

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

**This Week in Our Parish - May 3, 2020**

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

**MONDAY, May 4, Fr. Michael's Day Off**

May 3-8, 2020:

No Masses or Soup Kitchen until further notice

## MASS INTENTIONS

*are offered during Fr. Michael's private Masses*

## FINANCIAL MATTERS – April 26, 2020

Regular Collection	\$4,912.00
Mortgage Reduction	\$50.00
Easter Donations	\$145.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$30.00
Holy Land- Good Friday	\$20.00
Mission Fund	\$40.00
MAP/Bicentennial	\$65.00
Bank fees	\$17.20
	\$5,279.20

**Thank you for your continued support of our parish!**

## SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

May 10 – Catholic Charities

May 17 – Bicentennial Campaign

**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**

*Please give generously*

## “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), Keddrick 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:** Vashti Woodson, Idella Duckett, and Paulette Dennison-Bradley. All of our departed Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to the Mincer Family for sponsoring this week's Altar Flowers in memory of Constance Martin

*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

We are accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year, call 803-254-5477.

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, May 5, 2020**, St. Martin de Porres School will participate in the Midlands Day of Giving. This is an annual event sponsored by the Midlands for all non-profits. Giving begins at **6 am** and ends at **11:59 pm**. You may login to **MidlandsGives.org**, and search for **St. Martin de Porres Catholic School** to make a donation. *We are asking for a minimum donation of \$25. Our goal for 2020 is \$10,000 but we hope to exceed this amount.*

## 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: Fourth Sunday of Easter;  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo

Thursday: National Day of Prayer

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;  
Jn 10:11-18  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;  
Jn 12:44-50  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;  
Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14  
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;  
1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

### 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

*May is the month of Mary our Mother. I encourage you to pray the Rosary or your favorite Novena to Mary during the month. As Mothers' Day approaches, pray for our mothers whether your mother is living or with God you can show your love through prayer.*

*Even though there are no public weekday and weekend Masses, the church is open for personal prayer Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Sunday Mass will continue to be sent through email and Facebook*

<https://www.facebook.com/stmartinscolumbia/>.

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*Continue to reach out to each other through prayer, phone calls, emails, and texts. **If any members are in need or can provide assistance to other members, please contact the church office, 254-6862.***

*We still have church responsibilities and payment expenses, thank you very much for your tithes and support during these challenging times.*

*I have a few gloves and masks if any health care workers in need.*

*May God continue to reward you abundantly! Stay safe,*

*Fr. Michael*

Continue to follow Diocese updates:

<https://charlestdiocese.org/covid-19-response/>

## 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.

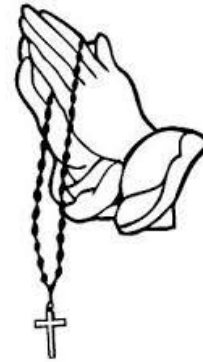
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

## National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 7, 2020



### PRAYER TO OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the Cross,  
united with Jesus' pain,  
keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people,  
know what we need,  
and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that,  
as at Cana of Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.  
He who took our suffering upon Himself,  
and burdened Himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the Cross,  
to the joy of Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection,  
O Holy Mother of God.  
Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test —  
and deliver us from every danger.  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

—Pope Francis, March 11, 2020 © Libreria Editrice Vaticana

**Birthright of Columbia** will be reopening soon. Please consider donating items needed for **Office Volunteers and Clients** \* Face masks (homemade accepted) \* Non-touch thermometers \* Non-latex gloves \* *Lysol* disinfectant spray and wipes and \* Prayers. Call Hank Chardos 803.543.8144 or email [hank@birthrightofcolumbia.org](mailto:hank@birthrightofcolumbia.org)