacrament.

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## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Bible Study



**Topic: Bible Study**

**Time: Aug 26, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87285580529?pwd=cTVKam9SRzM5MWNleTVERFBsa3NzUT09>

**Meeting ID: 872 8558 0529**

**Passcode: 744924**

**Find your local number:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kt4IX7YP9>

### Catholic Hill

*Catholic Hill* and the community of St. James are the focus of a new documentary film, "We Came a Long Way by Faith: St. James the Greater Catholic Church." The present church is home to a new generation of believers who maintain their strong Catholic faith by working tirelessly to preserve the memory of those who came before them and safeguarding the legacy for the generations to come. This film focuses on religion in South Carolina, early Catholicism, slavery, the history of St. James and its importance to the Catholic Hill community. It is available to watch online. Please share it on your social media accounts and to parishioners wherever you are able. Watch

<https://vimeo.com/415619367> and share here: [We Came a Long Way by Faith: St. James the Greater Catholic Church in Ritter](#)